



**David O'Brien, OAM, Honor Swimmer, Australia,  
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Personal Website (None known)

**David O'Brien** was the dominant Australian male marathon swimmer of his generation. His domestic wins in races around the country included: The 20km Rottneest Island Marathon Swim four consecutive times from 1992-1995 including the fastest crossing record in 1992. David was also the Australian Champion in Marathon Swimming in the following events: Australian Champion SLSA Surf Belt Championship 1988, Australian Marathon 15km Swim in 1989, Australian Champion for the 25km swim in 1990 – 1994 and Australian Champion for the 10km swim in 1992 – 1994. He also completed internationally maintaining a top 10 FINA World Ranking 1991-1995. His international wins included: USA Men's 15km in Fort Lauderdale in 1991, FINA World Open Water Championship (Team medal) in Rome in 1994 and Pan Pacific Championships in Atlanta in 1995. Closer to home he won the Bronze Medal at the FINA World Open Water Championship in the 25km Open Water Swim in Perth in 1991. He also was the first ever to complete the epic 33km swim from Kurnell to Sydney Harbour. David also won the Capri to Naples Marathon Swim in 1991.

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