

Professional Investment Services

Speaker Profile - Sophie Edington



Position:

Olympic swimmer, PIS sponsored athlete

Speaking topics:

- My Olympic story
- Success
- Goal setting
- Enthusiasm
- Passion
- Teamwork
- Adversity
- Vision
- Opportunity
- Motivation
- What it takes to be a winner
- Perseverance
- Question and answer forum

Preferred audiences:

- Advisers and accountants
- Centres of Influence
- Clients

Additional information:

- Comfortable presenting to audiences of any size.
- Preferred presentation length – up to one hour
- Microphone preferred for audiences of more than 75 (or if in large room)
- Audiovisual support – Laptop, data projector and sound required (can be supplied by the speaker if needed)

Notice:

A minimum of four weeks notice is preferred (dependent on availability)

Biography:

Champion swimmer Sophie Edington is already dreaming of the London Olympic Games in 2012, and recently competed in the World Championships in Rome.

The Australian backstroke swimmer, who trains in Brisbane, is the former world record holder for the 50m backstroke. She set the time at 2008 Australian Olympic Trials, beating the day old record of 27.95 seconds to lower it to 27.67 seconds.

Sophie also managed to qualify for the 100m backstroke, finishing second in 59.84 seconds.

Unfortunately she missed out on a place in the 100m women's backstroke final at the Beijing Olympic Games after finishing 7th in her semi final. Despite this, Sophie still had a great race.

Sophie had a disappointing Australian Team trials campaign for the Melbourne 2007 World Aquatic Championships. She finished 15th in the 100m freestyle and 3rd in the 100m backstroke in which she was the reigning Australian record holder. While she came 2nd in the 50m backstroke, she was not selected to be part of the team.

However, Sophie had an amazing career highlight at the Melbourne Commonwealth Games in 2006. Sophie won three gold medals at the Games in the 50m and 100m backstroke, and the 4 x 100m medley relay in world record time of 3:56.30 seconds with team mates Leisel Jones, Libby Lenton and Jessicah Schipper.

At the 2005 World Aquatics Championships in Montréal Sophie also won two gold medals, with the backstroke leg in 4x100m medley relay and as a heat swimmer in the 4x100m freestyle.

Sophie is in solid training now preparing for the selection trials for the 2010 Commonwealth Games in India and then ultimately the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

