

# Barrie Kellaway

## NSW and Australian freestyle champion

*I used to train at Granville pool every day from about 5pm, when most people had gone home for tea. At that time no one in my age group could keep up with me, so I just had to train by myself. There were no training lanes in those days, so I just had to swim straight through the other swimmers.*

Barrie Kellaway (born 1934) began swimming at Granville aged nine, and won his first State title the following year. Barrie joined the Granville Amateur Swimming Club and was trained by Tom Penny, Ray Austin and his own father before joining Forbes Carlile's Palm Beach swimming club in around 1948. Kellaway grew up close to Granville Pool, alongside fellow champions Barry Darke and John Devitt, and trained here every afternoon until he stopped swimming in about 1952.

At the 1947 NSW championships, Barrie won the 55, 110, 220 and 440 yards Junior titles. His first national title came the following year, when he won both the Australian Junior 440 yards and the NSW Junior 440 and 880 yards freestyle championships. Between 1944 and 1952, Kellaway won at least ten State and four Australian championships, and represented Australia at the 1950 British Empire Games in New Zealand. At the 1951 Australian championships in Melbourne, Barrie swam brilliantly to win the 440 yards freestyle title ahead of French champion Alex Jany and local champion Barry Darke.



Above: Barrie diving into North Sydney pool, about 1949

Below: Barrie Kellaway in his backyard at John Street Granville, about 1949



Right: The NSW team at the Australian championships in Melbourne, 1951.  
Top row, left to right: Joe McCann, David Hawkins, Frank Murphy, Barrie Kellaway, Rex Albury, Bob Barry, Ron Sharpe, Kevin Newell, unknown, Ralph Jobson, Leslie Thicknesse  
Middle row: Pam Hopkins, unknown, Kay Hayman, Noeline Matchett, Pam Hull, Janet Johnson, Beryl Hosking, Noeline Maclean.  
Bottom row: Barry Darke, Les O'Keefe, Jack Barnett



Right: Barrie Kellaway (on left), after beating Canadian swimmer Leo Portelance in the second heat of the 1650 yards race at the British Empire Games in Auckland, 1950



Far right: Barrie Kellaway, about 1949  
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