


AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIANS 2013





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WELCOME



JOHN COATES AC
President, Australian Olympic Committee
Vice President, International Olympic Committee

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Australian Olympian's annual magazine. As an Australian Olympian you are part of the world's longest lineage of Olympians in the modern era stretching unbroken from Athens 1896 to London 2012 – an honour shared only with Olympians from Greece.

Australia has long been a sports loving nation – it is part of our way of life. We love sport at home and we love it on the world stage. Indeed sport is often the global yard stick by which we measure ourselves as a nation. Australia's Olympians have always played a major role in our sporting success. Throughout the generations our Olympic Teams have continued to compete with the Australian 'have a go' spirit.

This determination and humble attitude has not only brought much success but has endeared our Olympians to many people around the world athletes in the Olympic Villages, fans in the host cities, and more recently to global TV audiences.

Importantly, your sporting achievements and daily contact within our communities continue to inspire Australians in a most positive way. Thank you for your ongoing contribution.

2014 is an important year within the Olympic Movement. In February we will wish our Winter Olympians every success as they compete at the Sochi Olympic Winter Games. We will also watch with great interest our Australian Olympians of tomorrow while they compete at the Nanjing Youth Olympic Games in August. Additionally, 2014 is a year of momentous Olympic Games anniversaries. I wish to congratulate our 1964 Olympic Teams from Tokyo and Innsbruck on their 50 year anniversaries, our 1984 Olympic Teams from Los Angeles and Sarajevo on their 30 year anniversaries, our 1994 Lillehammer Olympic Team on their 20 year anniversary and our Athens 2004 Olympic Team on their 10 year anniversary.

I trust you will now find it easier to reconnect with your teammates and the AOC. Enjoy.



LEON WIEGARD OAM
President, Olympians Club of Australia

Welcome to the new Australian Olympians annual magazine, our very own yearly bulletin. Like the original formation of Olympians Clubs throughout the country, this magazine is designed to keep Olympians in touch with and feel part of the Olympic Movement. It will also inform Olympians about current Teams, dinners and events in their State or Territory, as well as news about their former teammates and Team reunions.

There are active Olympians Clubs in all States of Australia and the ACT and a National body, the Olympians Club of Australia (OCA), which meets annually. Each of the State Clubs has a common constitution and elects its own committee and office bearers. Olympians living in each state automatically qualify for membership of that state's club. The OCA is made up of the Presidents of each of the clubs with the Secretary General of the AOC as Secretary.

Australia has a proud, successful and ongoing involvement in the Global Olympic Movement. We have been blessed with so many outstanding athletes and officials right from the start with Edwin Flack a dual winner at the first modern Olympiad and there has been a constant flow of gold since. Our whole country is a great supporter of all things Olympic.

In the past, many Olympians have felt a sense of separation from the movement after their competitive days were over. The Alumni will keep them involved and remember "ONCE AN OLYMPIAN, ALWAYS AN OLYMPIAN".

THE OLYMPIANS ALUMNI

The Australian Olympic Committee is pleased to launch the new look Australian Olympians Alumni.

We aim to provide you with regular up to date information to keep you engaged on news within the Australian Olympic movement. We have developed series of new communication platforms and encourage you to explore all that we have to offer to stay connected and reconnect with your Olympic fraternity.

Linkedin

The Australian Olympians LinkedIn page is now active. This is a closed group dedicated to you. Information will be shared regularly, please feel free to participate we would be delighted to hear about your current positions, views, stories and opinions on various topics. You are welcome to arrange and promote your own Olympic events via the group. Please visit the Australian Olympians webpage for details on how to join.



e-news

A monthly e-newsletter will be distributed and aims to provide details of upcoming events around the country, news and other important information (if you are not online you will continue to receive an abridged quarterly publication in the mail).

Webpage

A dedicated webpage is now live; please visit olympics.com.au/alumni for daily updates.

Annual Magazine

Each year this Australian Olympians Annual Magazine will be distributed. The publication will be a review of the year past and a preview what's to come.

Olympians Clubs

By virtue of being an Olympian you are a member of a very exclusive club. The Olympians Clubs operate in every state and the ACT and gather throughout the year for various events. We will promote any upcoming Olympians Club events through all communication platforms so you do not miss out. Please view the contacts page in this magazine for details on how to contact your State Club.

Australian Olympians
e-News December 2013

Welcome!
The Australian Olympians Alumni is now live with a new website, monthly e-News, LinkedIn group, Annual Magazine and plenty more. It is now much easier to connect with your Team mates and the Olympic Family. [Learn more here](#)

LINKEDIN: The Australian Olympians LinkedIn group is now active. This is a private group for Australian Olympians. To reconnect with your Team mates and keep up to date on the latest news and events [click here](#).

BOCHI 2014 NEWS: Anticipation is mounting as the countdown to the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games draws near. Selections are underway with the Australian Team set to field its biggest and most credentialed in winter history. For the latest news [click here](#). Give these Sochi Hopefuls a real boost by Posting a Message on the [Team Fan Wall](#).

MURRAY ROBE TRIBUTE DINNER: Ian Thorpe, Dean Fraser, Hero Elliot, Sharna Gould, Grant Hackett... 20 Gold Medallists in one room. The Murray Robe Tribute Dinner wasn't short of Olympians... or Olympic Spirit. To read more and see photos and video from the event [click here](#).

OLYMPIAN'S CLUB OF VICTORIA ANNUAL DINNER: Steven Bradbury led over 400 Olympians and guests who attended the Olympians Club of Victoria Annual Dinner, 22 November to celebrate the 57th anniversary Opening Ceremony of the Melbourne 1956 Olympic Games. To read more [click here](#).

2014 REUNION: 2014 will be a significant year for Olympic Anniversaries. 50 years since Tokyo and Innsbruck, 30 years since Los Angeles and Sarajevo, 20 years since Lillehammer and 10 years since Athens. For details on reunions [click here](#).

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Alumni News

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18 December 2013

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2014 Australian Olympic Winter Team – Our

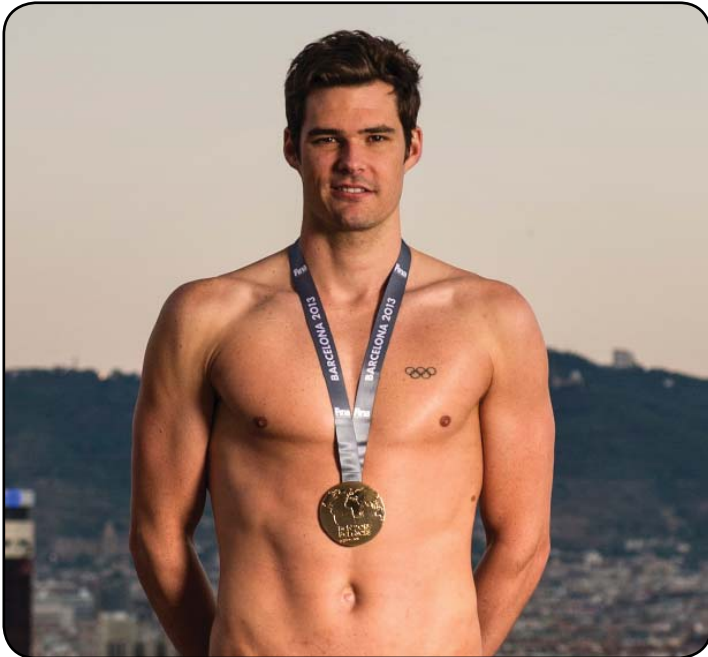
CHAMPIONS OF

CATE CAMPBELL

Swimming - 100m Freestyle

Dual Olympian Cate Campbell won Australia's third gold medal of the 2013 FINA World Championships. Hitting the wall in an impressive 52.34 seconds, a shade off her Commonwealth record from earlier in the week, Campbell led the field out at the 50m (24.85) and never looked back.

Not since the 1960 Olympics in Rome had Australia held both men's and women's freestyle crowns and for 21-year-old Campbell the win was all the more sweeter following the disappointment of missing out in London. A relay gold medallist on the opening night of the 2012 Olympic Games, Campbell contracted pancreatitis during the meet and was unable to swim the individual 100m freestyle.



CHRISTIAN SPRENGER

Swimming - 100m Breaststroke

A silver medallist at the London 2012 Olympic Games, 27-year-old Christian Sprenger put in a determined and ruthless display in the men's 100m breaststroke to win gold at the 2013 World Championships in Barcelona, Spain, ahead of Olympic champion Cameron Van Der Burgh from South Africa.

A member of the Australian team since 2006, the win was his first individual gold medal at a major meet and came almost a year to the day that he popped up for silver in London behind Van Der Burgh who was second at the World Championships in 58.97.

"I turned around and saw 58.7 and it blew my mind!"

JAMES MAGNUSSEN

Swimming - 100m Freestyle

Two years on from winning his maiden World Championship title, James Magnussen won gold at the 2013 FINA World Championships in Barcelona, Spain.

The 22-year-old who claimed the 100m silver in London, returned to the top of the podium by just getting in and winning the race. He stopped the clock in 47.71 seconds ahead of the USA's James Feigen (47.82) and Olympic champion Nathan Adrian (47.82).

Swimming from lane six and turning fifth at the 50m mark, Magnussen came home in 24.91, powering through the final 15m of the race. He described the feeling of touching the wall and winning the race as one of pure relief.



THE WORLD



CAROLINE BUCHANAN

Cycling - BMX

Caroline Buchanan won the 2013 BMX World Championships, clocking a time of 25.506 secs in a dramatic final to edge out compatriot Lauren Reynolds. It was redemption for her 2012 Olympic campaign which saw her start as the world No.1, but finish 5th.

Buchanan went on to win the World Four Cross title just two months later - her fifth title in five years, making her the youngest athlete to have won five elite World Championships by the age of 22.

Her record-breaking year was topped off when she won the 2013 Australian Cyclist of the Year Awards' highest honour, the Sir Hubert 'Oppy' Opperman Medal & Trophy.

MICHAEL HEPBURN

Cycling - Individual Pursuit

London Olympic silver medallist Michael Hepburn retained his pursuit title at the World Track Cycling Championships in 2013.

The 21-year-old dominated the race, to win in 4min 16.733sec and defend his title from 2012.

The pursuit win was Hepburn's second gold medal of the Championships, coming just a day after helping Australia win the team pursuit title.

To cap off a stellar year for the versatile young rider, Hepburn also won silver as part of the GreenEDGE team in the 2013 Road World Championships in Italy.



MICHAEL HEPBURN, GLENN O'SHEA, ALEX MORGAN & ALEX EDMONDSON

Cycling - Team Pursuit

Australia avenged two successive men's team pursuit title losses to Great Britain, when they regained their world track crown at the 2013 World Track Cycling Championships.

The Australians were second to Team GB at the 2012 World Championships in Melbourne and then again at the London Olympics, so the win against their British rivals in Minsk in 2013 was all the more sweeter.

The young quartet of Glenn O'Shea (23), Alexander Edmondson (19), Michael Hepburn (21) and Alexander Morgan (18) won the 4km race in a time of 3:56.751.



KEN WALLACE

Canoe/Kayak Sprint - 5000m

Dual Olympic medallist in canoe/kayak Ken Wallace, won the World Title in the gruelling K1 5000m race. Wallace won gold in the 500m and bronze in the 1000m at the Beijing 2008 Olympics, and came agonisingly close to a podium, finishing 4th in London 2012.

The 2013 win was the first time Wallace had won a World Championships crown since 2010. He controlled the race from start to finish winning in 19:44.06.

The win was Wallace's second medal for the World Championships, taking silver in his favoured event - the 1000m. He was at the back of the field at the half way point but fought back from the brink to finish second, just 0.44s behind 2012 bronze medallist Max Hoff.



KIM CROW

Rowing - Single Scull

Kim Crow is the first Australian woman to be crowned World Champion in single sculls rowing. The former hurdler blew the field away in Chinju, South Korea to win in 7:31.34. The triumph came just 14 months after her first senior race in the single when she qualified the boat as an insurance policy in case double sculls partner Brooke Pratley failed to recover from a rib injury.

Crow's impressive debut and then World Cup silver a week later saw her enter both the single and double at the 2012 Games where she won bronze and silver.

"It's really special," Crow said. "Australians are a lot more known for their crew boats and that's a wonderful culture to be a part of so to do something different is exciting but I still feel part of a bigger team."

ALEX 'CHUMPY' PULLIN

Snowboard Cross

Alex 'Chumpy' Pullin became the first Australian winter sport athlete to win consecutive World Championships when he secured a second snowboard cross title in 2013.

In winning back-to-back World Championships, the 26-year-old outclassed the world's best, which included a dual Olympic gold medallist and a former two-time World Champion, with a flawless performance.

His path hit top gear when he set the fastest time in qualification. He then stamped his supremacy by winning each of his four races on his way to standing on the top step of the podium. His dominance of the sport continued when he won the overall World Cup title, a feat he also achieved in 2009.





CARMEN MARTON **Taekwondo - 62kg**

Two-time Olympian Carmen Marton made history when she became the first Australian to win a World Championships in Taekwondo.

Marton took the title at the 2013 World Championships in Puebla, Mexico beating Hwi-Lang Kim of Korea 7-3 in the final of the women's -62kg division.

"This has been a dream come true for me. I have literally been visualising something like this since I started competing in taekwondo as a teenager and to have this day come true is beyond belief.

JESSICA FOX **Canoe/Kayak Slalom - C1**

Jessica Fox showed maturity beyond her years to withstand the pressure that goes with pre-event favouritism and hype to claim the C1 World Slalom Title in Prague. She won by nearly 13 seconds in an incredible performance by the Olympic K1 silver medallist. On the same day, Fox teamed up with Ros Lawrence and Ali Borrows to win another gold in the women's C1 teams event.

In the 2013 season, Fox won World Cups and the Under 23 World Title. "For me, winning the C1 is a big achievement because I was the favourite. And I wanted to win it especially after the 2011 Worlds when I didn't get a medal. For me I had to redeem myself, I had to show that I could pull it out, and that I was better than the last Worlds."



MATHEW BELCHER & WILL RYAN **Sailing - 470**

Australia's Mathew Belcher and Will Ryan achieved their biggest victory as a new pairing, claiming the 2013 470 World Championship in France.

On the one-year anniversary of Belcher's gold medal win with Malcolm Page at the London 2012 Olympic Games he added another major title to his name.

The victory extends Belcher's winning run to 17 straight regattas, stretching back to November 2011, with the last nine being alongside Ryan. Belcher also became the first sailor to win four straight 470 World Championships, with 2013 marking the 50th anniversary of the class.



INTERNATIONAL HONOURS & AWARDS



MARJORIE JACKSON AC CVO MBE- Athletics
Helsinki 1952

In 2013, Marjorie Jackson joined her equally impressive compatriot Betty Cuthbert in the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) Hall of Fame.

Jackson was the first Australian woman to set an athletics world record and also the first Australian woman to win an Olympic athletics gold medal. At the age of 17, she sensationally beat Fanny Blankers-Koen three times in quick succession, earning the nickname 'The Lithgow Flash.' The following year, she equalled the 100 yards world record of 10.8, the first of her 13 official world records.

At the 1952 Helsinki Olympic Games, she won gold in the 100m and 200m, setting a world record of 23.4 in her 200m semi, breaking a mark which had stood for almost 17 years. Jackson was one of Olympic flagbearer at the Sydney 2000 Opening Ceremony and was Governor of South Australia between 2001 and 2007.



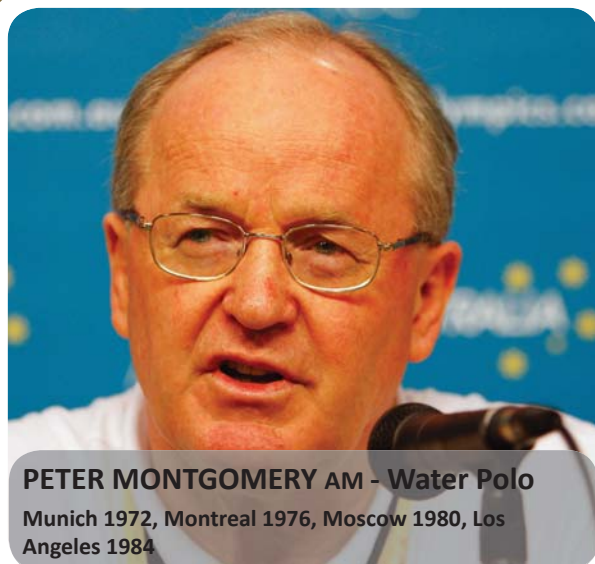
ANDREW GAZE AM - Basketball
Los Angeles 1984, Seoul 1988, Barcelona 1992, Atlanta 1996, Sydney 2000

All-time Australian basketball great Andrew Gaze AM received the sport's highest honour in June 2013, being inducted into the FIBA Hall of Fame at the House of Basketball in Switzerland.

Gaze was one of just 12 world class basketball personalities from 10 different countries to make up the 2013 Class. He is the third Australian to join the FIBA Hall of Fame, joining his father, Lindsay Gaze and Al Ramsay.

An icon of Australian and international basketball, Gaze led the Australian Boomers to an astounding five Olympic Games from Los Angeles 1984 to Sydney 2000.

He was given the honour of being the Australian flagbearer at the Opening Ceremony and the Australian Team Captain of the 2000 Sydney Olympics.



PETER MONTGOMERY AM - Water Polo
Munich 1972, Montreal 1976, Moscow 1980, Los Angeles 1984

In May 2013, Australian water polo great Peter Montgomery AM was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Montgomery, the Vice President of the Australian Olympic Committee, was recognised under the Contributor category for his tireless work and dedication to the sport of water polo and his involvement with the Olympic Movement for over 40 years.

Montgomery has the rare distinction of being a multiple Olympian as both an athlete and an official.

He made a name for himself in the pool playing 441 tests for his country including 167 as captain - before dedicating his honorary services to the development of the game and the Olympic Movement.



NATALIE COOK OAM - Beach Volleyball

Atlanta 1996, Sydney 2000, Athens 2004, Beijing 2008, London 2012

Five-time Olympian Natalie Cook was inducted into the International Volleyball Hall of Fame at a ceremony in Boston in October 2013.

Cook is the only athlete, male or female, to have competed in the first five Olympics after the sport was introduced at the 1996 Atlanta Games. She's also the only Australian woman to have competed at five Summer Olympic Games.

She teamed up with 2007 Hall of Fame inductee Kerri Pottharst to win gold at Sydney 2000 after winning bronze four years earlier. Cook finished fourth with Nicole Sanderson in Athens 2004 and partnered Tamsin Hinchley at the 2008 and 2012 Olympics. At 21 she was the youngest competitor in the beach volleyball in Atlanta, and at 37 she was the oldest competitor in London. Cook also has a World Championship silver and bronze medal in her collection, as well as several national titles.



MATHEW BELCHER - Sailing

London 2012

Mathew Belcher was named the 2013 International Male World Sailor of the Year. On the back of a two-year winning streak, four world championships in a row, gold at the London Olympics and numerous wins at World Cup events, Belcher is just the second Australian, after Tom Slingsby in 2010, to receive the honour in its 19 year history. At the time of the award, Belcher was on a 17-regatta winning streak, which began in 2011 with Malcolm Page.

Belcher also claimed the Australian Sailor of the Year award with his crew-mate Will Ryan. The pair went on to continue the winning streak in 2013, winning the World Championships in the 470 class in August and taking out the Sailing World Cup Melbourne event in December. The future, all the way to Rio looks bright.



KIM CROW - Rowing

Beijing 2008, London 2012

At a gala dinner in Tallinn, Estonia, dual Olympic medallist Kim Crow was named female athlete of the year by the International Rowing Federation following her world championship success in the single sculls event in August. Crow took up singles sculls rowing just before the 2012 Olympic Games and went on to win bronze in the event, in addition to her silver with Brooke Pratley in the doubles.

She overcame a year of injuries to fight her way into the 2013 season, winning every race that she entered including the World Championships in South Korea, where she beat the Olympic Champion and establishing herself as the top woman in the world and the one to watch for Rio 2016.



ANNA FLANAGAN - Hockey

London 2012

Anna Flanagan was named hockey's World Young Player of the Year in 2013. She became the third Australian woman to win the award, following teammate Casey Eastham, who won in 2009, and Angie Skirving, the inaugural winner of the award in 2001.

Awarded to the best international player under 21, Flanagan won for her performances in 2012, which included scoring twice at the Olympic Games where the Hockeyroos placed fifth, two places higher than their world ranking. After her debut in 2010, Flanagan won gold at the Delhi Commonwealth Games and has since been a Hockeyroos regular, competing at the Olympic Games, Champions Trophy, Champions Challenge and Oceania Cup.

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH OLYMPIC FESTIVAL

17 SPORTS

30 NATIONS

1700 ATHLETES



The 2013 Australian Youth Olympic Festival (AYOF) kicked off the year with a bang as the quest to unveil the next Australian Olympic superstars heated up when the world's finest young athletes converged on Sydney.

In what was the sixth edition of the Festival, athletes competed at many of the Olympic venues around Sydney as the legacy of the 2000 Games continues to live on.

Just as it did for the likes of Sally Pearson, Matt Mitcham and Anna Meares, the event gave many of the athletes their first opportunity to experience just what it feels like to compete at a multi-sport event.

The athletes took their first steps on what will be a long and challenging road to the 2016 Games in Rio. We can now sit back in anticipation for the next generation of sporting stars to take the world by storm.



Rugby Sevens had its first Olympic hit-out in the lead up to its hotly anticipated 2016 debut.

Many young golfers impressed as the sport builds towards returning to the Olympic program in Rio after a 112 year absence.





From marching at an Opening Ceremony in front of a packed crowd, to living in an Olympic-style Village drug education and testing, the Festival introduced athletes to the pressures and unique experiences of competing on the world stage.

When the athletes got down to what they do best, spectators were left in awe at the level of competition on display.

Four days in the pool saw barely an AYOF swimming record left standing, while the Athletics Centre also saw the record books re-written with some blistering performances.

Australian records fell at the weightlifting and track cycling while the packed out Hockey Centre saw two gold medal classics as the Aussies defeated the Chinese by a single goal in the women's event before the men knocked off old foes Great Britain in extra time.

With an eye on the Rio 2016 Games, the 2013 AYOF saw some exciting additions to the program.

The event also featured a host of exciting innovations with 3 on 3 basketball, head-to-head kayak sprint contests, elimination diving and mixed-team triathlon relays all taking a new angle to many of the tried and tested Olympic sports.

After five days of intense competition the curtain was drawn on what was undoubtedly the most successful Festival to date.

The AOC hopes the Festival's simulation of an Olympic Games assists an athlete's pathway and preparation for an Olympic Games. Of the 410 athletes in 2012 Australian Olympic Team, over one quarter (106 athletes) had competed in the AYOF. Between them they accounted for 19 medals, including three Gold, eight Silver and eight Bronze. In all, 205 AYOF graduates have competed for Australia at the Olympic Games and 41 have won medals.



#ASPIREtoSochi

7 - 23 FEBRUARY 2014

SOCHI, RUSSIA



From 7 - 23 February 2014, all eyes will be on Sochi with the XXII Olympic Winter Games taking place in the Russian Black Sea resort of Sochi.

Australia will field its biggest and strongest team in history with over 50 athletes expected to take to the ice and snow. Ian Chesterman will lead the Team as Chef de Mission, and has announced that his athletes are 'unashamedly' chasing a record medal haul in Sochi.

Australian athletes have won medals at every Winter Games since 1994 - winning three medals in Vancouver with Lydia Lassila's aerials gold, Torah Bright's snowboard halfpipe gold and Dale Begg-Smith's moguls silver.

The 2014 Team has more medal chances than ever before, and will also be chasing top 10 performances across many sports and disciplines.

There have been some exciting additions to the Olympic Program for Sochi 2014. The X-Games disciplines of ski and snowboard slopestyle will not only be great spectator sports but could see some medals come Australia's way, with strong athletes winning medals at world class events in the lead up to the Games.

Although unlikely to feature any Aussies, the new mixed gender and team events will provide great entertainment for spectators both in Sochi, and back home.

New Events:

BIATHLON - Mixed Gender Relay;

FIGURE SKATING - Team Event;

LUGE - Team Relay;

SKI JUMPING - Individual Women;

SNOWBOARD - Parallel Slalom Men and Women; Snowboard Slopestyle - Men and Women;

FREESTYLE SKIING - Ski Halfpipe - Men and Women; Ski Slopestyle - Men and Women



ALEX 'CHUMPY' PULLIN
snowboard cross



LYDIA LASSILA
aerial skiing



RUSS HENSHAW
ski slopestyle



HOLLY CRAWFORD
snowboard halfpipe



DAVID MORRIS
aerial skiing



TORAH BRIGHT
snowboard halfpipe/slopestyle



NATE JOHNSTONE
snowboard halfpipe



ANNA SEGAL
ski slopestyle

Read all about these athletes and the rest of the Team at: sochi2014.olympics.com.au/aus-team

FOLLOW YOUR TEAM!

The athletes will do everything they can to succeed in Sochi - but they need your support! So, here is a guide on how best to follow the Team.

WEBSITE: olympics.com.au
the one-stop shop for everything you need: athlete bios, news, results, video, blogs and more

SOCIAL: [@AUSOlympicTeam](https://twitter.com/AUSOlympicTeam)
like, follow, tweet, share on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Google+ & Youtube

THE BOX: [Network Ten, One](#)
Ten and One HD will be showing 360 hours of LIVE broadcast and replays throughout the day



**AUSTRALIAN
OLYMPIC
TEAM**





CHEF DE MISSION - SUSIE O'NEILL

Multiple Olympic medallist, Susie O'Neill, will lead the 2014 Australian Youth Olympic Team as Chef de Mission. O'Neill will lead a team of approximately 90 athletes to Nanjing, made up of 70 individual athletes and two teams.

"It is great to see the IOC investing in the development of emerging athletes and providing them with a learning experience for the Olympic Games," she said. "The Olympics can be hard to do well in as there is so much stuff going on. It always helps if you have been to a multi-country, multi-sporting event prior to Olympics. This would have helped me."

YOUNG AMBASSADOR - JESSICA FOX

Olympic silver medallist and Youth Olympic Games gold medallist, Jessica Fox, will be Australia's Young Ambassador. The canoe/kayak star was one of 100 Australian athletes at the first Youth Olympic Games (YOG) in Singapore 2010.

"It was a very valuable experience because it's an event like no other for young athletes and an eye opener for the Olympics," Fox said. "When I arrived in London I felt I was able to settle in quickly and deal with the excitement of the village, transport, the long opening and closing ceremonies, security, drug testing and uniform fitting. When I went to the YOG I didn't expect to be competing in London two years later. It took hard work fuelled by a big dream."



As at the end of 2013, Australia has qualified spots in the sports of swimming, canoe/kayak, judo, modern pentathlon, rowing, rugby sevens (women) and shooting. Marina Carrier and Max Esposito were the two athletes who qualified in modern pentathlon and will take the spots in Nanjing. For Esposito, it is the next chapter in a long Olympic history for his family. His father Daniel competed at the 1984 Los Angeles Games and his sister Chloe competed in the London 2012 Games, both in modern pentathlon. Another of his sisters, Emily, competed in pistol shooting at the first YOG in Singapore. In judo, Bryan Jolly and Naomi de Brunie will compete for Australia in the 50kg and 70kg divisions respectively.

FAST FACTS

Dates: 16 - 28 August 2014	Sports: 28 sports including rugby sevens and golf Demonstration Sports will be Roller Sports, Skateboarding, Sport Climbing and Wushu
Location: Nanjing, China - on the banks of the Yangtze River on the eastern side of China. 1000km south of Beijing, 280km north of Shanghai	Age: 15 - 18 years of age
Athletes: 3,600 total & 90 Australian	Mascot: NANJINGLELE the "riverstone"

ROAD TO RIO

In 2016, Rio de Janeiro will host the XXXI Olympic Games, and they promise to be spectacular.

It will be the first time that the Games have been hosted in South America, and with the Football World Cup kicking off there in 2014 - excitement will be at fever pitch.

The Games will be divided into four geographic zones with most of the venues and the Olympic Village in the western suburbs of Barra de Tijuca. There is some distance between the clusters meaning that transport will be one of the major challenges of the Games.

Australia is aiming to place in the top five of the medal tally and in order to achieve this, the Australian Olympic Committee has forged a powerful partnership the Australian Institute of Sport and the Australian Paralympic Committee. The partnership, called 'Campaign Rio' aims to be: Best Planned. Best Prepared. Best Performed.

Kitty Chiller was appointed as the Chef de Mission for the Australian Team for Rio. Chiller competed in modern pentathlon at the Sydney 2000 Olympics, and was a Deputy Chef de Mission in London 2012. There will be four Deputy Chefs de Mission and their roles and responsibilities are in line with the management philosophy of the five areas of work required to achieve success.

Leadership (Chef de Mission - Kitty Chiller)
Performance Excellence (Deputy Chef de Mission - Matt Favier)
Location Specific (Deputy Chef de Mission - Chris Fydler)
Culture and Values (Deputy Chef de Mission - Julien Prosser)
Planning and Execution (Deputy Chef de Mission - Craig Phillips)



2016 Team Executive

Matt Favier, Julien Prosser, Kitty Chiller, Chris Fydler, Craig Phillips

FAST FACTS

Dates: 5 - 21 August 2016
Location: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Athletes: 10,500
Nations: 204
Sports: 28 sports including rugby sevens and golf
Venues: 35 in four clusters - Barra da Tijuca, Copacabana, Deodoro, and Maracanã

INSIDE THE AOC

JANUARY

AYOF 2013: 1,350 athletes from over 30 nations competed in the sixth edition of the Australian Youth Olympic Festival (AYOF) from 16 – 20 January.

FEBRUARY

Anti-Doping: The AOC Executive unanimously approved the introduction of Anti-Doping Statutory Declarations. This marks a significant and necessary step in ensuring no person involved with the AOC, or an Australian Olympic Team, has a history of doping in sport. All Team Members, the AOC Executive, AOC staff, and any person involved with the Australian Olympic Team or Shadow Team or the AOC are now required to sign Statutory Declarations regarding anti-doping matters, which carry criminal penalties for wilfully untrue completion.

MARCH

ANOC 2013: The AOC hosted the 59th Meeting of Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) Executive Council. NOC and IOC officials from Africa, America, Asia, Europe and Oceania visited Sydney - the largest delegation of Olympic officials since Sydney 2000.

New AOC office opened: The AOC combined its two Sydney offices into one headquarters, now located in the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia (MCA) at level 4, 140 George Street Sydney. All Olympians are welcome to call in and visit.

Road to Rio: The AOC ran the 'Road to Rio' High Performance Management forum in Sydney with National Federations and the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) for Rio 2016.

MARCH/APRIL

SOC Elections: Five-time Olympians Natalie Cook and Anthony Edwards were elected State Olympic Council (SOC) Presidents in QLD and TAS respectively. Of the seven SOC Presidents, three are now Olympians (including Nick Green in Victoria). Three SOC Presidents are now women including Helen Brownlee in NSW, and Penny Halliday in SA. Robin Poke and Greg Kaeding continue as SOC Presidents in the ACT and WA respectively.

MAY

Sochi Team Assembly: 120 prospective athletes attended Team Assembly sessions held in Melbourne and Sydney for the 2014 Australian Olympic Team.

Annual General Meeting, Sydney:

- Three female Olympians joined the AOC Board. Kitty Chiller (Modern Pentathlon), Danielle Woodward OAM (Canoe/Kayak) and Nicole Livingstone OAM (Swimming) joined Kim Crow (Rowing).
- The AOC Executive Board has now achieved a higher percentage representation of Olympians and women than any time in its history. Of the 14 Members, eight are Olympians (67%) and five are women (42%).
- Helen Brownlee OAM was elected Vice President of the AOC, the first female to hold this role, having served 20 years on the AOC Executive Board.
- Ron Harvey CVO AM and Doug Donoghue AM were awarded Life Membership by the AOC. Ron Harvey stepped down as AOC Vice President following 20 years of service and Doug Donoghue stepped down after 20 years of service.
- Lynne Bates (Swimming) was presented a special Award of Gratitude and stepped down from AOC Executive Board after 12 years' service.



AOC President John Coates, President of ANOC and Olympic Solidarity, Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Saba and The Hon. Barry O'Farrell MP, Premier of NSW.

AUGUST

New Chef for Rio 2016: Kitty Chiller was announced as Chef de Mission of the 2016 Australian Olympic Team for Rio. She will be the first woman to lead the Australian Team as Chef de Mission at a summer Olympic Games.

OCTOBER

'Campaign Rio': The new high performance blue print was announced as a joint initiative between the Australian Olympic Committee, Australian Paralympic Committee and the Australian Sports Commission.

NOVEMBER

Murray Rose Tribute Dinner: The AOC hosted the Murray Rose Tribute Dinner with over 20 Olympic Champions in attendance to celebrate the life and achievements of Murray Rose AM, who passed away in April 2012.

Gosper Farewelled: Kevan Gosper AO was farewelled from the AOC Executive Board after 36 years of service.

DECEMBER

Alumni Launched: AOC launched the Australian Olympians Alumni to network Olympians together.

ATHLETES' COMMISSION

The role of the Athletes' Commission is to advise the AOC Executive on all matters relating to the Olympic Movement from an athlete's perspective.

The Athletes' Commission is elected by the members of the Australian Olympic Team during the summer Games. A further two Olympians from sports on the winter program are elected by members of the Team during the Olympic Winter Games.

The Athletes' Commission:

CHAIR: Kim Crow (Rowing)

DEPUTY CHAIR: Paul Murray (Cross Country Skiing)

Alana Boyd (Athletics)

Cate Campbell (Swimming)

Steve Hooker (Athletics)

Anna Meares (Cycling)

Lauren Mitchell (Gymnastics)

Jenny Owens (Freestyle Skiing)

James Tomkins (Rowing)

Ken Wallace (Canoe/Kayak)

Loudy Wiggins (Diving)



The AOC Executive Board (L-R): Danielle Woodward, Andrew Plympton, Kitty Chiller, Helen Brownlee, John Coates, Kevan Gosper, Ian Chesterman, Russell Withers, Nicole Livingstone, Nick Green, James Tomkins, Craig Phillips. Absent: Kim Crow, Peter Montgomery

OLYMPIANS IN THE COMMUNITY



Chat to a Champ



Longreach

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH OLYMPIC FESTIVAL

January, Sydney: Olympians were out of the blocks early in 2013 supporting the Australian Youth Olympic Festival (AYOF). Seventeen Olympians participated as Ambassadors - living amongst the athletes in village accommodation and acting as mentors to the 500 Australian (and 900 international) athletes. Kim Crow and Jessica Fox welcomed the athletes of the world at the Opening Ceremony. Olympic Ambassadors: Kylie Wheeler (Athletics), Glenn Warfe (Badminton), Sam Richards (Basketball), Murray Stewart (Canoe/Kayak), Jessica Fox (Canoe/Kayak), Sara Carrigan (Cycling), Matthew Mitcham (Diving), Lauren Mitchell (Gymnastics), Nathan Burgers (Hockey), Matthew D'Aquino (Judo), Kim Crow (Rowing), Hayley Chapman (Shooting), Andrew Lauterstein (Swimming), Emma Jackson (Triathlon), Damon Kelly (Weightlifting), Farzad Tarash (Wrestling).

SPORT MATTERS - GLOBAL POVERTY WALK

June, Sydney: Kerri Pottharst (Beach Volleyball) joined adventurer Matt Napier for the final 500m of his epic 4,500km walk from Perth to Sydney, walking to raise awareness of the "Movement to end Poverty".

CATHY FREEMAN FOUNDATION

August, Mt Buller: Ramone Cooper (Freestyle Skiing) supported the Cathy Freeman Foundation's (CFF) Horizons Program aimed to inspire indigenous students from Palm Island in Queensland. Ramone was the presenter and a great mentor. The CFF have requested the AOC for more Olympians to support the CFF Horizons Program in 2014.

OLYMPIANS RETURN TO LONGREACH

August, Longreach: Queensland Olympians rekindled a long standing relationship with Longreach, over 1,000 kilometres north west of Brisbane. Natalie Cook (Beach Volleyball), Julie MacDonald (Swimming), Jesse Ross (Boxing), Andrew Grant (Volleyball) and Chantelle Newbery (Diving) led the tour - visiting all the schools in town, including the Longreach School of Distance Education. Olympic boxer Ross hosted a boxing clinic at the Youth Club and presented medals at the West Athletics Trials at Longreach State High School. They also hosted an Olympic Team Fundraising Dinner under the stars.

AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND SPORTS LAW ASSOCIATION

October, Brisbane: Mitchell Watt (Athletics) accepted an invitation from the Australian & New Zealand Sports Law Association to join a discussion panel regarding social media and the privacy of athletes and their online profile.



Kids from Palm Island hit the slopes of Mt Buller



Active Youth Development Program

AUSTRALIAN CANCER RESEARCH FOUNDATION

September, Melbourne: Nicole Livingstone (Swimming), Andrew Gaze (Basketball), Margot Foster (Rowing) and Larry Sengstock (Basketball) joined an athletes' discussion panel for the Australian Cancer Research Foundation's road show.

SMILE LIKE DRAKE FOUNDATION GALA DINNER

November, Sydney: Olympians joined the Smile Like Drake Foundation gala dinner in support of the foundation's objective to promote water safety on Australian beaches and waterways. Olympians represented were Jo Brigden-Jones (Canoe/Kayak), Johnno Cotterill (Water Polo), Holly Lincoln-Smith (Water Polo), Malcolm Page (Sailing) and Murray Stewart (Canoe/Kayak).

THE ACTIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Over 30 Olympians visited 29 Schools throughout Victoria as part of the popular Active Youth Development Program (AYDP). AYDP is an initiative undertaken by the Victorian Olympic Council and funded by the Department of Sport and Recreation, Victoria to connect Olympians with the community. During the visits, the athletes shared their personal Olympic journeys and detailed the positive impact sport has played in their lives. Every student was provided an opportunity to be coached in their preferred sport by an Olympian, which will no doubt have a lifelong impact on each student. Additionally, the Olympians connected with the local sports clubs to assist in increasing participation through a 'Come and Try Session'. The 2013 Program was a great success with the Olympians involved playing an invaluable role to inspire participation in sport within the community.

OLYMPIANS SUPPORT 'CHAT TO A CHAMP' FOR SOCHI 2014

Our winter athletes have rallied to support the AOC's long-standing program 'Chat to a Champ' where athletes speak to multiple primary schools across Australia via web link. The program is a huge hit with schools who spend time with Olympians and ask some hard hitting questions. All the pre-Games chats are followed up with a second 'Chat' between the same schools with the same athletes – live from the Olympic Village in Sochi. A special thanks to: Jana Pittman (Athletics/Bobsleigh), Astrid Radjenovic (Bobsleigh), Lucy Chaffer (Skeleton), Scott Kneller (Freestyle Skiing), Katya Crema (Freestyle Skiing), Anna Segal (Freestyle Skiing), and Greta Small (Alpine Skiing).

Are you involved in the community or with a charity? Tell us more! Post your messages on LinkedIn or contact the AOC to promote your cause: alumni@olympics.com.au or +61 2 9247 2000

CONGRATULATIONS

Rebecca Joyce (Rowing - 1996) and Lachlan Elmer (Hockey - 1992, 1996) on the birth of their son Mackenzie in January

David Hynes (Baseball - 1996) and his wife Lisa on the birth of their daughter Luella in January

Linda Mackenzie (Swimming - 2004, 2004) and her husband on the birth of their twins Jasmine & Kyron in February

Jessicah Schipper (Swimming - 2004, 2008, 2012) and her husband Brett Gillan on the birth of their daughter Robbie in April

Steve Hooker (Athletics - 2004, 2008, 2012) and his wife Katya on the birth of their son Maxim in July

Ken Wallace (Canoe/Kayak - 2008, 2012) and Naomi on the birth of their son Nixon in July

Ryan Bayley (Cycling - 2004, 2008) and his wife Kristin on the birth of their son Lincoln in August

Loudy Wiggins (Diving - 1996, 2000, 2004, 2012) and her husband Simon on the birth of their son Alexander in August

Alisa Camplin (Aerials - 2002, 2006) and her husband Oliver Warner on the birth of their daughter Florence in September

Mathew Belcher (Sailing - 2008, 2012) and his wife on the birth of their son Anton in September

Brad Newley (Basketball - 2008, 2012) and his wife Brigid on the birth of their daughter Beth Rosa in October



Megan Jones (Equestrian - 2008) married James Deacon in January

Tom King (Sailing - 1996, 2000) and Marguerite Houston (Rowing - 2008) were married in February

Allana Slater (Gymnastics - 2000, 2004) married Scott Penny in April

Murray Stewart (Canoe/Kayak - 2012) married Rebecca Keelan in May

Michelle Steele (Skeleton - 2006) married Tom Mosey in July

Wendy Schaeffer

(Equestrian - 2012, 2008, 1996) married Nigel Macdonald in July

Sara Carrigan (Cycling - 2004, 2008) married Stevo Sing in September

Lauren Boden (Athletics - 2012) married Heath Wells in November

Christian Sprenger (Swimming - 2008, 2012) married Amelia Evatt-Daley in November

Paul Murray (Cross Country Skiing - 2006, 2010) married Marina Timmins in December

Briony Cole (Diving - 2008 Beijing) married Tim Bryant in December

Jodie Schulz (Hockey - 2012 London) married Shane Kenny in December



OLYMPIANS IN MEMORIAM

Nancy Burley (Figure Skating - 1952 Oslo) January 2013
James Farrell (Water Polo - 1956 Melbourne) January 2013
John Foster (Water Polo - 1952 Helsinki, 1956 Melbourne) January 2013
Ernie Chapman (Rowing - 1952 Helsinki) March 2013
Athol Macdonald (Rowing - 1976) April 2013
Kevin Coote (Wrestling - 1952 Helsinki) May 2001
Robert Clark (Wrestling - 1960 Rome) June 2013
James Scanlon (Equestrian - 1968 Mexico) June 2013
Peter McDermott (Cycling - 1968 Mexico) July 2013
Bill Holden (Boxing - 1956) July 2013
John Dawe (Sailing - Tokyo 1964) August 2013
Robert Bignell (Football - 1956 Melbourne) August 2013
Billy Ward (Boxing - 2012 London) August 2013
Faith Leech (Swimming - 1956 Melbourne) September 2013
Albie Thomas (Athletics - 1956 Melbourne, 1960 Rome, 1964 Tokyo) October 2013
Basil Dickinson (Athletics - 1936 Berlin) October 2013
Nancy Jarvis (Athletics - 1956 Melbourne) November 2013
Ian Davies (Basketball - 1980 Moscow, 1984 Los Angeles) November 2013



BASIL DICKINSON (1915 - 2013)

Australia's oldest surviving Olympian, Basil Dickinson, a track and field athlete who competed in the 1936 Berlin Games, passed away in October at the age of 98. Born on Anzac Day 1915 in Queanbeyan, he was one of 33 Australian athletes to compete at what were called "Hitler's Games" before the outbreak of World War Two. Basil competed in the triple jump and finished 16th. He won bronze medals in both the long jump and triple jump at the Empire Games in 1938. Sadly the outbreak of World War Two meant there were no Olympic Games for 12 years until London 1948 and as a result Basil's Olympic Career finished in Berlin.



ALBIE THOMAS (1935 - 2013)

Born on 8 February 1935, Albie Thomas became one of Australia's greatest distance runners. He broke World Records, competed at three Olympic Games and was a dual Commonwealth Games medallist. Thomas competed at the 1956, 1960 and 1964 Olympic Games and the 1962 Commonwealth Games. He won four consecutive Australian mile titles from 1962 to 1965. In 1959 he ran in the team which broke the 4 x 1 mile world record. In 1960 he ran the first sub-four minute mile on grass. After a yearlong illness Thomas passed away on the morning of 27 October 2013 and the athletics' world lost one of its greats.

Photo: Trevor Vincent

REUNIONS AND EVENTS

470 SAILING ANNIVERSARY

Sailors of the 470 Class of Australia held a 50 year anniversary dinner on 16 March at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron. For a class that is sailed in more than 61 nations around the world there is plenty to celebrate here in Australia. The International 470 is Australia's most successful Olympic class and not surprisingly, Australia is the most successful nation in the history of the class.

The night was celebrated by many of Australia's sailing legends Greg Johns, Ian Brown, Ian Ruff, Mike Fletcher, Nicky Bethwaite, Addy Bucek, Adrienne Cahalan, Anna Coxon, Lyndal Coxon, Jeni Danks (nee Lidgett), Vanessa Dudley, Karyn Gojnich (Davis) and Genevieve White.

Plus gold medallits Jenny Armstrong and Belinda Stowell, Tom King and Mark Turnbull, Elise Rechichi and Tessa Parkinson, Malcolm Page, Mathew Belcher and super coach Victor Kovalenko.

MUNICH 1972 SWIMMING REUNION

40 years on from Munich 1972, 24 members of the Australian Swim team attended a gathering in Northern NSW in October at the Tumbulgum Tavern. All members of the 1972 swim team and their partners were invited to join the team to relive stories past and present on the weekend of 19-20 October.



Celebrations after the Australian 470 Legends Cup



Members of the 1972 swimming team gather for a reunion in Northern NSW

2014

2014 will be a significant year for Olympic Anniversaries.

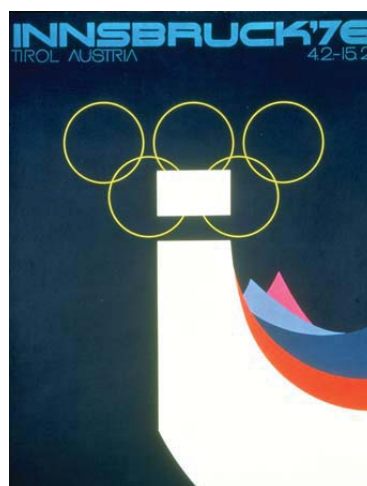
The AOC's Athlete Services team can assist in coordinating and promoting reunions of any size either by sport, team or Games. Olympians' Clubs across Australia will be incorporating reunions into their annual event calendars.

Feel free to contact Meg Sissian at the AOC on:

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You're also invited to promote your reunion/event via "Australian Olympians" on LinkedIn.

50 YEARS



50 YEARS





Murray Rose, as seen on the cover of his autobiography

MURRAY ROSE TRIBUTE DINNER

Australian swimming legend, Murray Rose AM was honoured and celebrated at an exclusive Tribute Dinner in his name on 26 November at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Sydney.

John Coates AC, President of the Australian Olympic Committee hosted the function and was joined by dozens of Olympians – including over 20 gold medallists from Melbourne 1956 to London 2012.

In an incredible reunion of the Olympic fraternity, Ian Thorpe led the night as MC assisted by Nicole Livingstone. They were joined on stage by Murray’s contemporaries – Dawn Fraser, Sandra Morgan Beavis, John Devitt and Herb Elliot, as well as 1500m freestyle royalty in John Konrads, Grant Hackett and Daniel Kowalski.

At the other end of the spectrum were Olympic hopefuls such as teenager Mack Horton - the 2013 Australian Youth Olympic Festival 1500m Champion and multiple Junior World Championship medallist.

Rose passed away in April 2012, leaving an incredible legacy - a 400m and 1500m Olympic freestyle champion, he broke the world record 15 times. His performances at Melbourne 1956 and Rome 1960 made him a national sporting icon, inspired a generation of Australian champions and made swimming a premier sport in Australia.



Clockwise from top left: Daniel Kowalski, John Konrads, Grant Hackett, Mack Horton, Jordan Harrison, Matt Levings - 1500m swimmers past and present at the Murray Rose Tribute Dinner

30 YEARS

30 YEARS

20 YEARS

10 YEARS



REUNIONS AND EVENTS

KAPYLA CLUB HELSINKI 1952

The 60th Reunion of the 1952 Australian Olympic Team - named the Kapyla Club after the Athletes' Village in Helsinki - was held on 19 July at the Sydney Rowing Club. This is a group of men and women who epitomise the great Australian spirit, demonstrating friendship and camaraderie, which developed at the 1952 Games and continues to exist today.

The Kapyla Club's annual reunions have continued for 60 years, and were recognised by International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge - his letter is reproduced below.



Ray Smee and John Treloar (Jnr) speak at the Kapyla Club reunion



Forbes and Ursula Carlisle at the Kapyla Club reunion

Message from the President of the International Olympic Committee Jacques Rogge



To Members of Australia's Helsinki Kapyla Club

I write to congratulate all of you as you gather to celebrate the sixtieth reunion of your admirable Club. It is a wonderful milestone.

To have joined in celebration every year, on the anniversary of the Opening Ceremony of the 1952 Helsinki Olympic Games, is a rare and proud achievement.

To have named the club after the location of the Helsinki athletes' village demonstrates an enduring, somehow endearing, affection for a special time and place in your lives.

Your spirit at this reunion, as you rejoice in each other's company and exchange old memories, reflects the finest values of friendship and goodwill --- values which are at the heart of the Olympic movement.

Emphatically, you are setting an example to all Olympians, past and present and more broadly to the youth of the world. You were of course so young then. Yours was a team which travelled to the opposite end of the earth to compete, and I know that your performances brought great credit to your nation, and made all Australians proud.

Today, I know, is a bitter-sweet day for all of you. As you re-live so many moments and swap anecdotes from six decades ago, I am aware that you will be pausing to remember and reflect upon your team-mates who have since passed away. This whole process of remembrance, sad and proud and joyful, reinforces the bonds of comradeship that you share. Such bonds are the essence of Olympism.

I hope your anniversaries continue for many years to come. And, on behalf of the International Olympic Committee and the Olympic movement generally, I send felicitations and warmest regards.


Jacques Rogge

OLYMPIANS CLUBS NEWS



ACT

According to the latest database almost 150 Olympians live in Canberra. This means that per capita the ACT probably has more Olympians per head of population than any other state or territory. However, we are quite a small group compared to other states. Some, of course, are from interstate, having attended the AIS, but others are 'home grown', courtesy of Canberra's other Official Olympic Training Centre, the ACT Academy of Sport.

Among the best-known are four-time Olympic marathon representative and dual Commonwealth Games champion Robert de Castella, triple Olympic swimming gold medallist and nine-time Commonwealth Games champion Petria Thomas, fellow swimmer - gold, silver and bronze medallist Alicia Coutts, Sydney 2000 archery gold medallist Simon Fairweather and Australia's latest rowing world champion and silver and bronze medallist, Kim Crow.

Basketball megastars Lauren Jackson and Patty Mills also call Canberra home. Among the 'home grown' are 1996 Olympic rowing champion Megan Marcks (Still), and London Olympian and current mountain bike and BMX world champion Caroline Buchanan.

The OCACT has a solid core of Olympians who support the work of the ACT Olympic Council, notably in the regular fundraising events it organises. The club's matriarch is Judy Wilson (Canty) who contested the long jump at the second London Olympic Games in 1948, while its patriarch is David Dickson, who at the Rome 1960 and Tokyo 1964 Olympic Games accumulated three bronze medals when swimming in relays with legends of the sport such as Murray Rose and John Konrads.

I am delighted to be able to continue my involvement with the Olympic Movement, having very recently been elected president of the ACT Olympians Club. My Olympic background is as a three-time representative in the track and marathon at the Barcelona, Atlanta and Sydney Olympics. I returned for the London Games as Section Manager for Athletics.

- Susan Hobson (Athletics), President

NSW

2013 was a transitional year for the Olympians Club NSW. A number of new strategies were introduced to ensure that the Club continues to grow and remain relevant.

Olympians Club Ambassadors were appointed to ensure that the values of the Club are communicated effectively to all Olympians across all sports. Nothing beats face-to-face communication and it is hoped that the ambassadors will assist to spread the word of Olympism and promote the events being conducted by the Club.

The Committee also placed a stronger emphasis on ensuring that events conducted were relevant and would encourage maximum attendance by Olympians. To facilitate this process a survey was conducted with Olympians and the results of this survey will be implemented into the planning process for future events. The power of personal contact is the key to achieving maximum numbers at our events and I would hope that all NSW Olympians encourage their teammates to attend future events.

Sydney Harbour provided a wonderful backdrop to the Olympians Club Dinner Cruise conducted in April this year on the spectacular glass walled 'Bella Vista'. Sailing gold medallist Malcolm Page and skeleton hopeful for Sochi 2014 John Farrow were the guest speakers. A fantastic night on Sydney Harbour was had by all.



Guest speaker John Farrow (Skeleton)

Our next event will be on Friday 21 February 2014 with a 'Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics' theme, so save the date, get your teammates organised and stay tuned for details.

I would like to thank the Olympians Club Committee members for the contribution they have made to the success of the Club and the events conducted this year. Sincere thanks to the AOC and the NSW Olympic Council for their ongoing support of the Olympians Club NSW.

- Peter Hadfield (Athletics), President

QLD

The 2013 Qantas Celebrity Golf Classic was an outstanding day for sports lovers with 15 Olympians joined by many more Queensland sporting legends and celebrities. We look forward to building the event with the Queensland Olympic Council in the run up to 2016.

OLYMPIANS CLUBS NEWS



In July six Olympians supported the presentation of the Pierre de Coubertin awards and shared their Olympic experiences with the student participants. Thanks to Natalie Cook (Beach Volleyball), Bianca Hammett (Synchronised Swimming), Cameron McEvoy (Swimming), Jesse Ross (Boxing) and Education Chair and CoChair Kim Cooper (Softball) and Lara Davenport (Swimming).

Five Olympians headed out to Longreach in August for the City to Bush Tour. It was a fabulous three days where the Olympians, Natalie Cook (Beach Volleyball), Andrew Grant (Volleyball), Julie McDonald (Swimming), Chantelle Newbery (Diving) and Jesse Ross (Boxing) visited four local schools including the Longreach School of Distance Education and School of the Air.



Jesse Ross, Nat Cook, Chantelle Newbery & Andrew Grant

The Olympians participated in activities with the school children including a game of basketball and a race at the athletics trials. The Queensland Weekender team were there filming the weekend and great exposure was achieved in the media.



Andrew Grant (R) & a fellow participant at the Olympic stadium in Athens

Andrew Grant was Australia's Olympian representative at the 2013 International Olympic Academy's Young Participant's Session in Ancient Olympia, Greece. The 2012 Olympic Volleyballer was one of 200 young people from more than 80 nations that attended the two week forum which was based on the theme: *Olympic Legacy, the empowerment of Olympism through Youth.*

Our AGM took place in November and at that meeting, I was warmly welcomed as President of the Olympians Club along with our new Committee Members. Our vision is to encourage all Olympians to embrace being an Olympian and supporting each other.

We plan on doing more family orientated social events including lawn bowls days, beach volleyball days and possibly a baseball day. I believe all Olympians should support each other in business and in their sport as well as encourage attendance to different sporting events when our Olympians are competing. 2014 is looking to be a great year and I am looking forward to the future of the Olympians Club in QLD.

- Julie McDonald (Swimming), President

SA

South Australia's annual Olympians Club dinner was a great success and enjoyed by all. Next year we hope to have even more Olympians attend and we are working on a new structure to offer discounted tickets for Olympians.

We are proud to report that a number of our members were involved in assisting with the AOC's Pierre de Coubertin awards and also some attending schools to inspire and share their story or participate in the schools' sports days. Thank you to our secretary, Albert Leslie for his contribution during his tenure.

Our Annual Dinner, which is scheduled for Saturday 30 May 2014. As this is the 50th anniversary of the Tokyo Olympic Games, we would like to encourage members of the 1964 Tokyo Olympic Team to attend the event.

Congratulations to John Heard (1964), Patricia Mikan (1984, 1988) and Jan Stirling (Coach) who were inducted into the Australian Basketball Hall of Fame on 21 November 2013.

The SA Olympians Club would like to call out to all SA based Olympians interested in adding fire power to our events - come and help us build our Club.

- John Heard (Basketball), Committee Member

TAS

The Olympians Club in Tasmania received a boost this year with five-time rowing Olympian Anthony Edwards nominated as the Tasmanian Olympic Council (TOC) President. Anthony's first official function as President, was at our Hockey Stadium which launched the

beginning of a great working relationship between the TOC Executive, Olympians, sporting bodies and the TOC Corporate Fundraising Committee.



Olympians with Pierre de Coubertin winners

Athletes that attended and shared their Olympic experiences during the evening were, Sam Beltz (Rowing), Luke Jackson (Boxing), Paralympian Matthew Bugg (Sailing) and Eddie Ockenden (Hockey). Also among the guests were Olympians Peter Atrill (Sailing), Father John Hayres (Swimming) and the Tasmanian participant at the Pierre de Coubertin International Forum in Norway – Emma Hall.



Luke Jackson shares his experience

In September, Olympians Anthony Edwards (Rowing), Tristan Thomas (Athletics), Kerry Hore (Rowing), Bethanie Kearney (Athletics) and Paralympian Melissa Carlton (Swimming) hosted this year's Pierre de Coubertin Awards Ceremony for recipients and their guests at the Tasmanian Institute of Sport.

In 2014, with the help of the TOC we are hoping to organise regular opportunities for our Olympians to share their experiences, with each other and the wider community. All Olympians in Tassie are invited to get in touch as next year we are aiming to host activities in both the North and South of the state.

- Bethanie Kearney (Athletics), President

VIC

The 2013 Olympians Club of Victoria (OCV) dinner in November celebrated our Olympic Winter greats with special guest presenter "The Last Man Standing", Olympic gold medallist in short track speed skating, Steven Bradbury. Ian Chesterman, Chef de Mission for the 2014 Australian Olympic Winter Team provided an update on preparations for Sochi.

We were delighted to have 130 Olympians in attendance at the dinner, a number of whom travelled from interstate including dual Olympic swimmer, Graham White from Queensland. We welcomed members of the Olympic Winter Institute of Australia and the AOC Executive including Kim Crow (Chair, AOC Athletes' Commission), who recently was named female athlete of the year by the International Rowing Federation



OCV Dinner

Recognition was also extended to AOC President John Coates AC on his appointment as Vice President of the International Olympic Committee. Similarly recognised were Kevan Gosper AO, who was awarded the Olympic Order in silver by the IOC and James Tomkins on his election to the IOC Athletes' Commission.

We also celebrated the 57th anniversary of the Opening Ceremony of the Melbourne 1956 Olympic Games at the MCG. Over 50 Olympians were also involved in the delivery of successful education programs throughout the State during the year.

Special thanks go to members of the OCV Committee for their great support throughout 2013 and in particular the Victorian Olympic Council (VOC) and our team of volunteers who assisted with the Dinner. On behalf of the OCV and OCA, we wish members of the Australian Team all the best for the upcoming Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games.

- Leon Wiegard (Water Polo), President

OLYMPIANS CLUBS NEWS



WA

Even in a non-Olympic year, the Olympians Club of Western Australia (OCWA) has kept our West Aussie Olympians busy and entertained.

In October, the OCWA hosted an event in conjunction with the opening night of the International Hockey Super Series in Perth. Thirty-five Olympians and their guests enjoyed a private room to socialise and experience the spectacular hockey with our Hockeyroos and Kookaburras both winning, and ultimately earning the gold in the series.

With great success, the 2013 Christmas Lunch and AGM was held at Sea View Golf Club overlooking the iconic Cottesloe Beach.

Forty-five Olympians were in attendance and between them have competed at 76 Games, winning 15 medals (6 gold, 4 silver, 5 bronze) and boasting representation at every summer Games since 1956 except 1976. Allana Slater (Gymnastics) and Jesse Phillips (Canoe/Kayak) together successfully hosted the very festive event and guests were entertained with interviews, live auctions and raffles.

The raffle proceeds of \$900 were donated to Mission Australia's 'Annual Christmas Lunch in the Park' for the disadvantaged held in Perth.

The OCWA will continue to look for opportunities to host functions in conjunction with future sporting events and Olympic milestone anniversaries. With bigger and better means of communication and the addition of a few

younger members now on the Committee, we envisage the involvement from all enthusiastic Olympians will continue to grow.

- Liane Tooth (Hockey), President



Glenn Townsend (Water Polo), Paul Oberman (Water Polo), Jennifer Townsend, Andrew Stewart (Water Polo), Linley Stewart, Jenni Oberman



Olivia Vivian (Gymnastics), Allana Slater (Gymnastics), Emily Little (Gymnastics), Jenny Smith (Gymnastics) and Janine Murray (Gymnastics)

WORLD OLYMPIANS ASSOCIATION

www.woaolympians.com

Keep up to date with news from the World Olympians Association (WOA). The Olympians Club of Australia is one of 142 members of the WOA - the global body of Olympians Clubs with approximately 80,000 Olympians represented worldwide.

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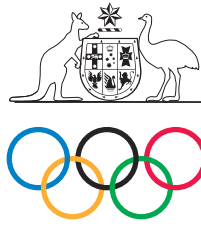
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