

# Jackson Collins

## Business Student & Elite Athlete

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### CV

Jackson is a professional athlete with a passion for high performing teams.

Jackson has been an athlete with the Australian Institute of Sport since 2019. After being medically retired from the Sydney Swans, he made the switch to Sprint Kayaking where he became an Australian Champion, World Champion and Olympic Silver Medallist.

The road to this success was not smooth. Narrowly missing the Tokyo Olympic Team and forced retirement from AFL has given Jackson the ability to see beyond the narrow view of the playing field.

Jackson deeply understands the power of sport and was selected as the athlete representative on the Paddle Australia Athletes Commission. Here, Jackson is a voice for the athletes in Paddle Australia board meetings and is constantly striving for better athlete outcomes.

Jackson is also a representative of the Olympics Unleashed program that is designed to help school students unlock their potential. Jackson presents his story of setbacks and success to schools, helping the kids to set goals, create action plans and get excited for their futures.

After an eighteen-month internship with Shaw and Partners in Sydney, Jackson found his calling for a career in finance. In 2021 he enrolled at Griffith University to study a Bachelor Business with a major of Financial Planning and Accounting, which he is currently complete as a Scholarship student.

It was at Shaw and Partners that Jackson realised how he can help others achieve their financial goals and become financially independent. He is passionate about helping people not only succeed, but operate at their best.

This mentality carries into Jackson's community service. In 2024, Jackson was awarded the Long Service Award from Surf Life Saving Australia. This is an award given to those who complete ten years of voluntary patrol service to help keep the beaches safe. Jackson has also been a voluntary Surf Ski coach at Kurrawa Surf Club, helping the next generation of paddlers.

Jackson offers a unique combination of professional expertise and competitive spirit that makes him an invaluable asset to any team.

### Education

**Bachelor of Business  
Financial Planning & Accounting**  
Griffith University (current)

### Awards

- **Griffith Blues Award** 2022, 2023 & 2024 - Griffith University Sports College
- **Long Service Award** 2024 - Surf Life Saving Australia
- **Athlete of the Year** 2023 - Kurrawa Surf Life Saving Club
- **Team of the Year** 2024 - Paddle Australia

### Professional development

- **Governance Foundations for Not-for-Profit Directors** - Australian Industry of Company Directors
- **Spirit of The Game – Organisational Culture** - Australian Sports Commission
- **The Start Line – Sports Governance Foundations** - Australian Sports Commission
- **Community Coaching – Essential Skills Course** - Australian Sports Commission
- **The Defence - Managing Risk** - Australian Sports Commission
- **Certificate IV in Finance & Mortgage Broking** - Institute of Strategic Management
- **Certificate III & IV in Fitness**
- **Certificate III in Hospitality**

# Experience

## **Paddle Australia**, Gold Coast, QLD | Athletes Commission (May 2024 – Present)

- Work closely with the National Performance Director, CEO and Board of Directors of Paddle Australia.
- Listen to and communicate on behalf of the athlete body any concerns or issues of the athletes.
- Offer advice and recommendations to the Board.
- Report to the athlete body the outcome of relevant decisions made by Paddle Australia on issues identified by the athlete body through the Commission.
- Advise the Board on how athletes can better access opportunities to improve their sporting performances.
- Identify and make recommendations on improvements to athlete support and welfare and assist in the implementation of the athlete programs.

## **Olympics Unleashed**, Queensland, Aus | School Presenter (November 2024 – Present)

- Present to primary school children, sharing my journey of persistence, goal setting, taking opportunities and becoming the best version of yourself.

## **Kurrawa Surf Life Saving Club**, Gold Coast, QLD | Head Ski Coach (September 2024 – April 2024)

- Development & delivery of periodised training program and technical feedback
- Communicating and developing connection with all athletes to get best performance outcomes
- Providing goal setting sessions to be applied in sport and outside life.

## **Shaw and Partners Financial Services**, Sydney, NSW | Internship (August 2020 – April 2022)

Ongoing internship to see all parts of the business. Selected experience includes:

- Key influences that effect global market
- Correctly evaluating companies IPO
- Understanding employee payroll systems
- Conducting onboarding of new employees
- Gaining understanding of daily office administrative work loads of highly efficient offices.

## **Mortgage Ezy, Gold Coast Admin / Sales Assistant** (September 2019 – March 2020) Co ordinating reception and assisting the brokers. Selected experience includes:

- Gained an understanding of the home loan process
- Understood the roles and responsibilities of a mortgage broker.

## **North Burleigh Surf Club**, QLD | Bar Attendant (May 2018 - January 2019) Bar tender. Selected experience includes:

- During this time, I completed my RSA
- Learned clear communication skills
- Effective customer service

## **Dan Murphys**, Burleigh Waters, QLD | Store Assistant (April 2017 – November 2017) Checkout, customer service and shelf packing. Selected experience includes:

- Communications skills and building customer relations.

## **Johnson Real Estate**, Greater Brisbane & Gold Coast, QLD | Sales Supporter (February 2016 - September 2016)

Sign coordinator. Selected experience includes:

- Organisation, planning and commitment
- Clear and fast communication.