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PAULI KIURU

IRONMAN
IN AUSTRALIA
HALL OF FAME

Pauli Kiuru from Finland was the first inductee into the IRONMAN Australia Hall of Fame. Pauli really set the scene for the emergence of international competitors, particularly the professionals, arriving to compete down under. Pauli had won at Ironman New Zealand in one of the closest Ironman finishes in history against Ken Glah from the USA in 1990. Pauli first raced at Forster-Tuncurry in 1991. He returned to win in 1992, 1993, 1994 and placed 3rd in 1995. He did not race in Forster-Tuncurry in 1996 but returned for the last time in 1997 for a 9th placing against by then, a huge international professional field so ending an amazing IRONMAN Australia career against some of the world's best.

He had wins at Ironman Germany in 1990 and 1991, a 2nd at Ironman Japan in 1994 and placed 3rd at the Ironman World Championship in 1990 and again in 1992 and a 2nd in 1993. Pauli held the Overall Race Record of 8:06:39 at Forster-Tuncurry until 2019 when Cameron Wurf broke it by seconds. Pauli also held the bike race record until 2015. He finished 29 Ironman races in his career. He worked as a journalist on retirement and then entered politics where he has been a Member of the Finnish Parliament National Coalition Party since 2011.

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IRONMAN Australia Results

	Overall	Swim	Bike	Run
1991	8:22:40	0:49:40	4:45:05	2:47:55
1992	8:06:39	0:47:40	4:30:50	2:48:09
1993	8:10:53	0:45:34	4:37:20	2:47:59
1994	8:21:13	0:48:16	4:40:36	2:52:21
1995	8:34:16	0:49:45	4:41:29	3:03:02
1997	8:50:21	0:47:52	4:54:22	3:08:07

Entered 6 | Finished 6

Fastest Year 08:06:39 in 1992 | Fastest Swim 00:45:34 | Fastest Cycle 04:30:50 | Fastest Run 02:47:55