

## Trampoline Elite Squad Athlete Profile - Hugh McConnell



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Read all about Hugh, his interests and wonderful accomplishments over the years... We will be featuring all our Trampoline Elite Squad athlete profiles over the upcoming weeks.

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At the tender age of 16, Hugh has already had a long history in the sport of Trampoline Gymnastics. Having started when he was just 4 years old, Hugh has been training for almost 12 years and has represented two countries in the process! Hugh started his Trampoline career in Queensland where he competed for the highly successful Roberston Gymnastics Club in Brisbane before moving to New Zealand where he trained under the guidance of Nigel and Vicki Humphrey's at ICE in Christchurch. Hugh was representing New Zealand at the 2008 Indo-Pacific Championships when he spotted Tasmania's own Jack Penny win the Senior Men's Double-Mini competition for the first time. Inspired by Jack's performance and a family love of the outdoors, the McConnell family soon relocated to Hobart to recommence life in Australia and proudly identify themselves as Tasmanian. At the 2012 Australian Gymnastics Championships, Hugh become one of the most successful Tasmanian Trampoline Gymnasts by winning four National Championships in one year.

<b>Birthplace</b>	Brisbane, QLD
<b>Hometown</b>	Hobart, TAS
<b>Favourite Music</b>	Green Day
<b>Favourite TV</b>	The Simpsons, My name is Earl
<b>Favourite Movie</b>	I Robot
<b>Favourite Quote</b>	"Just Do It"
<b>Hobbies</b>	Surfing, Designing and building marble runs
<b>Age started Gymnastics</b>	4
<b>Reason for starting</b>	Just always loved to bounce
<b>First Coach</b>	Malcolm McBide

<b>First Club</b>	Club Dynamite, Brisbane
<b>Current Club</b>	Apex Trampoline Club
<b>Current Coach</b>	Ben Kelly
<b>Favourite Apparatus</b>	Trampoline
<b>Occupation</b>	Student

#### COMPETITION INFORMATION

**Best National Performance:** 2012 Australian Gymnastics Championships –

Junior Men's Trampoline, Junior Men's Synchronised Trampoline

Under 17 Men's Trampoline, Under 17 Men's Tumbling Champion

**Best International Performance:** 2011 World Age Championships, 5<sup>th</sup> place U15 Men's DMT

**Best Gymnastic Moment:** Finals at the 2011 World Age Championships

#### NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Year	Event	Age Gr.	TRP	DMT	TUM	SYNCHRO
<b>2012:</b>	Australian Championships	JNR	1 <sup>ST</sup>	4 <sup>TH</sup>	-	1 <sup>ST</sup>
		U17	1 <sup>ST</sup>	5 <sup>T</sup>	1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>
<b>2011:</b>	Australian Championships	JNR	3 <sup>RD</sup>	9 <sup>TH</sup>	-	3 <sup>RD</sup>
		U15	2 <sup>ND</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	-	1 <sup>ST</sup>
<b>2010:</b>	Australian Championships	JNR	5 <sup>TH</sup>	15 <sup>TH</sup>	-	3 <sup>RD</sup>
		U15	5 <sup>TH</sup>	17 <sup>TH</sup>	-	2 <sup>ND</sup>
<b>2009:</b>	Australian Championships					

#### INTERNATIONAL RESULTS

Year	Event	Age Gr.	TRP	DMT	TUM	SYNCHRO
<b>2013:</b>	Australian Youth Olympic Festival	JNR	12 <sup>TH</sup>	-	-	4 <sup>TH</sup>
<b>2012:</b>	Indo-Pacific Championships	U17	16 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>	-	2 <sup>nd</sup>

<b>2011:</b>	World Age Championships	U15	14 <sup>TH</sup>	5 <sup>TH</sup>	-	12 <sup>TH</sup>
<b>2010:</b>	Indo-Pacific Championships	U15	11 <sup>TH</sup>	7 <sup>TH</sup>	-	2 <sup>ND</sup>
<b>2009:</b>						
<b>2008:</b>	Indo-Pacific Championships (for NZL)	U13	10 <sup>TH</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> (U15)

Best of Luck Hugh, with the upcoming Nationals!