

= Victoria Brown ( water polo ) =

Victoria Jayne Brown ( born 27 July 1985 ) is an Australian water polo goalkeeper . Both of her parents represented their countries at the highest level in fencing . As a youngster , they believed Brown would compete in the Olympics in an equestrian event . She is currently a small business owner . She plays water polo for the Victorian Tigers of National Water Polo League . She has represented Australia as a member of the Australia women 's national water polo team on both the junior and senior level . She was a member of the Australian side that won a bronze medal at the 2005 FINA World League Super Finals and the 2010 FINA Women 's Water Polo World Cup . She was part of the Australian team that won the bronze medal at the 2012 Summer Olympics . She has earned several honours including being named the 2010 Australian Water Polo Female Player of the Year .

= = Personal = =

The 183 cm ( 6 ft 0 in ) tall 76 kilograms ( 168 lb ) Brown , born on 27 July 1985 in Melbourne , Victoria , currently resides in Melbourne . One of her parents won a bronze medal for Australia at the Commonwealth Games . Her mother was the captain of Great Britain 's fencing team and her father was the captain of Australia 's fencing team . Her parents believed that she would win an Olympic gold medal in an equestrian event , as she competed in the sport until she was sixteen years old . At that age , she then switched sports to water polo . On 31 December 2010 , she broke her leg in a New Year 's Eve accident . During her recovery , she had to deal with a post @-@ surgery infection .

She lived in the United States from 2006 to 2008 , with the goal of improving the quality of her water polo play so she could qualify for the Olympics . In late 2010 , she injured her arm and it took time to recover .

Brown attended the University of Melbourne , where she earned a bachelor 's in property and construction . She currently works as a business owner and consultant . In 2011 , she co @-@ founded the firm Elite Mentors , which provides guidance to elite athletes .

= = Water polo = =

Brown is a goalkeeper . She took up the sport in high school , while in Year 7 , with the first team she competed for being the U17 Kawana Waters side . In 2010 , she had a water polo scholarship from the Victoria Institute of Sport . She has a water polo scholarship from the Australian Institute of Sport . When actively training , she will have ten to twelve training sessions , including gym work , a week . Her home training pool is the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre . Before every game she plays , she brushes her teeth .

= = = Club team = = =

Brown is a member of the Monash water polo club and currently plays her water polo for the Victorian Tigers in the National Water Polo League . In 2005 , she played for the Lauriston club in Armadale . She played for the Brisbane Barracudas in 2008 . The annual match between Breakers and Barracudas is considered is one the Courier Mail considers a grudge match . She participated in the 2008 edition with her team . She played for the Victorian Tigers in 2007 and 2009 . She was with the Tigers in 2010 , when Cronulla played in the finals tournament ; in the tournament , she was named in the league final 's All Star team . She was with the Tigers again for their 2011 campaign . She briefly played with the Tigers in 2012 before taking a break following their 18 February 2012 game against the Cronulla to attend the national team training camp .

= = = Junior national team = = =

Brown has represented Australia on the junior national level . In 2002 , her first year as a junior national team member , she competed with the national youth girls team that toured the United States in June and competed in an international series in Sydney in August . In 2004 , she was a member of the team that toured Europe in July and August , and was the only Victorian woman on the team . In January 2005 , she was on the junior side that competed in the VI FINA World Junior Championships in Perth .

= = = Senior national team = = =

Brown is a member of the Australia women 's national water polo team . She made her national debut in Montreal at the 2005 FINA World Championships in Australia 's 15 ? 2 victory over Germany . In 2005 , she was a member of the team that competed in the international series with New Zealand held in Canberra in July , the FINA World League Finals in the United States in July , the XIFINA World Championships in Montreal in July , and the II FINA World League Super Finals in Russia in August . In 2005 , she was part of the side that won a bronze medal at the FINA World League Super Finals in Kirishi , Russia . In the 2007 FINA World League Asia @-@ Oceania qualifiers , in Australia 's 16 ? 8 defeat of New Zealand , she made eight saves . She was named in the team that competed in the preliminary round at the 2008 FINA World League in Tianjin , China . In preparation for the Games , her coach Greg McFadden , instructed Brown and every player on the team to sit down for dinner and eat everything on their plate . She was the last player cut before the 2008 Summer Olympics squad was finalised , right before the team left for Beijing , China . She used this to motivate herself to become one of the best goalkeepers in Australia . In May 2010 , she was a member of the team that competed at the FINA World League Asia @-@ Oceania zone held in Osaka , Japan and Tianjin , China . She represented Australia at the 2010 FINA Women 's Water Polo World Cup in Christchurch , New Zealand . She was a member of the Australian team that competed at the Pan Pacific Championships in 2010 , the year she was named the Australian Stinger 's Player of the Year . She also secured her position as the team 's number one goalkeeper .

In 2011 , Brown missed most of the national team season because of a broken leg and an injured arm . Nevertheless , in April 2011 , she attended a training camp at the Australian Institute of Sport ( AIS ) where the coach was " selecting a team for the major championships over winter . " In February 2012 , she was named in the final training squad for the 2012 Summer Olympics , and thus attended a training camp starting on 20 February 2012 at the AIS . The team of seventeen players will be cut to thirteen before the team departs for the Olympic games , with the announcement being made on 13 June . She was part of the Stingers squad that competed in a five @-@ game test against Great Britain at the AIS in late February 2012 . This was the team 's first matches against Great Britain 's national team in six years .

= = Recognition = =

In June 2004 , Brown was named the Stonnington Leader Senior Sports Star of the Week . In 2006 and 2010 , she was named to the National Water Polo League All Star Team . In 2007 , she was named the Goalkeeper of the Tournament at the World League Finals . In 2009 , she was named the Goalkeeper of the Tournament at the Holiday Cup held in Los Angeles , California . In 2010 , she was named the Australian team Most Valuable Player . That year , Australian Water Polo named her the Female Player of the Year .