

FORMER COMMONWEALTH LIGHTMIDDLEWEIGHT (SUPERWELTER) CHAMPION TROY WATERS

I am very sorry to learn from Chris Carman of Big City Events of Australia, of the death of former Commonwealth Lightmiddleweight Champion TROY WATERS.

Troy was 53 years old and had been suffering with leukaemia. One of the famous Australian boxing Waters brothers from the '80's and '90s, he compiled a record of 28 wins from 33 contests. In only his 6th contest he challenged unsuccessfully the formidable In Chul Baek for the Orient and Pacific Title, (away from home, via split decision) but bounced back to win the Australian Title in his next contest and in 1987 defeated Brit Lloyd Hibbert for the Commonwealth Title a Title he went on to defend successfully 4 times, and which he never lost in the ring.

It is a measure of his talents that, the Baek loss aside, his only other losses were in World Title contests against IBF Champion Gianfranco Rosi and WBC Champions Terry Norris, Simon Brown and finally, in 1997, Felix Trinidad.

Among his many victims were future Commonwealth Champion Alain Bonnamie and former WBC World Champion, Jorge Vaca.

Following the Trinidad loss, he returned successfully in 1998, ending his career with a win over Ambrose Mlilo

Our sincere sympathies and condolences are extended to Troy's family and close friends.

On behalf of all the Directors and officials of the Commonwealth Boxing Council,
SIMON BLOCK
Hon Secretary