



# INTERNATIONAL TRIATHLON UNION ATHLETE PROFILE 2009



## ANDREA HEWITT (NZL)

**Nickname:** "Ange"  
**Nationality:** New Zealand  
**Date of Birth:** 4 April 1982  
**Place of Birth:** Christchurch, New Zealand  
**Residence:** Christchurch, New Zealand



**Height:** 5'3" (1.60m)  
**Weight:** 114 lbs (52kg)



**2008 Year-End Ranking:** 17

**Current Coach:** Laurent Vidal  
**Current training location:** Christchurch, New Zealand

**Favourite ITU Race & why:** Mooloolaba World Cup. I love the surf, the sand and the beautiful weather!

**First Triathlon and reason:** The New Zealand National Championships in February 2005. I had spent the summer training for the Coast to Coast multisport event and had promised my coach John Hellemans that after racing 14hrs from the west coast to the east coast of New Zealand, I would try a triathlon.

**Proudest Moment:** Standing on the podium at the 2006 Commonwealth Games for triathlon and representing New Zealand in Surf Life Saving in 2001.

**Triathlon Goals:** To continue improving and to consistently keep performing at the highest level.

**Personal Best:** Swim (1500m) - 18.07      Bike (40km) - 1.03      Run (10km) - 34.37

**Most influential person in sporting career:** John Hellemans because he has been with me since the beginning of my triathlon career.

**Sponsors:** Adidas, Bayleys, Beauvais, Weetbix

### PERSONAL

**Profession:** Triathlete      **Marital Status:** single  
**Education:** Bachelor of Commerce in Economics at University of Canterbury  
**Language(s):** English      **Sibling(s):** two sisters  
**Father's Occupation:** Engineer      **Mother's Occupation:** Accounts Clerk

**Family History in Sport:** Tina (older sister) has New Zealand National Titles in Surf Life Saving. Sara (younger sister) was a New Zealand Waterpolo representative.

**Other Sports:** surf life saving

**Biggest Obstacle Overcome in Life:** Taking a year out from University for Camp USA 2002 and then having to return home and finish my last year of study.

**Goals outside Triathlon:** To enjoy life

**Favourite motto:** "It's about excellence" - Mark Watson

## **CAREER**

### **Ranking History:**

2008 - 17th    2007 - 15th    2006 - 9th

### **World Cup Highlights:**

2007 Kitzbuehel world cup winner (Kitzbuehel, AUT)

2006 BG International Triathlon Rookie of the Year

5 World Cup medals

### **World Championship Highlights:**

2009 Dextro Energy Triathlon - ITU World Championship Series - Bronze medal (K

2009 Dextro Energy Triathlon - ITU World Championship Series - Gold medal (Ma

2006 Triathlon World Championships - 10th Place (Lausanne, SUI)

2005 Triathlon Under23 World Champion (Gamagori, JPN)

### **Olympics:**

2008 Olympic Games - 8th Place (Beijing, CHN)

### **Other:**

2006 Commonwealth Games - Bronze Medallist (Melbourne, AUS)