Elena rides wave of success

Water polo ace keeps scoring goals and hopes to make the Olympic team in 2020

Sean Thompson

Elena Little admits she has a funny reason for taking up water polo.

"Spent her time between her schooling and club commitments with UNSW.

Elena has ridden a wave of success since the start of the year.

She was the top goal scorer and named tournament MVP for NSW at the East Coast Challenge in Melbourne earlier this month.

This followed a highly successful outing at the club nationals in Tasmania, where she was also named MVP.

Elena said the best part about water polo was the opportunity to travel around Australia.

"This year I was already home to Orange, Albury-Wodonga and Melbourne," she said. "It's been fun to visit new places and compete against new players."

St Catherines School student, 14, says she started swimming three years ago when regular swimming became "boring".

"I was doing swimming and didn't really like it. She would like to make a career out of it, but for the moment she is happy just playing."

"I'm proud of everything I've achieved so far, and I'll keep working hard, she said."

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