



Jack Matheson

9/07/1917 – 3/08/2016

Years active 1976 – 2012

Clubs: Ettalong, Cronulla Sutherland, Seaside Pirates, Shoalhaven



Jack was born in Marrickville in 1917 and was a cyclist in his early sporting years.

He would've been a professional cyclist, except the war came and he joined the army. After 2 bouts of Denge fever, and a resulting heart attack, it was suggested he take up swimming.

By 1946, his swimming had so improved that he was able to swim and win the Sydney League of Swimmer's Championships in 1946.

Jack and his wife raised five children and so he was only able to swim once a week on Sundays, where he trained at the Boy Charlton Pool at the Domain. He joined Bankstown Swimming Club.

A debilitating car accident in 1958 didn't deter Jack from swimming and he would travel to Narooma from Turlinguh (where he owned a pie shop) and he was coached by Allan Dufty and was able to swim between 1.5 – 2km, 3-4 times a week.

Jack swam at lots of meets all over Australia, Pan Pacs, Australian Masters Games, World Championships in Riccione, Perth, World Masters Games in Sydney.

In 2000, Jack was awarded an Australian Sports Medal.

	National	NSW
LCM	29	60
SCM	23	30