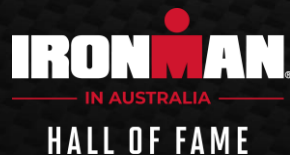


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DR. TERESA KUNAEVA



In 2007 it was time to review the female athletes with only Louise as the sole female inductee. Teresa was a stand-out choice being an inaugural 1985 finisher, an ageless age group athlete and former professional and winner of the 1st Ultra Distance Triathlon in Sydney back in 1983. Teresa had impacted on the triathlon community and especially IRONMAN Australia over 22 years. She finished in a time of 14:06:28 in 1985 at age 29. She missed the 1987 race but returned in 1988 and went on to finish another 19 races to 2006. She was 50 years of age. She was not a fan of the Port Macquarie course but finished that 2006 race in a time of 16:37:28. She returned in 2007 but was a DNF but was inducted none the less. She then waited until 2015 for a comeback but was again a DNF. Being much fitter in 2016 and with that determination she finished in a time of 16:35:20. An attempt in 2017 was unsuccessful and she pulled out on the bike leg. Teresa had been an inspiration to the age group athletes who make up the bulk of IRONMAN fields. She has been particularly inspiring to the female IRONMAN athlete with her spirit of commitment to life and the "never give up approach".

She speaks several languages including Russian and Chinese. She worked at ASIO essentially as a spy after a career in the RAAF. She is a proficient violinist and holds a PhD;MA (International Relations) GradDip(Asian Studies) BMus(Hons) DipMusT and a BA. She works at the Queensland Conservatorium, Griffith University. She is a string and recorder performer and teacher.

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Top 10 IRONMAN Australia Results

	Overall	Swim	Bike	Run
1990	12:27:20	1:13:25	6:00:09	5:13:46
1992	12:40:39	1:13:20	5:53:32	5:33:47
1994	12:49:00	1:16:23	6:21:45	5:10:52
2001	12:53:21	1:17:52	6:36:41	4:58:48
1988	12:58:07	1:25:58	6:21:34	5:10:35
1996	13:25:14	1:17:12	6:14:37	5:53:25
2002	13:45:34	1:20:57	6:24:05	6:00:32
1985	14:06:28	1:45:20	7:04:21	5:16:47
2004	14:21:03	1:28:38	6:29:03	6:23:22
2005	14:32:28	1:21:31	7:03:50	6:07:07

Legend #8

Entered 24 | Finished 21

Fastest Year 12:27:20 in 1990 | Fastest Swim 01:13:20 | Fastest Cycle 05:53:32 | Fastest Run 04:58:48

Statistical Data gathered with assistance from Luis Lopez