

## Southport Olympic Swimming Club



Southport Olympic Swimming Club (SOSC) has been part of the Gold Coast community for more than 90 years. Established in 1917, using the Broadwater Baths & pier structure until in 1965 a six lane, 50m pool was built on the current facility grounds. During the lead up to the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games, Council undertook a \$3.6million revamp that included installing three pools. An 8 lane 50m heated pool, an 8 lane 25m pool and a heated indoor teaching facility. The new complex was completed and officially opened in October 1999 as the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre, allowing the beginning of an exciting

new era of swimming.

In 2003 the training program flourished under the expert coaching of Doug Frost until 2005. That year Glenn Baker took over the position of Head Coach and has overseen the explosion of swimming talent representing the club ever since.

Southport Olympic had had multiple swimmers represent Australia at every level of international competition including Pan Pacific & World Championships, Commonwealth Games and Olympic Games (Beijing 2008 & London 2012). At each of these our swimmers have come back with medals. Southport Olympic Swimming Club is recognised by Swimming Australia as one of its "Podium Performance Centres". In 2013, with the announcement of the 2018 Commonwealth Games being held on the Gold Coast, the centre undertook a complete renovation ensuring it was to world-class standards. A joint venture by State and local government resulted in 42 million being spent on the current facility.

The Gold Coast Aquatic Centre and Southport Olympic Swimming Club is an integral part of the swimming community holding many swim meets throughout the year. The Facility has been host to international touring teams, Australian Swim team camps, and used as a training facility for many other sports & corporate events. 2014 saw the unveiling of the brand new Gold Coast Aquatic Centre, hosting the Pan Pacific Championships, the centre was on show to the swimming world. Two world records were broken during the Championships by Katie Ledecky in the 400m & 1500m freestyle, with times of 3:58.37 and 15:28.36.

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