



## Tamara Bruce, Honor Swimmer, Australia, 2017



*Tamara Bruce – fastest Australian swimmer to cross the English Channel: 6th U/18 Women's Surf Race, Kurrawa 1995*

Personal Website (None known)

**Tamara Bruce** started her competitive marathon career at an early age. She started with the 30k International Sydney Harbour Marathon in 1991. Tamara, at 14 years old, took 12th overall and 5th female. The next year Tamara, swam the first of ten Rottneest swims beating 1991 World Champion Shelly Taylor Smith and winning the event overall with a the fastest ever crossing with a time of 4hours and 13minutes. She also competed in 1993 – 1997 and 2001 – 2004 with numerous Female wins and recorded a time of 4 hours and 10 minutes which still stands as the fastest female solo crossing.

In 1992, Tamara completed the Magnetic Island Swim. She finished 2nd at the Australian Open Water 25k Championships and finished 3rd in 1994. Tamara highlight came on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1994 in the English Channel. She recorded the 2nd fastest all-time swim of 7 hours and 53 minutes. In 1995, Tamara and her Australian team won the 25km gold medal at the Pan Pacific Championships in Atlanta.

She continues as a coach with the Australian team, as coach/handler at 2000 FINA World Championships Hawaii and then as Australian Open Water Team Manager for 2001 World Championships in Fukuoka.

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