

99TH ANNUAL REPORT 2010

VICTORIAN OLYMPIC COUNCIL INCORPORATED



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VISION STATEMENT

The Victorian Olympic Council represents the Olympic Movement throughout Victoria.

It creates opportunities to share in the ideals and aspirations of the Olympic athlete through participation in Olympic experiences, education programs, volunteering and fundraising activities in support of the Australian Olympic Team.



The VOC is committed to raising funds for the Australian Olympic Team and educating the Victorian community about the principles of Olympism.





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Robert Lay
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Max Beck AM
Helen Smith

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Geoffrey Whitaker (Dec'd)
Tony Charlton AM
Peter Norman (Dec'd)
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Gillian Brewster
Phil Francis
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Darren Dunkley-Smith
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Leon Wiegard OAM
Wayne Carroll
Ian Browne OAM
Peter Blackburn
Geoff Henke AO
Shirley Harris OAM
Ray Weinberg AM
Jenny Holliday

**JULIUS L. PATCHING SPORTS OFFICIAL
OF THE YEAR AWARD**

2007 - Richard Lawysz - Athletics
2008 - Jim Sinclair - Wrestling
2009 - Geoff Hare OAM - Swimming

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NICHOLAS GREEN OAM
PRESIDENT

- Group Manager - Acquisitions & Development, Victorian Major Events Company
- Chef de Mission, 2012 Australian Olympic Team
- Chef de Mission, 2010 Australian Youth Olympic Team
- Director, Victorian Olympic Foundation Ltd
- Medal of the Order of Australia, 1993
- Australian Sports Medal, 2000
- Member, Sport Australia Hall of Fame, 2001
- World Champion Men's Coxed Pair, 1998
- World Champion Men's Coxed Four, 1998
- Olympian - Rowing, 1992 & 1996 Olympic Games
- Dual Gold Medallist, 1992 & 1996 Olympic Games
- World Champion Men's Coxless Four, 1990 & 1991



WILLIAM ALSTERGREN
VICE PRESIDENT

- Barrister, Commercial, Tax, Intellectual Property and Sports Law
- Vice President, Australian Bobsleigh and Skeleton Association
- Director, Victorian Olympic Foundation Ltd
- National Coaching Coordinator, Men and Women's Bobsleigh & Men's Skeleton
- Coach, Men's and Women's Bobsleigh & Men's Skeleton, 2006 Olympic Games
- Chairman, Duty Barristers Scheme Committee
- Honorary Treasurer, Victorian Bar
- Member, Bar Council and Executive
- Member, Ethics Committee of the Victorian Bar
- Secretary, Sports Law Section of the Commercial Bar Association



KERRI TEPPER
VICE PRESIDENT

- Senior Sponsorship Manager - Operations & Capability, NAB
- Olympian - Table Tennis, 1988 & 1992 Olympic Games
- Director, Victorian Olympic Foundation Ltd
- Australian Sports Medal, 2000
- Expert Commentator, Table Tennis, Channel 7 Coverage, 2004 & 2008 Olympic Games
- 4 Commonwealth medals - one silver & three bronze
- Australian Player of the Year a record four times
- Victorian Player of the Year an unprecedented 10 consecutive years
- Female Player of the Century, Table Tennis Australia



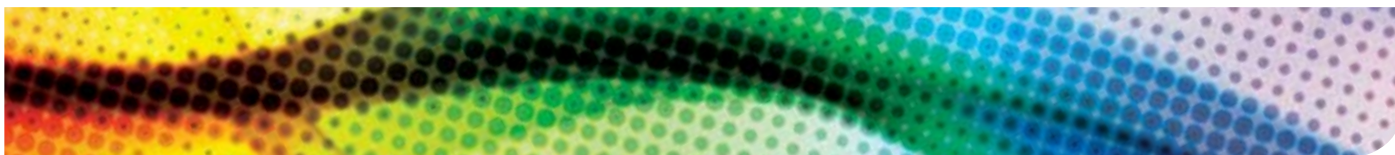
MICHAEL HARMS
RETIRED MARCH 2011

- Partner, Consumedia Pty Ltd
- Director, Victorian Olympic Foundation Ltd
- Chairman, (3UZ Pty Ltd) Radio Sport National
- CEO, Executive Director Prime Digital Media Pty Ltd
- Executive Committee, 2000, 2004, 2008 Prime Minister's Olympic Dinner
- Commercial Television Australia's representative to Government for the Childhood Obesity Taskforce in Victoria
- GAICD – Graduate Diploma, Australian Institute of Company Directors
- Graduate Diploma of Business Administration
- AFA Diploma Advertising/Marketing



RUSSELL MARK OAM

- MC & Public Speaker
- Olympian - Shooting, 1988, 1992, 1996, 2000 & 2008 Olympic Games
- Gold & Silver Medallist, 1996 & 2000 Olympic Games
- Company Director, Corporate Shooting Stars Pty Ltd
- Director, Victorian Olympic Foundation Ltd
- Medal of the Order of Australia, 1997
- Australian Sports Medal, 2000
- Board Member, Australian International Shooting Limited, 2007 - current
- Sports Presenter, ABC Radio 2002 - current
- Member, AOC Athletes Commission, 1996 - 2004
- AOC Media Liaison Officer, 2004 Olympic Games



JASON PENNELL

- Barrister practising in Commercial, Corporate, Equity and Sports Law
- Director, Victorian Olympic Foundation Ltd
- Committee Member, Victorian Bar Sport Law
- Immediate Past President, Modern Pentathlon Australia
- Vice President of Oceania for the Union International de Pentathlon Moderne
- Member, National Federation Appeals Tribunal, Australian Olympic Committee
- Committee Member, Victorian Bar Sport Law
- Modern Pentathlon Athlete, World Championship & World Cup level



DAVID WANSBROUGH

- Olympian - Hockey, 1988 & 1992 Olympic Games
- Silver Medallist, 1992 Olympic Games
- Director and Partner, Evans & Partners Pty Ltd stockbrokers
- Director, Victorian Olympic Foundation Ltd
- Australian Sports Medal, 2000
- Olympic Television Commentator, 2004 & 2008 Olympic Games
- Player of the Tournament, Champions Trophy, 1997
- Triple Gold Medallist, Champions Trophy, 1989, 1990 & 1994
- Director of Kindilan Society



LEON WIEGARD OAM

- Managing Director, Sportgard Pty Ltd
- Olympian - Water Polo, 1964 & 1972 Olympic Games
- Director, Victorian Olympic Foundation Ltd
- Medal of the Order of Australia, 2005
- Australian Sports Medal, 2000
- President, Olympians Club of Victoria
- President, Olympians Club of Australia
- President, Community Clubs Association of Victoria
- Vice President, The Carbine Club
- Life Member, Victorian Olympic Council
- Life Member, AFL
- Life Member, Water Polo Victoria
- Life Member, Brisbane Lions (Fitzroy FC)
- Life Member, Portsea Golf Club
- Life Member, Kew Swimming Club
- Life Member, Vingt Cinq Club
- Life Member, The Carbine Club
- Life Member, Steel Club of Victoria
- Hall of Fame Inductee PGA (Vic)

STAFF



GILL BREWSTER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- Executive Assistant to the Chef de Mission of the 2012 Australian Olympic Team
- Company Secretary, Victorian Olympic Foundation Ltd
- Order of Merit, Victorian Olympic Council, 2002
- Board Member, VicHealth, 2008 - current
- Member, National Sports Museum Advisory Board, 2008 - current
- Member, VicSport Women's Advisory Committee, 2008 - current
- Board Member, Presentation College Windsor, 2009 - current
- MBA, B(A), Dip Teaching (Primary)



MARIA CARUSO
EVENT COORDINATOR

- International Olympic Academy Participant, 2009
- Duty Village Manager, 2009 Australian Youth Olympic Festival
- Member, Female Administrator Network, VicSport 2009 - current
- Mentor, NMIT Mentoring Program, 2008- current
- Dual Diploma Event Management & Tourism Operations, 2006
- Bachelor of Music



NICHOLAS GREEN OAM

I am delighted to present the 99th report for the Victorian Olympic Council (VOC) at its Annual General Meeting.

The overwhelming highlight this past year was the outstanding success of the 2010 Australian Olympic Winter Team and I congratulate all Victorian Team Members on their inclusion in the Team and their performance in Vancouver. In particular I acknowledge Lydia Lassila on her gold medal victory in the Ladies' Aerial Freestyle Skiing.

I was thrilled to perform the role of Chef de Mission of the 2010 Australian Youth Olympic Team. Athletes were aged 14-18 years and our Team competed in 20 of the 26 sports on the London 2012 Olympic program. Australia finished fifth on an unofficial medal tally with 32 medals (eight gold, 15 silver and nine bronze). I am pleased to report that silver medallist basketballers Olivia Bontempelli, Rosemary Fadljevic and Hannah Kaser presented on the Youth Olympic Games at the 2010 VOC Olympic Academy.

Many Victorian Olympians were members of the Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games Team and I congratulate Leisel Jones on equalling the record of Susie O'Neill and Ian Thorpe as the most-decorated Commonwealth Games athletes, winning 10 gold medals over three Games.

Two great Victorian Olympians retired in 2010. James Tomkins OAM, who competed in six Olympic Games, announced his retirement on his 45th birthday. James won two Olympic gold medals with the Oarsome Foursome coxless four in Barcelona and Atlanta, another in the pair at Athens and a bronze in the pair at Sydney. He is the only rower to have won a world championship in every sweep oar event.



Six-time Olympian James Tomkins, who represented Australia at the Olympic Games between 1988 and 2008 and won three gold medals and one bronze, announced his retirement on August 19, 2010.

Considered Australia's greatest-ever rower, the international rowing body, FISA, awarded him its most prestigious award, the Thomas Keller Medal, for his overall contribution. James continues his involvement in the Olympic movement as Chair of the AOC Athletes Commission.

On November 26, 2010, the day of the Olympians Club of Victoria's annual dinner, Jacqui Cooper announced her retirement from aerial skiing after nearly two decades at the top of her sport. Jacqui competed in five Olympic Games and 139 World Cup events during a career spanning 1991-2010. She finished on the podium on 40 occasions, including 24 victories. We are delighted that Jacqui is very committed to the VOC's education programs.



Australian skier Jacqui Cooper announces her retirement from aerial skiing in Melbourne on November 26, 2010.

I extend my congratulations to Deputy Chef de Mission of the 2012 Australian Olympic Team Kitty Chiller on her election as President of Modern Pentathlon Australia. Kitty replaces VOC Executive Board member Jason Pennell although Jason has retained his position as Vice-president of Oceania Union International de Pentathlon Moderne.

Our fundraising efforts for the 2012 Australian Olympic Team are led by Peter Fox, Chairman of the Prime Minister's Olympic Dinner (PMOD) Committee. I congratulate Peter on assembling a small (in number) but highly influential PMOD Executive.

In May the VOC relocated from its temporary office at PricewaterhouseCoopers to its now permanent headquarters at the Melbourne Rectangular Stadium on Olympic Boulevard. Our move to the Melbourne & Olympic Parks precinct is timely given the impending VOC Centenary in 2011. The Melbourne & Olympic Parks Trust and State Government are aware of the significance of Olympic heritage and I am confident that there will be a legacy to the Olympic movement in the Olympic Park upgrade.

With the change in the State Government, I am unable to provide an update on our funding submission for the 2012 Australian Olympic Team but I thank outgoing Minister for Sport James Merlino for his tremendous support of the VOC and look forward to developing a solid working relationship with The Hon Hugh Delahunty MP, Minister for Sport.

The Board is extremely grateful to the VOC Executive Director and fellow Board Member David Wansbrough for their work as Victorian Olympic Foundation (VOF) Limited Company Secretary and Investment Sub-committee Member respectively. The investment strategy adopted by the VOF is conservative and in very good hands. We acknowledge the expertise of Lazard's John Wylie AM and Peter Halstead and thank them for their outstanding guidance and work.



I pay tribute to Leon Wiegard and the OCV Committee on the extremely successful OCV Dinner held at the Sofitel on November 26, 2010. More than 100 Olympians were in attendance and the consensus was that Herb Elliott was the stand-out.

Finally, I sincerely thank all members of the VOC team – the Executive Board, the Education Commission, so well led by Luke Soulos, staff, volunteers and Victorian Olympians – for their commitment to the Olympic movement and the activities and programs delivered by the VOC in 2010.

Nicholas Green OAM
President

Harris Fazlic, Prabhjot Rai, Hannah Kaser, Olivia Bontempelli, Rosemary Fadljevic, Tara Pilven, Rick Whitehead, Jayshaan Randhawa and Casey Hammond at the announcement of the 2010 Australian Youth Olympic Team at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre on July 14, 2010 by 2012 Chef de Mission Nick Green (below).





GILL BREWSTER

There are six areas of focus in the Victorian Olympic Council Strategic Plan 2009-12 that form the basis of our activities. Each Board member is assigned an area of responsibility.

LEGACY	Kerri Tepper and Michael Harms (VOC Centenary)
EDUCATION	Russell Mark OAM
FUNDRAISING	Will Alstergren and Leon Wiegard OAM (Olympians Club of Victoria [OCV])
VICTORIAN OLYMPIC FOUNDATION LIMITED	David Wansbrough
GOVERNANCE	Jason Pennell, David Wansbrough (Foundation) and Leon Wiegard OAM (OCV)
2012 OLYMPIC GAMES	Nicholas Green OAM

An outline of highlights and achievements within each area follows:

1. LEGACY

• Celebrating the VOC Centenary on September 22, 2011

A sub-committee chaired by VOC Board member Michael Harms and comprising Leon Wiegard OAM, Jason Pennell and Kerri Tepper is responsible for planning and delivering the VOC Centenary celebrations.

Our aim is to bring the Olympic community together and reaffirm the significance of the Olympic Movement in Victoria.

The Centenary is a major milestone in VOC and AOC history, and through the programs we plan Olympic heritage in Australia will be celebrated in the lead up to the London 2012 Olympic Games.

• Working with the State Government to facilitate the Olympic Park Heritage Installation

We continue to work with Melbourne and Olympic Parks regarding the reinstatement of objects such as the Olympic Rings within the precinct.

• To recognise voluntary officials and administrators through the presentation of the annual Julius L. Patching Sports Official of the Year Award



Rosemary Fadljevic, Hannah Kaser, Olivia Bontempelli (Victorian) and Mikhaela Donnelly (Queensland) receive their silver medals at the Singapore 2010 Youth Olympic Games.

Our affiliated sports have embraced this award in honour of the late Judy Patching with five nominations shortlisted this year. The Olympians Club of Australia has adopted this concept and state winners will be considered for the national award to be announced at the Olympians Club of Australia meeting in 2011.

• Supporting the National Sports Museum's *Faster, higher, stronger* exhibition (the Olympic exhibition)



The VOC is represented on the National Sports Museum Advisory Board, which meets biannually. We aim to support the Olympic Museum by encouraging Olympians to loan or donate objects – medals, uniforms and other material – for display. We also assist in placing Olympians with the museum to present programs during the Olympic Games. On a sad note, we record the loss of former MCC General Manager Museums Gerardine Kerlin, who passed away on December 18, 2010.

2. EDUCATION

Pleasingly, Sport and Recreation Victoria has confirmed that they will fund another year of the Active Leadership Program and that funding of future programs such as the Active Olympian Role Models program would be facilitated through the Competitive Funding Pool.

The inaugural Active Olympian Role Models program was conducted at MSAC on July 28, 2010 for 220 year 7 and 8 students from bushfire-affected areas. Olympic medallist Nicole Livingstone OAM spearheaded the program. The absolute highlight was the sporting clinics conducted by Olympians in a sport nominated by the students. The sports on offer were basketball, sailing, swimming, table tennis and badminton.

The Pierre de Coubertin Awards Ceremony was held on June 6, 2010 at the University of Melbourne. Eighty-one of the 146 award recipients were in attendance. Interestingly, 58 per cent of 2010 recipients were from government secondary schools, 27 per cent from independent schools and 15 per cent from Catholic secondary schools.

I refer you to the Education Report for more detail on the awards and the outstanding Olympic Academy held on October 9-10, 2010.

We are extremely proud of the work of the VOC Education Commission, so ably chaired by Luke Soulos. In 2010 membership of the Commission expanded to include a representative from Sport and Recreation Victoria. This ensured that our two peak funding bodies - the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and the Department of Planning and Community Development - are well represented on the Commission.



Swimming Victoria nominee Geoff Hare OAM (right), winner of the 2009 Julius L. Patching Sports Official of the Year Award with Judy's son Bruce who represented the Patching family.

The Commission is an extremely effective group. The positive influence of the four youngest people co-opted in 2010, all of whom had been selected in the past two years by the AOC as the Victorian delegates to the International Youth Forum, is worth noting. Meetings are held monthly.

Tenure on the Commission was reviewed and it was agreed that it should be based on that of the VOC Executive Board. Members will resign at the AGM following a Summer Olympic Games although Commission members are eligible for reappointment by the VOC. In addition, it was agreed to co-opt members for a two-year term with the option to extend for a further term.



Andrew Gaze with Healesville High School year 8 student Angus.
Picture: JASON SAMMON, N06CK199

Learning under Olympian's ever watchful Gaze

STUDENTS usually admire their Olympic heroes from afar, either over the fence during a sports event or watching their every move on the television.

But last week regional school students, some who lived through the trauma of the Victorian

bushfires, tuned their sports skills with the athletes during clinics at Albert Park.

The Victorian Olympic Council organised former Olympian clinics in swimming, basketball, badminton, table tennis and sailing at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic

Centre. More than 260 year 7 to 9 students from Healesville High School, and Horsham, Marian and Daylesford colleges, were taught techniques by 11 Olympians for the Active Olympian Role Models Day. Elsternwick's Andrew Gaze and Mark Bradtke, Nicole Livingstone,

Linley Frame and Mark Turnbull helped lead the sports clinics, which were a hit with students. Swimmer Livingstone said some had left at 5am to get there on time. "It was to encourage them and impress upon them that they should give everything a go," she said.



The Most Outstanding Artwork was awarded to Laura Dick of Goulburn Valley Grammar School at the Pierre de Coubertin Awards ceremony at the University of Melbourne.

3. FUNDRAISING

Raising \$1.8 million for the 2012 Australian Olympic Team

Key elements are:

- **The Prime Minister's Olympic Dinner (PMOD)**
To be held on June 23, 2012 at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
- **The State Government contribution**
- **Dinners, functions and events.**

PMOD Chairman Peter Fox conducted three meetings with his Executive during the year. Peter is committed to ensuring that the 2012 dinner is a resounding success, both from an entertainment perspective and also in meeting our fundraising target.

Regrettably, it was decided to cancel the 2010 Olympic Dream Run due to the disappointing number of registrations only weeks out from the event. Unfortunately the cost to conduct the race on the preferred circuit means that it is not viable. It is timely to recognise the founder of the race, Bill Gibbins, for his passion and commitment to the Olympic movement and emerging athletes. We also thank the participants who have run or walked every single event!

4. VICTORIAN OLYMPIC FOUNDATION LIMITED

The aims of the Victorian Olympic Foundation are:

- **To develop an investment portfolio that meets the Foundation's objectives**
- **To provide sound and responsible administration of the Foundation.**

The Victorian Olympic Foundation Limited's investment strategy is under the guidance of the Investment Sub-committee chaired by Lazard's Managing Director and Head of Corporate Advisory, Australia, John Wylie AM. Also on the Sub-committee are Lazard's Managing Director Peter Halstead and Foundation Directors Nick Green OAM and David Wansbrough. The VOC Executive is extremely grateful to John and Peter who bring considerable expertise to the role and provide professional advice pro bono.

The Sub-committee is comfortable with the current short and long-term asset allocation which they deem appropriate given the Foundation's goals of income and conservative capital growth (approximately 65 per cent is

currently in defensive assets and 35 per cent in growth, which is appropriate at this stage of the implementation of a long-term portfolio).

While the world's financial markets remain difficult, valuations are attractive and we anticipate continued targeting of the recommended long-term asset allocations.

Professional advice and services are also provided pro bono by David Birkbeck and Kanthi Guruge from CWC Family Office. Legal matters are handled by Dean Wattis from Browne & Co and this work is generally provided pro bono. We are extremely grateful for their professional support.

5. GOVERNANCE

Meeting requirements as defined in the AOC and VOC Constitutions

The Board continues to be well serviced in the delivery of this objective, ensuring that expertise is procured when required.

6. 2012 OLYMPIC GAMES

Providing executive support to the Chef de Mission of the 2012 Australian Olympic Team, Nicholas Green OAM

Planning is proceeding extremely well under Nick's leadership. The *Strategic Plan for the Participation of the 2012 Australian Olympic Team* is available on the AOC website.

In closing my report I would like to acknowledge the generosity of PricewaterhouseCoopers in accommodating the VOC while the Melbourne Rectangular Stadium was constructed. Their association with the Olympic movement is long-standing and dates back to Australia's first Olympic champion Edwin Flack.

I would also like to pay tribute to and thank my colleague Maria Caruso, VOC President Nick Green OAM and the VOC Executive Board, all of whom share a strong commitment to the VOC and are an absolute delight to work with.

Finally, I would like to thank the Olympians Club of Victoria Committee, OCV Forum members and our wonderful team of volunteers, all of whom regularly demonstrate their passion for the Olympic Movement in the many activities they undertake.

Gill Brewster
Executive Director

PRIME MINISTER'S OLYMPIC DINNER



PETER FOX

When I was asked by Max Beck to step up as Chairman of the 2012 PMOD I was both honoured and anxious given his outstanding performance in the role.

THE PRIME MINISTER'S 8TH OLYMPIC DINNER



Indeed all previous Chairmen listed below have contributed a monumental amount of time and expertise to this worthy cause for the benefit of the Australian Olympic Team.

1984	Sir Donald Trescowthick AC KBE
1988	Peter Clemenger AM
1992	Peter Clemenger AM
1996	Peter Bartels AO
2000	Sir Donald Trescowthick AC KBE
2004	Max Beck AM
2008	Max Beck AM

I am confident that my Executive team will meet the challenge of selling 128 tables and raising more than \$1.2million when we host the dinner on June 23, 2012.

Peter Fox
Chairman

PRIME MINISTER'S OLYMPIC DINNER (PMOD)

JUNE 23, 2012
MELBOURNE CONVENTION
AND EXHIBITION CENTRE

PATRON

The Honourable Julia Gillard MP
Prime Minister of Australia

PRESIDENT

Ted Baillieu MP
Premier of Victoria

CHAIRMAN

Peter Fox
Chairman,
Linfox

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Peter Blunden
Managing Director,
The Herald & Weekly Times

Jeffrey Browne
Managing Director,
Nine Network Australia

Ahmed Fahour
Managing Director and
Chief Executive Officer,
Australia Post

Nicholas Green OAM
Chef de Mission,
2012 Australian Olympic Team
and President,
Victorian Olympic Council

Michael Gudinski AM
Chief Executive Officer,
The Mushroom Group and
Managing Director,
The Frontier Touring Company

Leon Kempler OAM
National Chairman,
Australia Israel Chamber of Commerce

Peter Lew
Executive Chairman,
BrandBank Group of Companies

Eddie McGuire AM

John Pollaers
Managing Director,
Carlton and United Breweries

Anthony Pratt
Executive Chairman,
VISY

Giaan Rooney OAM
Olympic Gold Medallist

David Thodey
Chief Executive Officer,
Telstra Corporation

CONSULTANT

Peter Jones

VICTORIAN OLYMPIC COUNCIL

Gill Brewster

SECRETARIAT

Maria Caruso



LEON WIEGARD OAM

I am honoured to provide this report on the activities of the Olympians Club of Victoria (OCV) which operates to provide an ongoing involvement in the Olympic Movement for all Olympians and Olympic officials. In addition, the OCV facilitates their association with each other after their sporting careers are over.

The OCV is a member of the Olympians Club of Australia (OCA) and works in close association with the VOC. This association and the support it provides is vital to the well being and sustainability of the Olympians Club and is acknowledged and much appreciated.

Through the VOC, Olympians are matched with schools in their area to talk about their Olympic experiences on special days such as Olympic Day.

The highlight of our calendar year continues to be the annual Olympians Club of Victoria dinner.



Rome gold medallist Herb Elliott AC MBE carrying "Old Friendly", the 1956 flag donated to the OCV by Honorary Patron, the late Julius Patching.

GALA DINNER

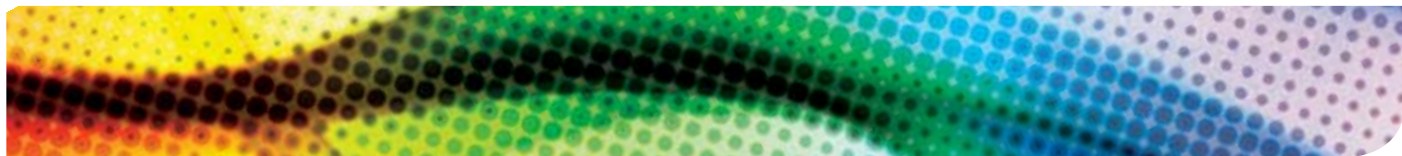
SOFITEL MELBOURNE ON COLLINS
NOVEMBER 26, 2010

The 2010 OCV Gala Dinner acknowledged the Rome and Squaw Valley 1960 Olympic Games 50-year anniversary (24 Members of the Olympic Team in attendance), Moscow and Lake Placid 1980 Olympic Games 30-year anniversary (six Members of the Olympic Team in attendance), and Sydney 2000 Olympic Games 10-year anniversary (25 Members of the Olympic Team in attendance). We also welcomed home 10 members of the Vancouver 2010 Australian Olympic Winter Team.

Our special guests on the night included The Governor of Victoria, Professor David de Kretser AC, AOC President John Coates AC, VOC President Nicholas Green OAM, 1960 gold Medallist Herb Elliott AC MBE and more than 100 Olympians from all sports and eras. Des Piper and David Wansbrough made sure we had plenty of hockey players in attendance and it was great to see a table led by Ray Weinberg from the London 1948 Olympic Games sitting not far from the most recent Team from Vancouver. Former Presidents of the OCV John Konrads, Ralph Doubell AM and Bob Lay were there too, along with Geoff Henke AO, an important player in the original development of the club and a long-serving committeeman.

Winter Olympians, Lydia Lassila (2002, 2006, 2010 gold Freestyle Skiing – Women's Aerial Medallist) and Dale Begg-Smith (2006 Gold, 2010 silver Freestyle Skiing - Moguls Medallist) received the Most Outstanding Performance of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games Award (female and male respectively).

The OCV also recognised the outstanding Olympic careers of Jacqui Cooper (five Olympics) who announced her retirement earlier that



morning and James Tomkins OAM (six Olympics) who announced his retirement from international competition in 2010.

Our special guest, 1500m gold medallist Herb Elliott AC MBE, was by far the highlight of the evening. He captivated the audience. When speaking of his 1960 triumph Herb stated he wouldn't change anything about the past... you learn from your mistakes.

It was a memorable evening. On behalf of the OCV Committee, we are tremendously grateful to Tony Charlton AM, for his support in co-hosting the event, and also acknowledge the AFL, AV Dynamics, Barnbougle Dunes, Commonwealth Golf Club, Fitness First, Hamper world, MCG, NSM, Presenters of Shen Yun Performing Arts, Robert Kabbas, Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron, Sailing Training Academy, Sofitel, Tennis Australia and Treasury Estate Wines and thank them for their support.

On behalf of the OCV Committee I sincerely thank Gill Brewster and Maria Caruso from the VOC and our regular band of volunteers for their tremendous assistance in the management and presentation of the event.

We look forward to seeing you all next at the 2011 Gala Dinner celebrating the lead-up to the London 2012 Olympic Games and the Centenary anniversary of the Victorian Olympic Council.



Lydia Lassila, winner of the award for Most Outstanding Performance at the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games.



President of the Olympians Club of Australia and Victoria, Leon Wiegard OAM, Governor of Victoria Professor David de Kretser AC and VOC President Nicholas Green OAM.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

On February 11, 2010, the OCV elected Mike McKay OAM and Russell Mark OAM as Members of the Committee. We welcome their contribution to the Committee.

SPECIAL THANKS

I would like to thank Committee Members for their continual support and commitment to the club, especially Peter Doak who handles the financials effortlessly.

Special thanks are also extended on behalf of the OCV Committee to VOC President, Nick Green, Executive Members and staff for their unfailing support of the club.

Leon Wiegard OAM
President



COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Leon Wiegard OAM
Honorary President
Water Polo 1964, 1972

Peter Doak
Treasurer
Swimming 1964 (Bronze)

Gill Brewster
Secretary
Official 2012

David Culbert
Athletics 1988, 1992

Margot Foster
Rowing 1984 (Bronze)

Shirley Harris OAM
Official 1980, 1984, 1988, 1992

Russell Mark OAM
Shooting 1988, 1992, 1996 (Gold),
2000 (Silver), 2008

Mike McKay OAM
Rowing 1988, 1992 (Gold), 1996 (Gold),
2000 (Silver), 2004 (Bronze)

Claire Mitchell-Taverner OAM
Hockey 2000 (Gold)

Mark Turnbull OAM
Sailing 2000 (Gold)

David Wansbrough
Hockey 1988, 1992 (Silver)



LUKE SOULOS

The Education Commission is an advisory committee to the Victorian Olympic Council (VOC) Executive Board. Its aim is to deliver a world-class Olympic education program through the activation and implementation of agreed Board strategies in conjunction with the VOC office.

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Luke Soulos (Chairman)

Executive Officer,
The Associated Public Schools of Victoria (APS Sport)

AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL FOR HEALTH PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECREATION (ACHPER)

Jo a'Beckett

Professional Learning Coordinator, ACHPER

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Jude Maguire

Chief Executive Officer, School Sport Victoria

Kirsteen Farrance (retired February 2011)
Learning & Teaching Branch

NATIONAL SPORTS MUSEUM

Adriana Agosta

Education Officer, Melbourne Cricket Club

OLYMPIANS

Stacy Roiall

2008 Olympian - Shooting

Kyle Vander-Kuyp

1996, 2000 Olympian - Athletics

SECONDARY EDUCATION SECTOR

David Barclay

Liaison Principal, Department of Education and
Early Childhood Development

SPORT AND RECREATION VICTORIA

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PIERRE DE COUBERTIN AWARDS

SUNDAY JUNE 6, 2010

The Pierre de Coubertin Awards are an initiative of the Australian Olympic Committee and have been embraced by the VOC and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) since 1997. More than 2,950 Victorian students have been involved in the program which emphasises participation and sporting behaviour and is aimed at students who model the Olympic values including sportsmanship and respect.

In order to be eligible for the Award the student nominee must:

- Be enrolled in year 10, 11 or 12 and not have received the Award on a previous occasion
- Have participated actively in the school physical education program with a consistently positive attitude
- Have demonstrated the attributes consistent with the fundamental aims of the Olympic movement and
- Submit a piece of literary or artistic work that depicts an appreciation of Olympism in response to the selected theme - "Pride of the Nation - 2010 Olympic Winter Games".

At some stage throughout years 7-12, the selected student must have:

- Represented the school in at least one sport on the current Olympic program and
- Participated in at least two other sports (individual or team).

This year 140 students from year 10, 11 and 12, and their schools received this prestigious award. The award ceremony was held at the Spot Theatre, University of Melbourne. Guests were taken on the life journey of an Olympian with MC Nicole Livingstone OAM and special guests Jacqui Cooper and David Wansbrough who also presented recipients with their certificate and Olympic pin.

We were delighted to welcome special guest Steve Herbert who represented the Minister for Education. Steve gave an insightful presentation on the government's agenda in relation to education and values.

The Most Outstanding Literary Piece was awarded to Christopher Thompson of Ringwood Secondary College. The Most Outstanding Artwork was awarded to Laura Dick of Goulburn Valley Grammar School. Laura and Chris' pieces can be viewed on pages 12 and 20 respectively.

Our appreciation is extended to the University of Melbourne for generously hosting the Awards ceremony, and our presentation partner the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development for their vital support of the program.



Recipients of the 2010 Pierre de Coubertin Award.



2010 Olympic Academy participants with Olympians.



Participants in the 2010 Olympic Academy with Olympians.

2010 OLYMPIC ACADEMY SATURDAY 9 & SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER 2010

This year 28 Victorian Pierre de Coubertin recipients took part in the 2010 Olympic Academy. The program was modified to offer students an overnight experience in Melbourne and the opportunity to interact with a number of Olympians in a range of settings including;

- Various group presentations and discussions
- A table tennis tournament at MSAC, and
- A tour of the National Sports Museum and MCG.

We are truly grateful to our participating Olympians for sharing their Olympic journeys in their motivational addresses:

Wendy Grant - 1956 Gymnastics
Ray Weinberg AM - 1948, 1952 Athletics
Linley Frame - 1992 Swimming
Kitty Chiller - 2000 Modern Pentathlon and 2012 Australian Olympic Team, Deputy Chef de Mission
Jacqui Cooper - 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010 Skiing - Freestyle

Andris Blicavs - 1976 Basketball
Russell Lavale - 1996, 2000, 2004 Table Tennis
Claire Mitchell-Taverner OAM - 2000 Hockey gold medallist
Kerri Tepper - 1988, 1992 Table Tennis
Rosemary Fadljevic, Olivia Bontempelli and Hannah Kaser - Singapore 2010 Youth Olympic Games Basketball silver medallists.

Appreciation is extended to Helen Brownlee (President, NSW Olympic Council, AOC Executive Board Member, and Member, IOC Commission for Culture and Olympic Education) and Professor Richard Baka (School of Sport & Exercise Science, Manager of International Studies, Victoria University) for taking the time to present to the students.

Feedback from participants was very positive with reference made to the unique opportunity of being able to connect with the Olympians who inspired and captivated the students with their experiences in the Olympic Games.

We wish to acknowledge the ongoing contribution of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development for their involvement and funding of the program as well as the Melbourne Cricket Club, Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre, National Sports Museum and Table Tennis Victoria for their support.

ACTIVE OLYMPIAN ROLE MODELS PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY JULY 28, 2010

The VOC through the support of Sport and Recreation Victoria held the inaugural Active Olympian Role Models program at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. It was a highly successful day with 220 Year 7 and 8 students from Victorian bushfire affected regions taking part in this initiative funded by the State Government at one of Melbourne's state-of-the-art facilities.

We thank the following schools for their participation;

- Daylesford Secondary College
- Healesville High School
- Horsham College
- Marian College, Myrtleford

Media personality and Olympic silver and bronze medallist Nicole Livingstone OAM spearheaded the program.

The day included presentations from nutritionist, Karen Inge and Butterfly Foundation Executive Officer, Danni Watts. Throughout the day students gained advice on nutrition, a healthy lifestyle and positive influence on body image as well as participating in interactive activities, sporting clinics and gathering an understanding of the a.s.p.i.r.e Olympic values, and how these transfer into everyday life. Feedback from the students and teachers was overwhelmingly positive particularly about the opportunity of being coached by an Olympian.

We would like to thank Badminton Victoria, Basketball Victoria, Yachting Victoria and Table Tennis Victoria for their support in program equipment for the coaching clinics.

Finally, a very special thank you to our Olympians who not only motivated students with their Olympic experiences but also participated in an active sporting clinic from their discipline, with 70 students participating in basketball, 30 in both badminton and swimming, 40 in table tennis and 50 in yachting.

BADMINTON

Peter Blackburn	1996, 2000
Erin Carroll	2008

BASKETBALL

Mark Bradtke	1988, 1992, 1996, 2000
Andrew Gaze AM	1984, 1988, 1992, 1996, 2000
Allison Tranquilli	1996 BRONZE, 2004 SILVER medallist
Michele Timms	1988, 1996 BRONZE, 2000 SILVER medallist

SAILING

Sarah Blanck	2004, 2008
Mark Turnbull OAM	2000 GOLD medallist

SWIMMING

Linley Frame	1992
Nicole Livingstone OAM	1988, 1992 BRONZE, 1996 BRONZE and SILVER medallist

TABLE TENNIS

Russell Lavale	1996, 2000, 2004
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Participants are taken on a tour of the MCG and National Sports Museum by Olympians and MCG Guides Wendy Grant (1956 Gymnastics) and Ray Weinberg AM (1948, 1952 Athletics).



The Most Outstanding Literary Piece, awarded to Christopher Thompson of Ringwood Secondary College.

PRIDE OF THE NATION 2010 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

**By Chris Thompson,
Ringwood Secondary College**

What does pride of the nation mean to you?
A gold medallist in full view...
Of adoring fans, team mates and coaches
While the runner up is feeling lost and hopeless
It's not the medal count or even performance,
Monetary grants and high end endorsements:
It's about a long held tradition
Of honour and competition,
Respect for opposition;
To reject any thought of submission,
To weather whatever
No matter the weather
Snowboard, ski, bobsleigh or speed skate –
Give it your all when you're out on the ice, mate!
The athletes you see on TV
Probably didn't all have the same opportunity
To give them a chance takes strength and unity,
An example for the international community.
See, pride is more than waving a coloured flag,
Or thinking 'Yay! It's another medal in the bag.'
When it comes to Olympics on track or in the snow
A team of fine athletes is all the media will show.
While that's impressive,
It's somehow digressive
To the reason behind an athlete's participation:
The volunteers that never get their due appreciation,
Time after training to build on a skill,
Pushing a bit harder on the easiest drill.
To build a player to a role model with leadership quality
With a distinctive work-rate, respect and honesty,
Takes more than some of the qualities stated.
It's up to all to follow these skills demonstrated.
How a nation upholds a positive attitude to sport
Is essential for a completion of any sort.
How we approach sport, from the small organisations
To the integrity and honesty displayed from all nations,
Is why we should be proud, not just for every athlete,
But for the people of the nation that helped them compete.
So whether it's winner or loser,
Women or men;
Think how they got to Vancouver,
In 2010.

FUTURE FOCUS

In the lead up to the London 2012 Olympic Games the Education Commission will be focused on delivering programs in consultation with our funding partners the Department of Planning and Community Development (Sport and Recreation Victoria) and Department of Education and Early Childhood Development as well as promoting the Australian Olympic Committee Education initiatives; Talk with a Champ, Train like a Champ and Eat like a Champ. A schedule of events is available on the VOC website.

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- Victorian Institute of Sport
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Finally I acknowledge the contribution of my fellow Colleagues and members of the Education Commission for their ongoing interest, tremendous support and commitment, expertise and enthusiasm.

**Luke Soulos
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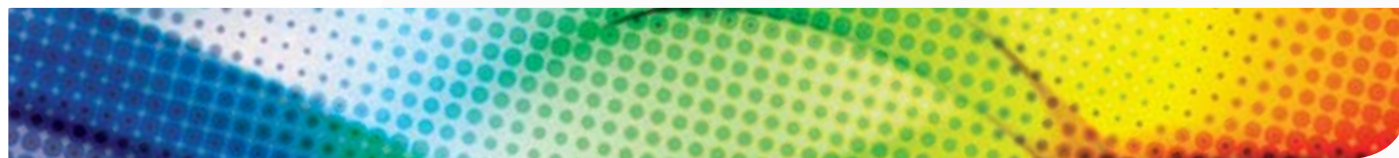
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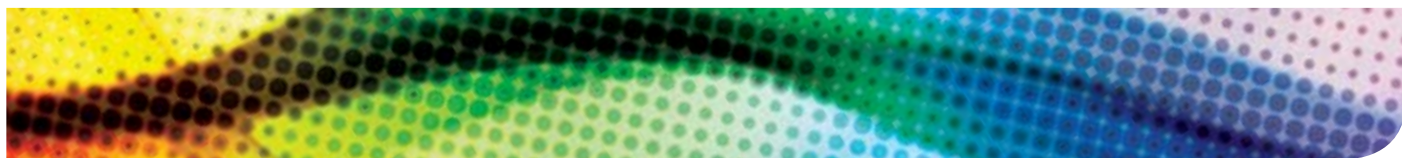
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