

DORI MILLER BONDI SBLSC

Originally from Connecticut in the USA, Dori arrived in Australia in 2009 but was no stranger to water. Dori already had a deep affinity with swimming, whether it be still water or open water swimming in and around Long Island Sound. However, the intricacies and challenges of the surf lay ahead for her to master.

Living in Bondi, and after meeting some Bondi Ice Berg members who were also Bondi SBLSC members, Dori joined Bondi and in December 2010 attained her bronze medallion.

Since doing her bronze, Dori has gone on to hold various positions in the club – Patrol Captain, Director of Surf Sports, Office Administration and Director of the annual Bondi Ocean Swim. Currently her main focus is to build and assist the future direction of surf sports for the club.

Aside from official duties in the club, Dori is a fierce competitor. Initially she was a little intimidated by the waves, however after learning to body surf and read and understanding the changing conditions of the surf, Dori has many Branch, State and Australian titles to her name. For someone who had never encountered waves until 10 years ago, her surf sports achievements are even more amazing.

Advice/Comments

- Don't underestimate your capabilities and what avenues there are for you in Surf Life Saving, and the different ways you can contribute.
- Don't be afraid to put your hand up – there is always someone there to help, whatever it is you want to achieve.
- Give it a go
- The surf club becomes your family, your network and your home
- The culture shock of Australians and their nicknames

For someone who had never heard of beach patrol or been in the surf before Dori has achieved a lot in 10 years.



