

# Lauren Jackson

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## ***WNBA All-Star, Social Entrepreneur & Q&A Speaker***

Lauren Jackson is respected as one of Australia's greatest female basketballers and a Q&A speaker who provides audiences with insights into the world of basketball, the life of an elite athlete and the challenges of performing at the highest level.

Lauren's personal experiences also make for a compelling and unique Q&A.



### ***More about Lauren Jackson:***

Lauren Jackson grew up in Albury, NSW. Over a career at elite level spanning 15 years, she competed in several leagues including the Australian (WNBL), American (WNBA), European (EuroLeague) and Asian (WKBL) Women's Basketball.

Lauren's most notable achievements include being the first Australian in history to be selected as the first overall pick in an international and professional draft and being crowned an All-Star in her first WNBA season.

In 2003 Lauren was named MVP in the WNBA, making her the youngest player to receive this award and the first non-American, challenging the American dominance of basketball.

In 2012 Lauren received the honour of being named flag bearer for Australia at the London Olympics where she was instrumental in the Australian Opals Bronze Medal win.

In 2016 Lauren announced her retirement from the sport of basketball, leaving an incredible mark on the sport not only in Australia but internationally.

Since retiring Lauren has completed her degree in Gender & Diversity and committed herself to charity work.

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