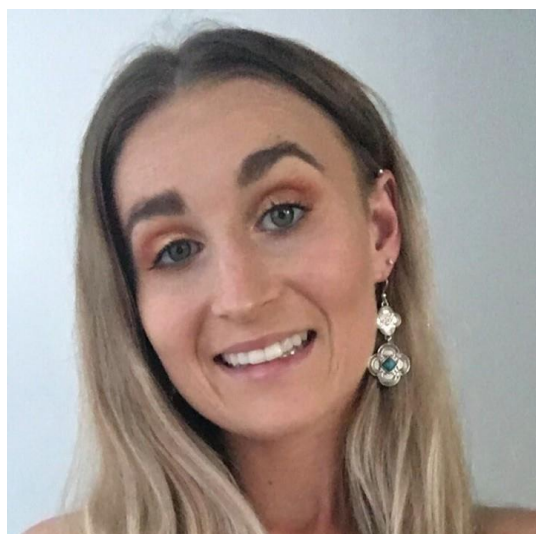


Emma Hurley Profile



Emma was born in 1998 and started her football career at the Gosford City Club when she was five years old.

Emma had an advantage over her team mates, as she had an older brother, Chris, who practised with her in the back yard and who encouraged her through her progress in the early years. Chris in his own right has progressed up the football ladder.

Emma played for six years at Gosford through the non-competition level. At age eleven, she was selected in the Central Coast Under 12 Representative squad. This was the first year Emma had played in an all female competition and against the best players in the Sydney Youth League competition.

She enjoyed the first two years at the higher level playing in a successful team, but the few years between 2011-2014 (Under 14-U17), the whole Club struggled with mediocre performances.

Emma however pushed herself as best she could and gained valuable experience from the situation.

In 2015, she transferred to North Shore Mariners, but the travelling and extra time interfered with her University Nursing studies. Change was necessary and she did not have to be lured back to the Coast to play for The Entrance in the Central Coast Women's Premier League, as her father Dave was the Coach. The team won the League Championship and won the grand Final to become Premiers for 2016. She had a second year at the Entrance without success and transferred to Woongarra Club with dad as the coach.

The seven years spent in the Rep arena was a perfect platform for her future.

At only twenty years old whilst playing for the Woongarra Club she was awarded the Women's Premier League competition "Player of the Year". She now holds a place along side the best players on the Central Coast.

She surprisingly said if she was able to catch up with any player in the world, she would like to meet Lionel Messi or David Beckham, but concluded that her brother had been a big influence and very supportive. She added that the coaches in the Central Coast, under whom she played, were very helpful to her understanding the game and the improvement of her skills. Three of those coaches were Bret Smith, Glenn Onysko and the late Ash Grant.

Emma during the summer months plays indoor football at Dural in a Sydney based Rep team competition. Something, which she has been doing for the last six years, and something, which has enhanced her skills overall.

Her favourite position is the No.10 but she had started her football in the back four.

Emma shows the maturity and the confidence to be able to display her best in the future.

Interviewed by Kevin Best Dec 2018