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Laura Alleway

Athlete Biography

Six years after making her national team debut in 2010, defensive veteran Laura Alleway will get the chance to compete at her first Olympic Games at Rio.

Alleway has spent most of her club career in the W-League where she won a championship and premiership with both the Brisbane Roar and Melbourne City. Along with a short stint in England in 2012, she also lined up for the Orlando Pride in the US this season.

Having played sparingly at the 2011 World Cup, Alleway lined up in all five matches for Australia at the 2015 tournament. As a part of a strong defensive unit, she helped the side claim their first knockout phase win in a World Cup when they held Brazil scoreless in their 1-0 round of 16 victory.

Alleway proved crucial as Australia progressed through to the Rio Olympics undefeated in their qualifiers. The side only conceded three goals in six matches to see them book their spot at their third Games and first since Athens 2004.

Off the pitch Alleway is a keen pianist who has reached grade 7.

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Football

Fast Facts

Sport Football

Status Selected

Event/s Football Women**Height** 178**Age** 26**Nickname** Lozza**Weight** 72**Born** Melbourne, VIC, Australia

Olympic Information

- Rio 2016 will be Olympic debut.

Recent Performances

- 1st - Rio 2016 Olympic qualifiers (Japan)
- 1st – 2015/16 W-League Championship with Melbourne City
- 1st – 2015/16 W-League Premiership with Melbourne City
- 7th - 2015 World Cup (Canada)
- 2nd - 2014 Asian Cup (Japan)

Career Highlights

- Playing at the FIFA Women's World Cup 2015.
- Playing at the FIFA Women's World Cup 2011.
- Qualifying for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games

Education

- **Primary** Redlands College (QLD, Australia)
- **Secondary** Redlands College (QLD, Australia)
- **Tertiary** Bachelor of secondary education

Training

- **Coach** Alen Stajcic (2014 - current)
- **Club** Melbourne City (VIC, Australia)
- **Primary Training Base** Melbourne, Australia
- **Secondary Training Base** Orlando, Florida

Q&A

Favourite food Chocolate

Favourite holiday destination Sunshine Coast (home)

Favourite music Acoustic

Dream car Kombie van

Personal Motto Speak to as many people as possible

I would spend my last \$10 on Petrol to go surfing.

Tattoos/Piercings Ears pierced

If I could try another Olympic sport it would be Gymnastics

Why this sport? It's very enjoyable and I love that it is the world's game



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Mackenzie Arnold

Athlete Biography

Alongside veteran Lydia Williams, Mackenzie Arnold is one of two Australian goalkeepers at Rio and at just 22 will make her Olympic debut at the 2016 Games.

She first appeared on the Australian football scene in 2011 when she first lined up in the W-League for Perth Glory. A year later she was awarded the W-League Goalkeeper of the Year award for Canberra United. After a stint with the Western Sydney Wanderers she returned to current club Perth in 2014, again winning the Goalkeeper of the Year award for the 2014-15 season.

Arnold made her Australian debut in 2012 when the side was on tour in the US and has since made ten appearances in the green and gold.

Highlighting her credentials as one of the nation's finest she made both Australian squads for the 2014 Asian Cup and 2015 World Cup. With Williams not missing a minute of both tournaments, Arnold did not get onto the pitch.

Arnold got her chance at the 2016 Olympic Qualifiers when she played in two of Australia's six matches as the Aussie side went through the tournament undefeated. She kept a clean sheet against Vietnam in the side's emphatic 9-0 win and, having already qualified, she played in Australia's 1-1 draw with China.

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Football

Fast Facts

Sport Football

Event/s Football Women

Born Southport

Status Selected

Age 22

Olympic Information

- Rio 2016 will be Olympic debut.

Recent Performances

- 1st - Rio 2016 Olympic qualifiers (Japan)
- 7th - 2015 World Cup (Canada)
- 1st – 2014 W-League Premiership with Perth Glory

Career Highlights

- Making Australian debut in 2012 in China
- Making history vs Brazil at the 2015 World Cup
- Qualifying for the 2016 Rio Olympics

Education

- **Primary** St Andrews Lutheran College (QLD, Australia)
- **Secondary** Palm Beach Currumbin High (QLD, Australia)
- **Tertiary** Cert 4 in Fitness - Gold Coast TAFE (2013-2015)

Training

- **Coach** Alan Stajcic (2014 - current)
- **Club** Perth Glory, Perth, WA, AUS
- **Institute/Academy** QAS
- **Primary Training Base** Brisbane, Australia

Q&A

Favourite food Mexican

Favourite holiday destination Maldives

Favourite music Justin Bieber

Dream car Range Rover Evoque

Star Sign Pisces

I would spend my last \$10 on My cats

If I could try another Olympic sport it would be Tennis

Most Inspiring Olympic Performance? Cathy Freeman

Most Influential person in your career/life Parents

Why this sport? My brother



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Tameka Butt

Athlete Biography

Having made her international debut when Australia was looking to qualify for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, midfielder Tameka Butt now has over 50 international caps to her name and will now get the chance to make her Olympic debut at Rio.

Butt began playing for the Brisbane Roar in 2008 and has been one of the best players in the W-League ever since. She won the Players Player of the Year award for the 2012/13 season and a year later won the league's Player of the Year award.

In the W-League off-season Butt has also lined up for the Boston Breakers in the US, FFC Frankfurt in Germany, Iga F.C. Kunoichi in Japan and most recently Malbackens in Sweden.

Butt was a part of the 2010 Asian Cup winning team and also lined up at the 2014 tournament where Australia lost to Japan in the final. She made her World Cup debut in 2011 where she played in two matches before making an appearance in three of Australia's five 2015 World Cup matches.

The 25-year-old from Orange played in two of Australia's matches as the side progressed through the Rio qualifiers undefeated to make their first Olympic Games since Athens 2004.

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Football

Fast Facts

Sport Football**Event/s** Football Women**Height** 158**Age** 25**Status** Selected**Nickname** Meeks**Weight** 54**Born** Orange, NSW, Australia

Olympic Information

- Rio 2016 will be Olympic debut.

Recent Performances

- 1st - Rio 2016 Olympic qualifiers (Japan)
- 7th - 2015 World Cup (Canada)
- 2nd - 2014 Asian Cup (Japan)

Career Highlights

- 2010 Asian Cup Winner
- Playing at the 2011 and 2015 World Cups
- Qualifying for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games

Education

- **Primary** Mudgeeraba State School (QLD, Australia)
- **Secondary** All Saints Anglican School (QLD, Australia)
- **Tertiary** Bachelor of Business - Griffith University (2009-2014)

Training

- **Coach** Football
- **Club** Mallbacken IF, Sweden
- **Institute/Academy** AIS
- **Primary Training Base** Sweden
- **Secondary Training Base** Australia

Q&A

Superstition/s Lucky game bra and undies

Favourite food All food

Favourite holiday destination Gold Coast (home)

Favourite music Most music

Dream car Range Rover

Personal Motto I will never give less than what I expect of myself

Star Sign Gemini

I would spend my last \$10 on A scratchy

Tattoos/Piercings 1. Roman numerals, left bicep/tricep, my Matilda's cap number and jersey number 2. Writing, left hip, family initials 3. 'Play for her', left foot, play for the little girl inside my self that fell in love with the game.

If I could try another Olympic sport it would be Snowboarding

Most Inspiring Olympic Performance? Lydia Lassila

Most Influential person in your career/life My dad John

Why this sport? Because I'm better with my feet than my hands



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Ellie Carpenter

Athlete Biography

Ellie Carpenter will not only be the youngest member of Alen Stajcic's team at Rio but, at 16 years and 99 days at the time of the Opening Ceremony, she is set to be the youngest athlete on the 400 plus Australian Olympic Team.

The young defender left her home town of Cowra in rural NSW to move to the Western Suburbs of Sydney where she attended Westfield Sports High. Having also shown plenty of potential in athletics Carpenter chose to focus on football when she was 12, a decision that has well and truly paid off.

She played for the NSW Institute of Sport before signing for her first W-League team when she lined up for the Western Sydney Wanderers in the 2015/16 season. Carpenter played every minute of her debut season.

The youngster caught the eye of Stajcic with her impressive play at the back and she became the first millennial to play for the Australian side when she got her chance at the Rio 2016 qualifiers. Carpenter became the ninth youngest women's footballer to pull on the Australian jersey when she started and played the entire match as the side defeated Vietnam 9-0.

Carpenter also played the opening 46 minutes for the side who finished 1-1 with China to remain undefeated in the five match round robin tournament.

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Football

Fast Facts

Sport Football

Event/s Football Women

Height 164

Age 16

Lives Sydney, NSW, Australia

Status Selected

Nickname Elz

Weight 59

Born Cowra, NSW, Australia

Olympic Information

- Rio 2016 will be Olympic debut.

Recent Performances

- 1st - Rio 2016 Olympic qualifiers (Japan)
- 7th – 2015/16 W-League Premiership with Western Sydney Wanderers

Career Highlights

- Member of Australian National Women's football team that won Asian Olympic qualifying tournament.
- Playing my first match for Australia and becoming the first player, male or female, born in the 21st Century to represent an Australian senior national team.
- Making W-League debut at age of 15. Youngest player in the W-league and Women's Game best newcomer.

Education

- **Primary** Mulyan Public School - Cowra (NSW, Australia)
- **Secondary** Westfields Sports High School (NSW, Australia)

Training

- **Coach** Alen Stajcic - current
- **Institute/Academy** NSWIS
- **Primary Training Base** Sydney

Q&A

Superstition/s Always wear the same colour headband on game days!

Favourite food Homemade pizza

Favourite holiday destination Hayman Island

Favourite music All music!

Dream car Jeep

Personal Motto Never give up

Star Sign Taurus

I would spend my last \$10 on Food

If I could try another Olympic sport it would be Athletics

Most Inspiring Olympic Performance? Sally Pearson

First Olympic Memory? Cathy Freeman winning gold

Most Influential person in your career/life Family

Why this sport? It's my passion.



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Steph Catley

Athlete Biography

With four years of international experience already under her belt, 22-year-old defender Steph Catley will make her Olympic debut at Rio having been one of the side's most consistent performers in recent years.

Catley made her debut for W-League side Melbourne Victory in 2009 at just 15 and went on to make over 60 appearances for the club. Having previously played in the midfield, her switch to defence paid dividends when she won the 2011/12 season Footballer of the Year award and made her Australian debut midway through 2012.

She played in four of Australia's five matches at the 2014 Asian Cup as Australia lost to Japan 1-0 in the final. Having continued to impress on the international stage she was signed for US side Portland Thorns for the 2014-15 season. She set a club record for more assists in consecutive games with four and won the side's Newcomer of the Year award.

Catley lined up in her first World Cup in 2015 where she started in each of Australia's five matches as the side won a knockout match at the competition for the first time.

The Melburnian, who now plays for the Orlando Pride, made history midway through 2015 when she became the first Australian female footballer to grace the cover of the famous football video game FIFA.

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Football

Fast Facts

Sport Football

Event/s Football Women

Born East Melbourne, VIC, Australia

Status Selected

Age 22

Olympic Information

- Rio 2016 will be Olympic debut.

Recent Performances

- 1st - Rio 2016 Olympic qualifiers (Japan)
- 1st – 2015/16 W-League Championship with Melbourne City
- 1st – 2015/16 W-League Premiership with Melbourne City
- 7th - 2015 World Cup (Canada)
- 2nd - 2014 Asian Cup (Japan)

Education

- **Primary** Tucker Road Primary School (VIC, Australia)
- **Secondary** Bentleigh Secondary College (VIC, Australia)
- **Tertiary** Bachelor of Education (Primary) (2014-)

Training

- **Club** Orlando Pride & Melbourne City
- **Institute/Academy** VIS
- **Primary Training Base** Orlando, United States
- **Secondary Training Base** Melbourne, Australia

Q&A

Superstition/s Left football boot always goes on first and lucky sports bra.

Favourite food Smashed avocado, feta and poached eggs.

Favourite music Everything besides heavy metal and country.

Dream car Range Rober Evoque

Personal Motto I love the quote "There are no shortcuts to any place worth going." I have it engraved on the back of my iPod so when I'm running and putting in the extra training, I can look at it and remember what I'm working for.

Star Sign Aquarius

I would spend my last \$10 on A pack of orange tic tac's and a bus ticket to the library to print my resume and apply for job.

Most Inspiring Olympic Performance? Derek Redmond

First Olympic Memory? Ian Thorpe 2004 Olympics

Most Influential person in your career/life My brother - Daniel. He keeps me grounded and values humility. He genuinely makes me a better athlete and person on and off the field.

Why this sport? I love football for so many reasons. It's a sport filled with mental and physical challenges but it requires perfecting so many different skills which means there's always something to improve on. But mostly I love it because of the bonds and friendships I make within every team I play in.



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Larissa Crummer

Athlete Biography

Just over a year after making her senior international debut, 20-year-old forward Larissa Crummer is set to pull on the green and gold for Australia at her first Olympic Games at Rio.

At 16, Crummer made her W-League debut for Sydney FC in the 2012/13 season and was soon wearing the green and gold for the Australian U20 side.

She played the next two seasons at the Brisbane Roar. A move to Melbourne City followed where she took her game to another level winning both the Golden Boot and Young Player of the Year awards for the 2015/16 season.

A physical player with the ability to hold the ball up and bring others into play, Crummer proved she is a star of the future when she held her own after coming off the bench in two matches at the 2015 World Cup in which she was the youngest member of the squad.

When she's off the pitch, Larissa enjoys spending time with her adorable dog, Marley.

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Football

Fast Facts

Sport Football

Event/s Football Women

Status Selected

Age 20

Born Nambour, QLD, Australia

Olympic Information

- Rio 2016 will be Olympic debut.

Recent Performances

- 1st – 2015/16 W-League Championship with Melbourne City
- 1st – 2015/16 W-League Premiership with Melbourne City
- 7th - 2015 World Cup (Canada)

Career Highlights

- Making the World Cup squad
- Winning the W-League Golden Boot for the 2015/16 season

Education

- **Primary** Tewantin State School (QLD, Australia)
- **Secondary** Sunshine Beach (QLD, Australia)

Training

- **Club** Melbourne City (VIC, Australia)
- **Institute/Academy** AIS
- **Primary Training Base** Melbourne
- **Secondary Training Base** Canberra



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Caitlin Foord

Athlete Biography

At just 21 Caitlin Foord is already a veteran in the Australian side having been a regular in the team for over five years. With two World Cups already under her belt the defender will need to help keep out the world's best if Australia are to win their first Olympic football medal at Rio.

Foord made history in 2011 when she became the youngest ever Australian to take the field at the World Cup when she was 16 years and 230 days. She started in all four of Australia's matches at the tournament and won the Best Young Footballer of the tournament.

She played every minute for the Australian side as they moved through to the quarter-finals of the 2015 World Cup. Despite conceding three goals to eventual champions USA in the opening match, she was brilliant as Australia let in just two more goals in their next four games as they eventually got knocked out in the quarter-finals.

Foord's consistent performances throughout the Rio 2016 qualifiers helped ensure the Australian side qualified for their first Olympic Games since Athens 2004. She played in all six encounters as the side gave up only three goals in the tournament.

While also having played for multiple W-League clubs, she has spent a number of seasons playing for Sky Blue FC in the US League where she has been a regular starter for the New Jersey based side.

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Football

Fast Facts

Sport Football

Event/s Football Women

Height 165

Age 21

Status Selected

Nickname Cate

Weight 59

Born Mt Warrigal, NSW, Australia

Olympic Information

- Rio 2016 will be Olympic debut.

Recent Performances

- 1st - Rio 2016 Olympic qualifiers (Japan)
- 7th - 2015 World Cup (Canada)
- 2nd – 2014 W-League Championship with Perth Glory
- 2nd - 2014 Asian Cup (Japan)

Career Highlights

- Making the national team in 2008
- Qualifying for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games

Education

- **Primary** Lake South Public School (NSW, Australia)
- **Secondary** Illawarra Sports High (NSW, Australia)

Training

- **Coach** Allen Stajcic
- **Primary Training Base** Sydney, Australia
- **Secondary Training Base** Canberra, Australia

Q&A

Favourite food Fish and chips

Favourite holiday destination Perth

Favourite music Anything good

Dream car Lexus IS200

Star Sign Scorpio

I would spend my last \$10 on Food

Tattoos/Piercings Ears pierced and belly pierced.



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Katrina Gorry

Athlete Biography

With World Cup and Asian Cup experience already under her belt, skilful midfielder Katrina Gorry will now get the chance to test herself on the Olympic stage at Rio.

The diminutive 23-year-old got her first break in the Australian W-League in 2009 and after three seasons in the competition she made her national team debut midway through 2012. She has since played in both Canada and the US.

After a stellar 2014 which saw her score three spectacular goals at the Asian Cup, Gorry was named the Asian Football Confederation Player of the Year. Unfortunately her heroics were unable to lift her side to a second straight Asian Cup as they went down to Japan in the final. She again played a key role in the green and gold at the 2015 World Cup when the side progressed through to the quarter-finals in Canada.

She helped Australia get off to a winning start at the Olympic qualifiers when she scored in her side's 3-1 win over hosts Japan. Her late goal against North Korea helped the side secure their first appearance at a Games since Athens 2004.

Gorry has a tattoo on her ribs with a clock that outlines her Australian cap number (183) and points to her debut date for the Australian side.

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Football

Fast Facts

Sport Football

Event/s Football Women

Age 23

Status Selected

Nickname Mini

Olympic Information

- Rio 2016 will be Olympic debut.

Recent Performances

- 1st - Rio 2016 Olympic qualifiers (Japan)
- 7th - 2015 World Cup (Canada)
- 2nd - 2014 Asian Cup (Japan)

Career Highlights

- Beating Brazil in the round of 16 at the 2015 Women's World Cup
- Winning AFC Player of the Year in 2014
- Making my national team debut in 2012

Education

- **Primary** Christian Outreach College (QLD, Australia)
- **Secondary** Cavendish Road Stat High School (QLD, Australia)
- **Tertiary** Diploma of Business

Training

- **Club** Brisbane Roar
- **Primary Training Base** Australian Institute of Sport, Canberra
- **Secondary Training Base** Capalaba Soccer Club, Brisbane

Q&A

Superstition/s Left sock on before my right and always 2 showers before a game

Favourite food Japanese

Favourite holiday destination Miami

Favourite music Bit of Everything

Dream car Mercedes A250

Personal Motto Obstacles are what you see when you take your eye off the goal.

Star Sign Leo

I would spend my last \$10 on Coffee and Banana bread

Tattoos/Piercings Ambigram mum/dad on my wrists. Clock on ribs with cap number 183 in 3d and hands pointing to 11/7 debut date. family names on my feet and sisters initials with a bird on the opposite rib. Nose pierced , ears

If I could try another Olympic sport it would be 100m Hurdles

Most Inspiring Olympic Performance? Cathy Freeman

First Olympic Memory? Cathy Freeman winning Gold

Most Influential person in your career/life Mum & Dad

Why this sport? Followed in my Brothers Footsteph



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Michelle Heyman

Athlete Biography

Michelle Heyman will get the chance to live out her lifelong dream of becoming an Olympian at Rio having become one of Australia's most prolific scorers in recent years.

Heyman took up football at the relatively late age of 11 and would go on to play at Sydney FC and the Central Coast Mariners in the W-League. She announced herself on the scene in 2009 when she won the Golden Boot and Player of the Year award.

A move to Canberra United in 2010 coincided with her debut in the green and gold and she would go on to again be the W-League top scorer in the 2011-12 season. Her goal-scoring prowess in Australia's top women's competition is unparalleled with Heyman's fifty-plus goals in the competition the most ever in the W-League.

Having played in Australia's 2014 Asian Cup campaign where the side finished runners up, she started two matches and came off the bench in Australia's other three contests at the 2015 World Cup where Australia won their first ever knockout phase match at the competition.

Heyman scored a goal against Japan, Vietnam and North Korea at the Rio 2016 qualifiers to help her side secure their first Olympic Games appearance since Athens 2004.

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Football

Fast Facts

Sport Football**Event/s** Football Women**Height** 175**Age** 28**Status** Selected**Nickname** Heyman**Weight** 69**Born** Shellharbour, NSW, Australia

Olympic Information

- Rio 2016 will be Olympic debut.

Recent Performances

- 1st - Rio 2016 Olympic qualifiers (Japan)
- 7th - 2015 World Cup (Canada)
- 1st – 2014 W-League Championship with Canberra United
- 2nd - 2014 Asian Cup (Japan)

Career Highlights

- Qualifying for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games
- Playing at the 2015 World Cup
- W-League 2009 - Winning Player of the Year and Golden Boot

Education

- **Primary** Warilla public school (NSW,Australia)
- **Secondary** Warilla High school (NSW,Australia)

Training

- **Coach** Alen Stajic (2012 - current)
- **Primary Training Base** NSWIS

Q&A

Favourite food Either pasta, chicken or Cheese toastie

Favourite music Bit of everything

Dream car Mini Cooper

Personal Motto Believe

Star Sign Cancer

I would spend my last \$10 on Food

Tattoos/Piercings Tattoos - Wrist (cancer - star sign) and behind ear (I was bored) Piercings - lip and ears

If I could try another Olympic sport it would be Track and field or hockey



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Elise Kellond-Knight

Athlete Biography

Having played in multiple World Cups and Asian Cups and racked up over 70 international appearances for her country, star midfielder Elise Kellond Knight will get her chance to play for Olympic glory at Rio.

Kellond-Knight burst onto the scene with W-League side Brisbane Roar in 2008 and was the joint winner of the 2009 Young Player of the Year award. She went on to help Australia make history in 2010, proving crucial as Australia won their first Asian Cup title.

She has proven over the years that she can take her game to another level on the big occasions. She made both the 2011 and 2015 World Cup All Stars side as one of the tournament's top players and in last year's event was crucial as Australia won their first knockout phase match at a World Cup tournament. Her prowess in the middle of the park helped ensure Australia went through the Rio 2016 qualifiers undefeated.

Having played in both Japan and Denmark she now lines up in one of the world's toughest leagues – the German Women's Bundesliga. She played in 18 of the FFC Turbine Potsdam's 22 matches in 2016 as team finished 7th in the league and made the Champions League semi-finals.

Kellond-Knight will be looking to prove her German club coach wrong after he told her that the German side would beat the Australians 7-0 in the group stage.

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Football

Fast Facts

Sport Football

Event/s Football Women

Height 162

Age 25

Status Selected

Nickname KK

Weight 58

Born Southport, QLD, Australia

Olympic Information

- Rio 2016 will be Olympic debut.

Recent Performances

- 1st - Rio 2016 Olympic qualifiers (Japan)
- 7th - 2015 World Cup (Canada)
- 2nd - 2014 Asian Cup (Japan)

Career Highlights

- Winning the Asian Cup 2010
- Qualifying for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games

Education

- **Primary** Coombabah State Primary School (QLD, Australia)
- **Secondary** St Hilda's School (QLD, Australia)
- **Tertiary** Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Science - Griffith University Gold Coast Campus (2008 - current)

Training

- **Coach** Alen Stajcic (2014 - current)
- **Primary Training Base** Brisbane, Australia
- **Secondary Training Base** Canberra, Australia

Q&A

Favourite food Caramel and Coffee

Favourite holiday destination Isolated surf beach

Favourite music Indie rock

Star Sign Leo

I would spend my last \$10 on A lotto ticket



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Alanna Kennedy

Athlete Biography

A youngster on the rise, Alanna Kennedy will offer coach Alen Stajcic plenty at Rio with the versatile 21-year-old able to play in both the defence and midfield.

Kennedy first lined up in the W-League in the 2010-11 season for Sydney FC and has since had stints at Newcastle Jets, Western Sydney Wanderers and the Perth Glory. In her time in the league she has reached the grand final four times, winning with Sydney FC in 2013.

After representing Australia at junior levels, she got her chance to make her senior debut in 2012 when she played against Trans-Tasman rivals in New Zealand. She would go on to line up in three of Australia's five 2014 Asian Cup matches, including the final, where Australia finished as runners-up.

She was a crucial part of Australia's history-making performance when on World Cup debut in 2015. After coming off the bench in their opening 3-1 defeat to the USA, Kennedy helped ensure the Australian side only conceded two goals in their next four matches as they won a knockout match for the first time at a World Cup when they beat Brazil 1-0 to progress to the quarter-finals.

Having impressed both in Australia and on the international scene, Kennedy signed her first overseas club contract with the Western New York Flash in the US in early 2016. She played in all but seven minutes of the side's first nine matches.

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Football

Fast Facts

Sport Football

Event/s Football Women

Born Campbelltown, NSW, Australia

Status Selected

Age 21

Olympic Information

- Rio 2016 will be Olympic debut.

Recent Performances

- 1st - Rio 2016 Olympic qualifiers (Japan)
- 1st – 2015/16 W-League Championship with Melbourne City
- 1st – 2015/16 W-League Premiership with Melbourne City
- 7th - 2015 World Cup (Canada)
- 2nd - 2014 Asian Cup (Japan)

Career Highlights

- World Cup 2015 debut
- Being a part of the first Australian team to win a knockout round match at the World Cup
- Qualifying for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games

Education

- **Primary** Rosemeadow Public School (NSW, Australia)
- **Secondary** Westfields Sport High School (NSW, Australia)

Training

- **Coach** Alen Stajcic (2014 - current)
- **Club** Sydney FC, WNY Flash
- **Primary Training Base** Sydney, Australia
- **Secondary Training Base** Buffalo, USA

Q&A

Favourite food Smashed avo and feta

Favourite holiday destination Hawaii, Bahamas, Maldives

Favourite music Acoustic, mellow

Dream car Mercedes G series

Star Sign Aquarius

I would spend my last \$10 on My family

Tattoos/Piercings Jersey number, scales of justice, sail boat and waves (visual analogy) and a few more

If I could try another Olympic sport it would be High jump

Most Inspiring Olympic Performance? Cathy Freeman and Ian Thorpe

First Olympic Memory? Ian Thorpe winning the 100m freestyle

Most Influential person in your career/life My family and coach Alen Stajcic

Why this sport? Friendships and competition



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Samantha Kerr

Athlete Biography

Having made her W-League debut at just 15, Sam Kerr, now 22, has already represented her country in two World Cups and two Asian Cups and will now get her chance to perform on sport's greatest stage at the Rio Games.

Kerr announced herself to the world when she scored a superb goal in the 2010 Asian Cup final as Australia went on to defeat North Korea on penalties and win the title for the first time.

She played for Perth Glory and Sydney FC in the domestic W-League competition between 2008-13 before getting the chance to play in the US. She lined up for the Western New York Flash in 2013 and 2014 before moving to her current side Sky Blue FC while also continuing to play in the W-League. Kerr remains in the top ten for most goals scored with 21 since the league began in 2013.

She was on the pitch in every minute of the Australian side's historic run at the 2015 World Cup. Kerr was a constant threat in attack and set up one of Kyah Simon's two goals against Nigeria as the side went on to win their first knockout match at a World Cup before they went down to Japan in the quarter-finals.

A foot injury ruled Kerr out of the Rio 2016 qualification campaign that saw the side move through to their first Olympic Games since Athens 2004. She returned to the field just weeks before the side's opening match at Rio when she came on as a second half substitute for Sky Blue FC in late June.

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Football

Fast Facts

Sport Football

Event/s Football Women

Height 167

Age 22

Status Selected

Nickname Sam

Weight 63

Born East Fremantle, WA, Australia

Olympic Information

- Rio 2016 will be Olympic debut.

Recent Performances

- 7th - 2015 World Cup (Canada)
- 2nd – 2014 W-League Championship with Perth Glory
- 2nd - 2014 Asian Cup (Japan)

Career Highlights

- Winning the 2010 Asian Cup in China
- Qualifying for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games

Education

- **Primary** Samson Primary School (WA, Australia)
- **Secondary** Sommerville Baptist College (WA, Australia)

Training

- **Coach** Alen Stajcic (2014 - current)
- **Club** Perth Glory
- **Institute/Academy** WAIS
- **Primary Training Base** Perth, Australia

Q&A

Favourite food Crumbed chicken

Favourite holiday destination Bali

Favourite music All types

Dream car Range Rover Sport

Star Sign Virgo

I would spend my last \$10 on Food

If I could try another Olympic sport it would be High jump



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Chloe Logarzo

Athlete Biography

After first taking up the sport as a five-year-old in Sydney's west with her dad as the coach, 21-year-old midfielder Chloe Logarzo will live out her Olympic dream at Rio after a strong 2016 saw her fight her way back into the national side.

Logarzo got her W-League break when she signed with Sydney FC in 2011 and would play four seasons in sky blue. Having captained the Australian U20 side she made her senior international debut in late 2013.

Soon after she headed to the US to play for the Colorado Pride and relished the challenge. She scored a stunning six goals and racked up seven assists in just nine games as the side made the finals in its first season in the competition. Her form saw her win the league's Rookie of the Year award.

After a three-year absence from the national team, Logarzo moved to play with W-League side Newcastle Jets for the 2015-16 season in a bid to get more time on the pitch and caught the eye of head coach Alen Stajcic who gave her another chance to shine on the international stage.

Logarzo lined up in the green and gold at the Rio 2016 qualifiers where the Australian side finished undefeated. She started in three of the five matches as Australia booked their ticket to their first Olympic Games since Athens 2004.

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Football

Fast Facts

Sport Football

Event/s Football Women

Height 164

Age 21

Lives Rhodes, NSW, Australia

Status Selected

Nickname Chlo

Weight 58

Born Prairiewood, NSW, Australia

Olympic Information

- Rio 2016 will be Olympic debut.

Recent Performances

- 1st - Rio 2016 Olympic qualifiers (Japan)
- 6th – 2015/16 W-League Premiership with Newcastle Jets

Training

- **Coach** Alen Stajcic (2007 - current)

Q&A

Superstition/s Always make my bed and fold my clothes on my bed for game day

Favourite food Chinese

Favourite holiday destination Thailand

Favourite music Acoustic

Dream car Kombi van

Personal Motto If it was easy everyone would do it

Star Sign Sagittarius

I would spend my last \$10 on Coffee

Tattoos/Piercings Owl (his name is Travis) right tricep and it's for my mum RMS on the left wrist for my Grandad Quote on my ribs "those we love don't go away, they walk beside us everyday, Unseen unheard but always near. still loved still missed and very dear" - for all my family members that have passed.

If I could try another Olympic sport it would be Rugby 7s

Most Influential person in your career/life Grandad

Why this sport? It's the only thing I have ever done



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Clare Polkinghorne

Athlete Biography

A constant presence in the national side for the past decade, defender Clare Polkinghorne will approach 100 caps for her country as she makes her Olympic debut at Rio.

At 17 Polkinghorne made her national team debut in 2006 and then went on to play at her first World Cup in 2007. Her role at the back in the 2010 Asian Cup was crucial as the side won the title for the first time.

After again lining up in the green and gold at the 2011 World Cup and the 2014 Asian Cup, where Australia lost the final to Japan, injury ruined her 2015 World Cup campaign. She was selected for the team but a hamstring strain in the days leading into the tournament meant she did not get on the pitch for any of the side's five matches.

Having spent her W-League career with the Brisbane Roar, she got the chance to play in Japan in 2014 and for the Portland Thorns in the US in 2015.

Her consistency at the back over the years has helped the side steadily rise up to the fifth ranked nation in the world – the side's highest ranking ever.

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Football

Fast Facts

Sport Football
Event/s Football Women
Height 172
Age 27
Lives BRISBANE, QLD, Australia

Status Selected
Nickname Polks
Weight 68
Born Brisbane, QLD, Australia

Olympic Information

- Rio 2016 will be Olympic debut.

Recent Performances

- 1st - Rio 2016 Olympic qualifiers (Japan)
- 7th - 2015 World Cup (Canada)
- 2nd - 2014 Asian Cup (Japan)

Career Highlights

- Playing at three FIFA Women's World Cups in 2007, 2011 and 2015
- Winning the AFC Women's Asian Cup in China 2010
- Qualifying for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games

Education

- **Primary** St. Martins Catholic Primary School (Brisbane, Australia)
- **Secondary** Lourdes Hill College (Brisbane, Australia)
- **Tertiary** Bachelor Psychological Science with Honours - Griffith University (2007- 2013), Bachelor Criminology and Criminal Justice (2007-2012), Masters of Criminology and Criminal Justice (current)

Training

- **Coach** Alen Stajcic (2014 - current)
- **Primary Training Base** Brisbane, Australia

Q&A

Personal Motto Never give up

Star Sign Aquarius

I would spend my last \$10 on Chocolate



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Kyah Simon

Athlete Biography

A veteran of over 60 appearances for her country, striker Kyah Simon will get the chance to make her Olympic debut at Rio having been in the national set up for eight years.

Having grown up in Sydney's west, she made her international debut against Hong Kong at the age of 16 and soon after became the first Indigenous woman to score for the senior national team.

She slotted home the decisive penalty as Australia won their first Asian Cup in 2010 before making her World Cup debut a year later. At the tournament she scored a brace against Norway as Australia qualified for the quarter-finals.

Simon was crucial to Australia's historic run at the 2015 Women's World Cup. She scored both goals in Australia's 2-0 win over Nigeria helping the side make the knockout phase of the competition before her goal against Brazil saw the Australian side progress to the quarter-finals.

Simon kept up her goal-scoring ways at the Rio qualifiers, scoring a hat-trick against Vietnam and the opening goal in the side's 2-0 win over South Korea as the Aussie team went through undefeated and qualified for their first Olympic Games since 2004.

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Football

Fast Facts

Sport Football**Event/s** Football Women**Height** 164**Age** 25**Lives** Sydney, NSW, Australia**Status** Selected**Nickname** Princess**Weight** 62**Born** Blacktown, NSW, Australia

Olympic Information

- Rio 2016 will be Olympic debut.

Recent Performances

- 1st - Rio 2016 Olympic qualifiers (Japan)
- 2nd – 2015/16 W-League Championship with Sydney FC
- 7th - 2015 World Cup (Canada)

Career Highlights

- Scoring the winning goal against Brazil in 2015 World Cup Round of 16, to qualify us through to the quarter-finals (first ever Australian Football team to win a knockout match)
- Qualifying for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games
- Winning the 2010 Asian Cup

Education

- **Primary** Pacific Hills Christian School (NSW, Australia)
- **Secondary** Pacific Hills Christian School (NSW, Australia)
- **Tertiary** Diploma Business Management

Training

- **Coach** Alen Stajcic (2014 - current)
- **Club** Boston Breakers, Boston, Massachusetts
- **Primary Training Base** Sydney Australia
- **Secondary Training Base** Boston, United States

Q&A

Favourite food Smashed avocado with poached eggs on sourdough

Favourite holiday destination Maldives or Bora Bora

Favourite music EDM, Deep House, Electro, Trap, RnB

Dream car BMW i8

Personal Motto Set your goals high, don't limit yourself with low expectations.

Star Sign Cancer

I would spend my last \$10 on A bus to get to my family

Tattoos/Piercings Ears pierced, 3 tattoos on my right arm.

If I could try another Olympic sport it would be Basketball

Most Inspiring Olympic Performance? Cathy Freeman 2000 Olympics

Most Influential person in your career/life Alen Stajcic

Why this sport? Fell in love with football as soon as I started



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Emily Van Egmond

Athlete Biography

At just 22 Emily Van Egmond has played in more countries than most players will line up in in their career. After making her senior club debut for Newcastle in 2008, she has since lined up in Norway, USA and most recently Germany as she's established herself as a world class midfielder.

Having made her senior international debut in 2010 she went on to play at the 2011 World Cup at just 17. She scored a goal in the Aussie's 3-2 group stage win over Equatorial Guinea and started in three of Australia's four matches at the tournament.

She was in green and gold as Australia finished runner-up at the 2014 Asian Cup and was again a crucial part of the side as they made a historic run at the 2015 World Cup.

A crucial cog in the Australian midfield, Van Egmond scored against Vietnam, South Korea and China at the Rio 2016 qualifiers to ensure Australia came through the tournament undefeated.

Van Egmond's dad Gary also played for his country and lined up for Australia at the 1988 Seoul Olympics where Australia were knocked out in the quarter-finals. Gary is an assistant coach for the women's team for Rio.

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Football

Fast Facts

Sport Football**Event/s** Football Women**Height** 173**Age** 23**Lives** Newcastle, NSW, Australia**Status** Selected**Nickname** Em**Weight** 65**Born** Wahroonga, NSW, Australia

Olympic Information

- Rio 2016 will be Olympic debut.
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Recent Performances

- 1st - Rio 2016 Olympic qualifiers (Japan)
- 7th - 2015 World Cup (Canada)
- 2nd - 2014 Asian Cup (Japan)

Career Highlights

- Qualifying for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games
- Playing at the 2011 and 2015 World Cups
- Making the Champions League semi-finals with Ffc Frankfurt

Training

- **Coach** Alen Stajcic (2014 - current)
- **Club** Frankfurt FC
- **Primary Training Base** Germany
- **Secondary Training Base** Australia

Q&A

Favourite food Pizza**Favourite holiday destination** Whitsundays**Favourite music** RnB

Dream car Range Rover Sports

Personal Motto Play as I train

Star Sign Cancer

I would spend my last \$10 on Food

Tattoos/Piercings Family meanings for tattoos

If I could try another Olympic sport it would be Swimming

Most Inspiring Olympic Performance? Cathy Freeman

First Olympic Memory? Cathy Freeman

Most Influential person in your career/life Father - Gary Van Egmond

Why this sport? Because my father played



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Lisa De Vanna

Athlete Biography

Australian captain Lisa de Vanna will head to Rio as the only player in the side with Olympic experience having competed at the 2004 Athens Olympics where Australia finished 5th. At just 19, De Vanna came off the bench in all four matches and despite scoring in Australia's quarter-final clash with Sweden her side went down 2-1 to be knocked out of the competition.

Since the Athens Games, the pacey forward has played club football around the world and been a consistent presence in the Australia side. She has laced up her boots in Sweden, England, the USA and at home in the W-League and made over 100 appearances for her national side including three World Cups and two Asian Cups.

De Vanna was a part of Australia's first Asian Cup win in 2010, was nominated for the esteemed 2013 FIFA Puskas award for the most beautiful goal of the year and also won Australian women's footballer of the year that season.

She was crucial to Australia's historic run at the 2015 Women's World Cup. De Vanna scored Australia's only goal in their 3-1 defeat to eventual champions USA and her fifth minute goal in their 1-1 draw with Sweden ensured the side would progress through to the knockout phase of the competition. The side went on to make the quarter-finals where they were knocked out 1-0 by Japan. De Vanna's performances didn't go unnoticed as she was selected in the World Cup All Star squad.

She got the ball rolling for Australia at the Rio qualifiers when she opened the scoring for the Aussie side in their clash against Japan which they went on to win 3-1. She continued to cause trouble for the opposition throughout the campaign as Australia progressed to Rio undefeated.

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Football

Fast Facts

Sport Football

Event/s Football Women

Weight 53

Born Fremantle, WA, Australia

Status Selected

Height 156

Age 31

Lives Perth, WA, Australia

Olympic Information

- 2004 Athens - 6th (football)

Recent Performances

- 1st - Rio 2016 Olympic qualifiers (Japan)
- 1st – 2015/16 W-League Championship with Melbourne City
- 1st – 2015/16 W-League Premiership with Melbourne City
- 7th - 2015 World Cup (Canada)
- 2nd - 2014 Asian Cup (Japan)

Career Highlights

- Competing at the World Cup in 2007, 2011 and 2015.
- Winning the 2010 Asian Cup.
- Qualifying for Rio 206 Olympic Games

Education

- **Primary** Newton Public School (WA, Australia)
- **Secondary** John Curtin (WA, Australia)

Training

- **Coach** Alen Stajcic (2014 - current)
- **Institute/Academy** VIS
- **Primary Training Base** Melbourne, Australia

Q&A

Superstition/s Too many. If I play a good game I have to go through the same routine before the next game.

Favourite food Thai food/ Italian and chicken kiev

Favourite holiday destination Miami but also love the London life.

Favourite music love the 80/90s

Star Sign Scorpio

I would spend my last \$10 on Donate it

If I could try another Olympic sport it would be 100m sprinter

First Olympic Memory? Meeting other great athletes

Most Influential person in your career/life Family- mentor rose.

Why this sport? It chose me.



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Lydia Williams

Athlete Biography

Long been Australia's first choice goalkeeper, Lydia Williams will finally get the chance to compete at the Olympic Games having already lined up at three World Cups.

Williams grew up in Kalgoorlie and spent much of her childhood travelling to remote communities with her father who was an indigenous tribal elder. She moved to Canberra when she was 11, began playing football and within five years made her debut for Australia.

Having first played club football for the AIS, she has lined up between the posts for multiple US sides, including current team the Houston Dash, in Sweden and for W-League club Canberra United with whom she won the premiership and championship with in 2012.

Williams played at the 2006 Asian Cup, 2007 World Cup, made history with the Australian side by winning the 2010 Asian Cup. She played a key role in both of the nation's 2011 and 2015 World Cup campaigns. As Australia progressed to the quarter-finals for the first time at the 2015 competition, Williams only conceded two goals in four matches.

She was again in fine form at the Rio 2016 qualifiers helping Australia finish undefeated by again only conceding two goals across four matches.

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Football

Fast Facts

Sport Football	Status Selected
Event/s Football Women	Nickname Lyds
Height 176	Weight 65
Age 28	Born Katanning, WA, Australia
Lives Monash, ACT, Australia	

Olympic Information

- Rio 2016 will be Olympic debut.

Recent Performances

- 1st - Rio 2016 Olympic qualifiers (Japan)
- 7th - 2015 World Cup (Canada)
- 2nd - 2014 Asian Cup (Japan)

Career Highlights

- Making history against Brazil and winning 1-0 at the 2015 Womens World Cup in Canada
- Qualifying for the Olympics at the 2016 tournament in Japan
- Being apart of winning Australian Women's National team at the 2010 Asian Cup in China

Education

- **Primary** St Joseph's Primary School, (WA, Australia)
- **Secondary** Trinity Christian School, (ACT, Australia)
- **Tertiary** Certificate III in Fitness - FIA (2010), Certificate III in Captive Animals - TAFE (2009-2010)

Training

- **Coach** Alen Stajcic (2014-current)
- **Primary Training Base** Canberra, Australia
- **Secondary Training Base** Canberra, Australia

Q&A

Star Sign Taurus
