

A close-up portrait of Grant Hackett, a man with dark, wavy hair and a slight smile, resting his chin on his hand. The background is bright and out of focus.

# Grant Hackett OAM

Swimming Legend



as at January 2009



**international**quarterback

# Grant Hackett



Grant Hackett's leadership, professionalism, dedication and exemplary performance are a model for anyone whose work calls them to lead by example. It's not surprising then that his nickname is 'Captain Fantastic'.

His personal story is a compelling journey – an honest insight into performance management, harnessing effort and doing the simple things very well.

Grant is an all-rounder and is studying for his Bachelor of Commerce and a Bachelor of Laws qualifications.

## Personal Details

**D.O.B** 9th May 1980  
**Resides** Melbourne, Victoria

## Interesting Facts

<b>Marital status</b>	Married
<b>Something we didn't know</b>	I have five wisdom teeth
<b>Favourite music</b>	Anything and everything
<b>Favourite movie</b>	Braveheart
<b>Hobbies</b>	Surfing, golfing and watching DVD's
<b>Favourite sporting team</b>	Wallabies and Broncos
<b>Who has been the greatest influence in your life</b>	My parents because I really believe a person is a product of their environment
<b>What age did you start swimming and why</b>	Age 4, I wanted to do it because my brother did
<b>Pet</b>	German Shepherd named Blade
<b>Favourite food</b>	Seafood
<b>Describe yourself</b>	Disciplined, persistent and caring
<b>Favourite quote</b>	"Keep it simple"



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## Career History

### 2008

- Channel 9 Sport Presenter
- Westpac Ambassador
- Telstra Amassador

## Swimming History

### Olympics

<b>2008</b>	Silver	1500m Freestyle
<b>2008</b>	Bronze	4 x 200m Freestyle
<b>2004</b>	Gold	1500m Freestyle
<b>2004</b>	Silver	4 x 200m Freestyle
<b>2004</b>	Silver	400m Freestyle
<b>2000</b>	Gold	1500m Freestyle
<b>2000</b>	Gold	4 x 200m Freestyle

### Commonwealth Games

<b>2002</b>	Gold	1500m Freestyle
<b>2002</b>	Silver	200m Freestyle
<b>1998</b>	Gold	1500m Freestyle
<b>1998</b>	Silver	4 x 200m Freestyle
<b>1998</b>	Silver	400m Freestyle

### FINA World Championships

(most decorated Australian in FINA World Championships with 18 medals)

<b>Gold</b>	10	The only swimmer in history to win 4 consecutive world titles in the same event (1500m Freestyle)
<b>Silver</b>	6	
<b>Bronze</b>	2	

### World Records

(greatest long distance swimmer in the world)

<b>800m Freestyle</b>	7:38:65
<b>1500m Freestyle</b>	14:34:56

## Community Involvement

- Paradise Kids (Gold Coast)
- The Preston James Research Fund
- Youth Mental Health Foundation

## Awards and Accolades

### 2008

Awarded Telstra's 'Swimmers' Swimmer of the Year'

### 2006

- 'The Don Award', Sporting Hall of Fame

### 2005

- First man in history to win 4 x back to back World Championship 1500m freestyle titles
- Telstra Swimmer of the Year Awards – winner:
  - Peoples Choice Award – voted by public
  - Swimmers Swimmer of the Year
  - Middle Distance Swimmer of the Year
  - Long Distance Swimmer of the Year
  - Swimmer of the Year
- Named Captain of the Australian Swimming Team

### 2004

- Australian Export Awards 'Special Achievement Award'
- Order of Australia Medal

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