

# CRAIG STEVENS

**NICKNAME:** Stevo  
**D.O.B:** 23/7/1980  
**AGE:** 28  
**BORN:** Sydney, NSW  
**LIVES:** Sydney, NSW  
**HGT:** 188cm  
**WGT:** 80kg  
**CLUB/INSTITUTE:** SLC Aquadot / NSWIS  
**TRAINS (Pool):** Sutherland  
**COACH:** Tracey Menzies



## Individual Australian Long Course Titles: 1 1 – 400m freestyle (06)

**CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:** Dual Olympian and silver medallist as a 4x200m free heat swimmer at 2004 Athens Games....finalist in 1500m free at Athens Olympics....competed at 2001, 2003 & 2007 FINA World Championships winning relay gold medal in 2003 and individual silver in 2007....medallist at the 2002 Commonwealth Games....relay gold medallist (heat swimmer) at FINA World Short Course Championships, Moscow 2002

### IN 2008

Won silver in 400 & 1500m free at the Telstra Australian Championships / Olympic Trials in Sydney....was 15th in 1500m free, 25th in 400m free at Olympic Games in Beijing

### IN 2007

Was second in the 400, 800 and 1500m free at the Telstra Australian Championships in Brisbane (Dec 06).... won bronze, later upgraded to silver following the positive drug test of Oussama Mellouli, in the 800m free, placed sixth in the 400 & 1500m free at FINA World Championships in Melbourne....was third in 400m free at Fujitsu Duel in the Pool in Sydney....was ninth in 400 & 1500m free at Japan International Swim Meet in Chiba....was seventh in 400m free at Telstra Australian Short Course Championships in Melbourne

### IN 2006

Finished fourth in 400m and sixth in 1500m free at Commonwealth Games in Melbourne....won first ever national title with victory in 400m free at Telstra Commonwealth Games Trials in Melbourne....won a gold and a silver at each of the three legs of Mare Nostrum series....won bronze in 400m free at Telstra Australian Short Course Championships in Hobart

### IN 2005

Semi finalist in 200m free at Telstra Trials in Sydney....second in 400 & eighth in 200m free at Telstra Australian Short Course Championships in Melbourne....second in 400m free at NSW Championships (December)

### IN 2004

Won silver as a heat swimmer in 4x200m free and was eighth in 1500m free at Athens Olympics....was second in 400 & 1500m and sixth in 200m free at Telstra Olympic Team Selection Trials in Sydney

### IN 2003

Claimed gold in 4x200m free and was 14th in 1500m free at the FINA World Championships in Barcelona....was second in 1500, third in 400 and sixth in 200m free at Telstra Australian Championships in Sydney...finished with bronze in 1500m at Duel in the Pool in Indianapolis

### PREVIOUS YEARS

**2002**....won bronze in 1500m free at Manchester Commonwealth Games....added gold in 4x200m free at Pan Pacs in Yokohama....won gold as a heat swimmer in 4x200m free at FINA World Short Course Championships in Moscow.... was second in 1500, third in 400 and sixth in 200m free at Telstra Australian Championships in Brisbane....**2001**....placed seventh in 1500m free at FINA World Championships in Fukuoka....was second in 1500, third in 400 and eighth in 200m free at Telstra Australian Championships in Hobart....added bronze in 400, 800, 1500m free at Telstra Australian Short Course Championships in Perth....**2000**....finished third in 1500m and fourth in 400m free at Telstra Selection Trials in Sydney....**1999**....was fourth in 1500m at Pan Pacs in Sydney

## OUT OF THE POOL

**FAMILY MEMBERS:** Wife – Lauren, Mum – Diane, Dad – Bill, Brother – Luke; **WHAT OR WHO INSPIRES YOU:** Wanting to be the best I can be; **ROLE MODELS:** Daniel Kowalski; Andrew Ettingshausen, Michael Jordan

## PERSONAL

**STUDIES/OCCUPATION:** Swim coach, water smart instructor; **SPORTS BEFORE SWIMMING AND SPORTS YOU PLAY NOW:** Soccer, AFL, basketball and water polo; **INTERESTING FACTS PEOPLE MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT YOU:** Collect shot glasses from around the world; **SUPERSITITONS:** None; **ULTIMATE RELAXATION:** Nice quiet beach in a warm climate; **SPECIALITY IN THE KITCHEN:** BBQ expert; **ONE THING YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT:** TV; **WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO AWAY FROM SWIMMING:** Relax, time with Lauren

## FAVOURITE

**SPORTING TEAM:** Cronulla Sharks; **MOVIES:** Remember the Titans, Spaceballs; **TV SHOW:** Neighbours, Seinfeld; **BANDS/MUSIC:** Anything – depends on the mood; **CDs:** Anything – depends on mood; **FOOD:** KFC and Pizza; **DRINK:** Coffee, beer and water, of course; **SWIM MEET:** Athens Olympics; **HOBBIES:** Chillin' out; **PETS:** Wee Pee, our fake budgie on the balcony; **LAST BOOK YOU READ:** I'd rather watch a movie; **WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST ASSET?** Determination; **HAVE ANY OF YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS REPRESENTED AUSTRALIA OR PLAYED SPORT AT A NATIONAL LEVEL?** No; **WHO HAS BEEN**

**THE BIGGEST INFLUENCE IN YOUR LIFE AND WHY:** My dad because he's always been there for me; **HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOURSELF IN THREE WORDS?** Motivated, committed, determined; **HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE REMEMBERED?** Someone who gave his all and a good bloke; **SWIMMING CAREER ULTIMATE GOAL:** Olympic medal; **PERSONAL AMBITIONS:** Be the best husband I can be; **HAVE YOU ENCOUNTERED ANY OBSTACLES DURING YOUR SWIMMING CAREER?** Bulging disc in my back and financial struggle; **WHAT AGE DID YOU START SWIMMING AND WHY?** About five to learn to swim; **FAVOURITE SWIMMER AND WHY?** Daniel Kowalski, a great swimmer and person; **FAVOURITE ATHLETE AND WHY?** ET, Shire Boy; **NOTABLE QUOTE:**

#### AUSTRALIAN TEAM REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS AND RESULTS

EVENT	LOCATION	YEAR	RESULTS
Olympic Games	Athens, Greece	2004	2 <sup>nd</sup> 4x200m free (heat swim); 8 <sup>th</sup> 1500m free
	Beijing, China	2008	15 <sup>th</sup> 1500m free; 25 <sup>th</sup> 400m free
World Champs	Fukuoka, Japan	2001	7 <sup>th</sup> 1500m free
	Barcelona, Spain	2003	1 <sup>st</sup> 4x200m free; 14 <sup>th</sup> 1500m free
Commonwealth Games	Melbourne, Australia	2007	2 <sup>nd</sup> 800m free; 6 <sup>th</sup> 400m, 1500m free
	Manchester, England	2002	3 <sup>rd</sup> 1500m free; 4 <sup>th</sup> 400m free
	Melbourne, Australia	2006	4 <sup>th</sup> 400m free; 6 <sup>th</sup> 1500m free
World Short Course	Moscow, Russia	2002	1 <sup>st</sup> 4x200m (heat swim); 10 <sup>th</sup> 1500m free; 12 <sup>th</sup> 400m free
Pan Pacific Champs	Sydney, Australia	1999	4 <sup>th</sup> 1500m free
	Yokohama, Japan	2002	1 <sup>st</sup> 4x200 free; 4 <sup>th</sup> 800m, 1500m free
Goodwill Games	Brisbane, Australia	2001	1 <sup>st</sup> overall men's team; 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1500m free
Duel in the Pool	Indianapolis, USA	2003	3 <sup>rd</sup> 1500m free
	Sydney, Australia	2007	3 <sup>rd</sup> 400m free
Japan International Swim Meet	Chiba, Japan	2007	9 <sup>th</sup> 400m, 1500m free

#### PERSONAL BEST TIMES AND RANKINGS- LONG COURSE:

EVENT	PERSONAL BEST	ALL-TIME AUSTRALIAN RANKING	MEET
200m freestyle	1:49.50		2004 Aust. Champs
400m freestyle	3:46.64	4 <sup>th</sup>	2008 Aust. Champs
800m freestyle	7:48.67	4 <sup>th</sup>	2007 World Champs
1500m freestyle	14:53.18	4 <sup>th</sup>	2008 Aust. Champs

#### PERSONAL BEST TIMES AND RANKINGS - SHORT COURSE

EVENT	PERSONAL BEST	ALL-TIME AUSTRALIAN RANKING	MEET
200m freestyle	1:48.78		2003 World Cup, Melbourne
400m freestyle	3:44.18	8 <sup>th</sup>	2003 World Cup, Melbourne
800m freestyle	7:54.22	10 <sup>th</sup>	2001 Aust. Champs
1500m freestyle	14:50.81	5 <sup>th</sup>	2001 Aust. Champs