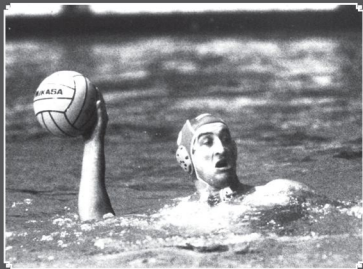


ANDREW KERR

CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND (NSW)



A water polo enthusiast from the age of 14 at the Gunnamatta Bay Baths, Andrew Kerr began playing 1st grade water polo for the Cronulla/Sutherland Club at just 16. In 1971 he captained the NSW Combined High Schools and the NSWAWPA Under 17yrs teams and in 1972 led the NSW Under 18yrs team to victory in the inaugural national junior titles. At 196 cm Andrew certainly lived up to his nickname 'Acree' (A.Kerr) and was first selected in the NSW open men's team in 1973. He remained a member of that team for the next 18 years during which time it won an unprecedented 13 Australian Championships. He was NSW captain twice, captain/coach on another two occasions, and coached the NSW men's team at a further four national championships. Andrew was first capped for Australia in 1975 and remained a member of the national team until his retirement in 1988. With Peter Montgomery, he is the only other player to represent Australia in water polo at four Olympic Games at Montreal (1976), Moscow (1980), Los Angeles (1984) and Seoul (1988) as captain. 'Acree' also played in the Cali (1975), Berlin (1978), Guayaquil (1982) and Madrid (1986) World Championships. At the 1978 World Championships he was named in the 'world team' after finishing as second highest goal scorer. On the club scene he led his beloved Cronulla-Sutherland team to five Australian Club Championships, four National League titles and no fewer than 13 NSWAWPA 1st grade premierships. Andrew was a world class centre-forward with a complete all-round game and was best known for his extraordinary work capacity and determination. Andrew accrued a record 507 caps for Australia over ten European and four North American tours, and is a member of the NSW Sporting Hall of Fame.

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