



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN  
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# JOINT OFFICE NEWS



Western Australian Olympic Council and Commonwealth Games Australia WA Division

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## EDUCATION

### 2018 Pierre de Coubertin Awards

#### Nominations are now open [HERE](#)

State Sporting Associations and all WA Government and Non-Government Secondary Schools are invited to nominate a student in either year 10, 11 or 12 to receive this prestigious National Olympic award.

The award is named after the founder of the modern Olympics and recognises students who demonstrate the Olympic values of Excellence, Respect and Friendship. The awards are held in each State every year (except NT) and since 1993 over 16,500 students have been recognised by the Australian Olympic Committee for their positive character traits and ideals.

The first 100 nominations received will be invited to the WA Olympic Academy Day and Official State Presentation Ceremony to be held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 where they will have the opportunity to meet Olympians and participate in leadership workshops. If your nominee is unable to attend the Academy Day and State Ceremony the certificate and pin will be mailed to your association or their school for presentation at an assembly or another suitable occasion. (2017 Academy Day pictured above)

The nominee will no doubt be a valuable role model for your sporting organisation and the award provides an ideal opportunity for you to acknowledge them. More information on the Awards, the Olympic Academy Day and Awards Criteria can be found [HERE](#).



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### Olympic Day

International Olympic Day is held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June every year, presenting an opportunity to reflect on the Olympic values of Excellence, Respect and Friendship. This year WA is celebrating with a host of activities where our Olympians are going out into the community to share their stories and inspiring the next generation of athletes.

Olympic Day celebrations kicked off yesterday with Natalie Burton (2016 Basketball) sharing her Olympic experience and a few basketball tips with the U/12 Perry Lakes Hawks representative team who were so excited to have an Olympian at their training session at Bendat Basketball Centre. Thanks to VenuesWest for their continued support of Olympic Day. Other Olympic Day celebrations include:

- Tamsin Cook (2016 Swimming) will visit HBF Stadium to help out with some swimming lessons
- Blair Evans (2012, 2016 Swimming) will be declaring the "Games Open" at a local school who celebrate Olympic Day every year by holding a mini Olympic Games. Blair will also be helping out with swimming lessons at her training pool at HBF Arena
- Jayde Taylor (2012 Hockey) will be chatting with approx. 300 year 11 & 12 students about her Olympic journey
- Plans are underway with the Starlight Foundation to arrange a visit to the new Perth Children's Hospital soon.



## 2018 Commonwealth Games School and Community Visits

WA Athletes have been busy visiting schools and running clinics and sharing their Commonwealth Games experiences.

In total our 2018 Commonwealth Games athletes will visit 16 Schools and run 2 sporting clinics, their way of giving back to the community who supported them in their goal of Commonwealth Games Team Selection.



## FUNDRAISING

### Gold Coast Glory Athlete Farewell Luncheon

The Governor, The Premier and The Minister all attended the celebration of our Athletes and Officials selected on the 2018 Australian Commonwealth Games Team. 600 guests were treated to Christine's Anu's unofficial Australian National Anthem "Island Home" and also heard from Commonwealth Games Legends Ric Charlesworth (hockey), Allana Slater (gymnastics) and Eamon Sullivan (swimming) followed by the presentation of all the Athletes and Officials on stage (pictured above).

Special thanks to Graham Moss, Chair of the Team Appeal Committee, and the Committee members for delivering on the fundraising target of \$150,000 towards the participation costs of all the athletes at the Games. For instance, it cost Commonwealth Games Australia \$15,000 to hire fridges for each of the athlete accommodation rooms in the athlete's village.



### Towards Tokyo 2020

Attention now turns towards our \$1,000,000 fundraising target for Tokyo 2020. The Australian Olympic Committee expects it will cost \$16,000,000 to send the Australian Team to Tokyo and all the State Olympic Councils are responsible for fundraising \$8,000,000 towards this cost.

Our WA Olympic Team Appeal Committee is planning a variety of events in order to achieve our \$1,000,000 and we look forward to the support of our Olympic Alumni and State Sporting Associations in realising this target.

### Acknowledgements

We would like to acknowledge the outstanding contribution of all our Team Appeal Committee members who have volunteered countless hours and worked tirelessly to fundraise for our athletes over the years.

On behalf of all the athletes, a huge thank you to Lloyd Meredith, Ron Eacott, Simon Martin, Kirstin Mardady and John Driscoll who have decided to retire from the Committee – their contribution over the years has been invaluable, thank you.





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## OLYMPIANS CLUB OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

### Save the Date

Olympians Club of WA Christmas Luncheon will be held on Sunday 25 November from 12-3pm.

More information available in the coming months.....



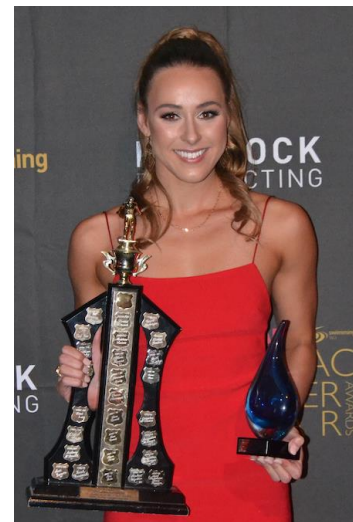
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## AWARDS, HISTORY AND HERITAGE

### Swimming WA Swimmer of the Year Awards

Congratulations to the following Olympians who were honoured at the recent Swimming WA awards:

Brianna Throssell (2016)	Lyn McClements Swimmer of the Year Medal Swimming WA Life Members Trophy
Blair Evans (2102, 2016)	Hancock Prospecting Perpetual Trophy
Travis Nederpelt (2004, 2008)	Inducted into the Hall of Fame
Lyn McClements (1968)	Inducted into the Hall of Legends



### Olympic Anniversaries in 2018

#### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary      1968 MEXICO 12 – 27 October

The Australian team for Mexico was restricted to 180, 59 less than Tokyo, the first time that selection criteria was set that looked at standards achieved in Australia and their relationship to world standards. Australia sent 143 competitors and 32 officials. Australia won 5 Gold, 7 Silver and 5 Bronze medals, with WA athlete, Lyn McClements (McKenzie) becoming the first Australian woman to win an individual swimming Olympic gold medal, a record that still stands today. Our dominance in Hockey continued with 7 WA athletes again representing in Hockey in Raymond Evans, Brian Glencross, Donald Martin, Donald Smart and Eric Pearce along with brothers Julian, and Gordon, who with brother Mel (1956), created history with all four brothers taking part in Olympic competition. The men's Hockey team took Silver along with McClements and Lynne Watson (Bates) in the 4x100m medley relay.



#### 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary      1988 SEOUL 17 September - 2 October

In 1988 the AOF Team Budget for Seoul was \$10 million. Olympians found a voice, with the AOF setting up its first Athlete's Commission in 1985, chaired by Peter Montgomery. 28 athletes and 11 officials joined the 270 strong team and Australia won a total of 14 medals in Seoul, 3 Gold, 6 Silver and 5 Bronze, with WA athletes contributing to 1 Gold and 2 Bronze medals.

1988 marked the start of the successful era of the Hockeyroos, playing in only their 2<sup>nd</sup> Olympic tournament they took Gold defeating South Korea 2-0 before an emotional home crowd of 26,000. Eight of the 16 team members, being Sharon Buchanan, Lee Capes, Michelle Capes, Sally Carbon, Elspeth Clement, Rechelle Hawkes, Lorraine Hillas and Jackie Pereira, along with Head Coach and triple Olympian, Brian Glencross were West Australians. Kelvin Graham took bronze in the kayak pairs and Elizabeth Smylie took bronze in the Tennis Doubles.



WA was represented by 49 WA athletes and contributed 10 medals to the Australian Medal Count (2 Gold, 3 Silver and 5 Bronze Medals) and a total of 16 medal winning performances by 14 athletes. Pole vaulter Steve Hooker created history, becoming the first Australian male athlete to win a track and field Gold medal in 40 years as he cleared 5.96m to claim Gold and the Olympic record in Pole Vault.

Duo of Tessa Parkinson and Elise Rechichi continued WA's proud history in the 470 Yachting event by following in the footsteps of their coach Belinda Stowell who won Gold in the same event at the 2000 Olympic Games. Husband and wife duo, Clayton and Lucinda Fredericks, combined with fellow West Aussie Sonja Johnson to claim Silver in the Equestrian Team Eventing. Swimmer, Eamon Sullivan claimed 2 Silvers and a Bronze in three events, all while holding the World Record as the fastest swimmer over both 50 and 100 metres. Bronze Medallists included canoe/kayak's Robin Bell and Lisa Oldenhof, water polo players Gemma Beadsworth and Emma Knox and members of the Kookaburras Men's Hockey Team, Kiel Brown, Bevan George and Fergus Kavanagh.

A full list of all WA results at all the Olympic Games can be found in the WAOC Annual Report [HERE](#)



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## STAKEHOLDERS

VenuesWest continues to be a great supporter of the WA Olympic Council programs and initiatives with collaboration between the two organisations in delivery of Olympic Day events and planning towards our Tokyo 2020 fundraising.

The WAOC are working with School Sport Western Australia in increasing the prominence of the Pierre de Coubertin Awards in WA with a presentation to their Board of Management on the Award and subsequent support and promotion of the program throughout their school network.

Olympian Belinda Stowell (2000, 2012 Sailing) will be talking about Leadership with approx. 100 student leaders coming to Perth for School Sport WA Country Week towards the end of June.

The WAOC would also like to acknowledge the support of IGSSA, PSA and th ACC in promoting the Pierre de Coubertin awards among their member schools.



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## GOVERNANCE

The Annual General Meetings for both the Western Australian Olympic Council and Commonwealth Games Australia WA division were held in April.

We recorded our best ever attendance with over 40 people attending.

A copy of the WA Olympic Council Annual Report can be found [HERE](#)

Please call the office on 6168 9185 for a copy of the Commonwealth Games Australia WA report.

