

= Hannah Buckling =

Hannah Buckling ( born 3 June 1992 in Sydney , Australia ) is an Australian water polo centre back . She attended the Wenona Girls School and is currently attending the University of Sydney while working on a Bachelor of Science . She started playing water polo as a twelve @-@ year @-@ old . She played club water polo for the Sydney Northern Beaches Breakers and as a junior player represented New South Wales in national competitions and Australia in international competitions . She plays for the Sydney Uni Lions in the National Water Polo League . As s representative of Australia on the junior and senior level , she had her first international cap during the 2008 Australian Junior Tour at the Pythia Cup . She was a member of the Australian side that finished third at the 2011 FINA Junior World Championships . As a member of the senior team , she competed at the 2011 Canada Cup and helped the team take home gold . She is one of seventeen players vying for thirteen spots to go to 2012 Summer Olympics as a member of the Australia women 's national water polo team .

= = Personal = =

Buckling was born on 3 June 1992 in Sydney , but calls Mosman , New South Wales her hometown . Her grandfather represented Wales as a member of the Wales School Boy team in rugby union . She attended Wenona Girls School located in North Sydney , New South Wales . She is currently working on a Bachelor of Science at the University of Sydney . She is 177 cm ( 5 ft 10 in ) tall , weights 75 kilograms ( 165 lb ) and is right handed .

= = Water polo = =

Buckling prefers to wear cap number six and plays in the centre back position . She started playing water polo as a twelve @-@ year @-@ old in Year 7 at Wenona Girls School . In 2011 , she was named a Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness / St Andrew ? s College Foundation Awards winner because of her water polo . She has a water polo scholarship from the New South Wales Institute of Sport .

= = = Club and state representative teams = = =

When she was Buckling , she joined the Sydney Northern Beaches Breakers water polo team who continue to be her water polo club . One of her club team mates was another future national team member , Emily Scott . Buckling gave Scott advice related to future planning for water polo playing . While playing the sport casually on school and club level , she got a new coach at the Breakers , Jamie Ryan . Ryan helped elevate Buckling 's intensity at practice and become a more serious player . In 2007 , she was a member of the New South Wales development squad and competed on the 2007 16 & Under National Championships Girls where she scored 15 goals in the competition . In 2008 , she again represented New South Wales at the 2008 16 & Under National Championships Girls where she scored 13 goals . At the 18 & Under National Championships Girls in 2008 , she scored only 8 goals . In 2009 , at the 18 & Under Girls National Championship and a member of the New South Wales side , she scored 8 goals . That same year , as a member of New South Wales team at the 20 & Under National Championships Junior Women , she scored 8 goals . In 2010 , she scored 18 goals in the 18 & Under Girls National Championship and 6 goals in the 20 & Under National Championships Junior Women . In 2011 , she scored 8 goals in the 20 & Under Junior Women National Championships . That year , her team finished second at the Perth , Western Australia held event . In 2011 , her training consisted of going to the pool every morning , and doing training at the gym three times a week . During the summer , she would compete in up to three games a week . During the winter , she would compete in an average of one game a week .

= = = National Water Polo League = = =

Buckling plays for the Sydney Uni Lions of the National Water Polo League . In 2011 , her first year in the league , she wore cap number 14 and fifteen total goals for the season . Her largest single goal came was on 15 March against the Fyfe Adelaide Jets . During the 2012 season , she wore cap number four . As of 3 March , she had scored sixteen goals in the season .

= = = Junior national team = = =

Within 20 months of having Ryan be her coach on her local club side and as a fifteen @-@ year @-@ old , she made the Australian u @-@ 17 team with her first international appearance for Australia occurring at the 2008 Australian Junior Tour at the Pythia Cup in Greece where her team was runners @-@ up . The tour also included stops in Italy and Hungary . In 2010 , she was a member of the under @-@ 19 women 's national water polo team that did a European tour . In 2010 , as a member of the junior national team , she was a member of the team that toured California and part of the squad that competed in international friendlies against the United States , New Zealand and Canada . She was part of the junior national team again in 2011 and in July , she was invited to be part of the training squad for the junior national squad that was training in Perth in preparation for the Junior World Championships . She was a member of the Australian side that finished third at the 2011 FINA Junior World Championships .

= = = Senior national team = = =

Buckling is a member of the Australia women 's national water polo team . At the 2011 Canada Cup , she scored a goal in the first period in the gold medal match against China that the Australian team ended up winning . She competed in the Pan Pacific Championships in January 2012 for the Australian Stingers . She scored a goal in a Stingers 8 ? 7 win over the United States . In 2011 , her goal was to make the national team and compete at the 2016 Summer Olympics . In February 2012 , she was named to the final training squad for the 2012 Summer Olympics . She attended training camp that started on 20 February 2012 at the Australian Institute of Sport . 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 .