



Margaret
Gayen

2011 Patteson

Athletics

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION

Commonwealth Youth Games (2011)
World U20 Athletics Championships (2012)
Asian Grand Prix (2013)
World Relay Championships (2014)
Commonwealth Games (2014)
Continental Cup (2014)

Where are they now?

Margaret finished her Honours degree in Mechanical and Sports Engineering in 2015 and now works as a Principal Mechanical Engineer in the energy industry.

In 2022, Margaret co-authored a paper "Creating Cultural Change to Support Gender Equality in Engineering" and presented it at the Australian Pipelines and Gas Association Convention in 2022 to a standing ovation. She also co-authored the Australian Code of Practice for Hydrogen Pipeline Systems which was released in 2024.

Margaret has been recognised with a number of awards for her tireless efforts in future fuels, renewable energy, and gender equality. These include:

- South Australian Young Professional Engineer of the Year from Engineers Australia in 2022,
- Young Energy Professional Development Award from the Australian Institute of Energy (SA) in 2022,
- Young Achievement Award from the Australian Pipelines and Gas Association in 2023.

Margaret retired from athletics in 2022.



With fellow Hall of Fame Inductees R Copson (Kennion 2011) and S Linn (Patteson 2012)



STATE REPRESENTATION

National All Schools Championships (2007, 2009, 2010, 2011)
Pacific School Games (2005, 2008),
Junior Athletics Championships (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013)
Open Athletics Championships (2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2022)

STATE ACHIEVEMENTS

Open 100m State Champion (2012 - 2016, 2018)
Open 200m State Champion (2013, 2018)
Open 100mH State Champion (2011 - 2014, 2017 - 2022)
Open Long Jump State Champion (2012 - 2015, 2017, 2018, 2020 - 2022)
Open Triple Jump State Champion (2012, 2013)
Open Heptathlon State Champion (2012)
U20 100mH (84cm) State Record (2012)
U20 Long Jump State Record (2012, 2014)
U18 100m State Record (2012)
U18 100mH (76.2cm) State Record (2010, 2011)
U18 Long Jump State Record (2012)
U14 Triple Jump State Record (2007)
U15 100m State Champion (2021)



NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Open 4x100m Relay Silver (2022)
Open Long Jump Silver (2017)
Open 100m Bronze (2013, 2017)
U20 Long Jump National Champion (2013)
U18 Long Jump National Champion (2011)
U17 Long Jump National Champion (2010)
U17 All Schools Triple Jump Champion (2010)

INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

2014 Commonwealth Games
6th Women's Long Jump
5th Women's 4x100 Relay
2014 IAAF Continental Cup
8th Women's Long Jump
2011 Youth Commonwealth Games
3rd Women's Long Jump
3rd Women's 4x100 Relay
5th Women's 100m Hurdles





SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Prefect (2011)

Debating and Public Speaking Captain (2011)

Athletics Captain (2011)

Hockey Captain (2011)

IGSSA Sportsperson of the Year (2011)

Di Burge Champion Runner (2009, 2010, 2011)

Sports Day Athlete of the Day (2005 – 2010)

Sports Day Aggregate Cup Winner (2004 – 2010)

Sports Day St Peter's Gift Winner

Australian Government Australian Student Prize (2011)

Australian Institute of Physics Bronze Bragg Medal (2011)

Governor of South Australia SACE Award (2011)

Dux of the School (2011)

Yr 12 Prize for Excellence in French (2011)

Yr 12 Prize for Excellence in Mathematics (2011)

Yr 12 Prize for Excellence in Physics (2011)

Cockburn Cup for Debating (2011)

Caltex The Best All-rounder Award (2011)

Ursula Lundberg Cup for Outstanding Sporting Achievement (2011)

Winifred Preedy Scholarship for Academic Excellence (2008)

Academic Excellence Prize (2006-2010)

Audrey Reed Prize for Dux of the Junior School (2005)

SCHOOL CO-CURRICULAR

Athletics (2003 – 2011)

Cross Country (2003 – 2008)

Hockey (2006 – 2011)

Soccer (2006 – 2011)

Lacrosse (2010)

Water Polo (2009 – 2011)

Basketball (2006 – 2010)

Softball (2006 – 2007)

Artistic Gymnastics (2002)

Debating (2004-2011)

Choral Night Instrumentalist (2008-2011)



MEDIA LINKS

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Margaret_Gayen

<https://www.adelaide.edu.au/alumni/news/list/2023/04/26/award-winning-engineer-and-elite-athletes-inspiring-career-journey>

<https://apga.org.au/research-and-other-reports/creating-cultural-change-to-support-gender-equality-in-engineering-and-in-the-oil-gas-and-pipeline-industry>

Guest Speaker at the Yr 12 Retreat (2025) and with fellow Hall of Fame Inductee C McAuliffe (Selwyn 2025)