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**Australian  
Paralympic  
Federation**



**Annual Report  
1997**

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## **Mission Statement**

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The Australian Paralympic Federation seeks to:

- Facilitate success by athletes in Paralympic Games and other elite international events (sanctioned by IPC)
- Encourage participation in sport by persons with a disability

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Aust Wheelchair Athletes	ACT
Cerebral Palsy Aust Sport & Recreation Federation	Qld
Riding for the Disabled Association of Australia	Vic
Disabled WinterSport Australia	NSW

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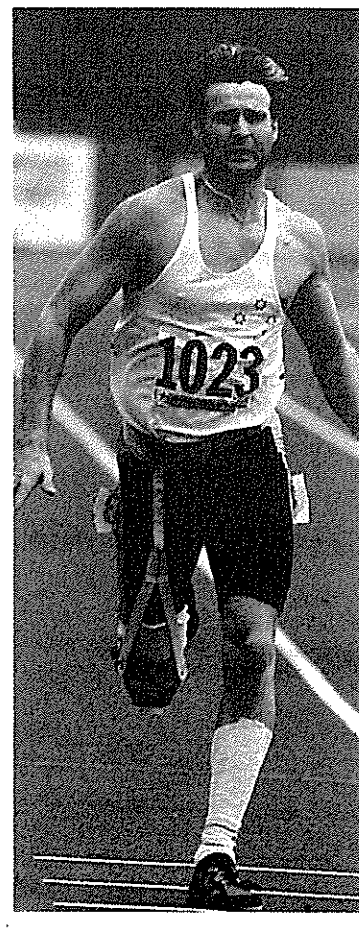
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## President's Report

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It gives me a great deal of pride to present on behalf of the Board and Members, this my first Annual Report as President of the APF.

The twelve months since the 1996 AGM has been a period of consolidation, maintenance and positive development. We've seen:

- consolidation of the new initiatives instigated prior to and during the 1996 Paralympic Games in Atlanta;
- maintenance of the high standard of performance exhibited by our elite athletes;
- positive development of the Federation in areas of:
  - administration
  - communication
  - representation of member organisations – the National Sports Organisations for the Disabled
  - advocacy on behalf of the athletes
  - effective relationships/partnerships with all relevant bodies, including:
    - ASC – Australian Sports Commission
    - SPOC – Sydney Paralympic Organising Committee
    - SOCOG – Sydney Organising Committee for the Olympic Games
    - NSOs – National Sports Organisations
    - AOC – Australian Olympic Committee
    - IPC – International Paralympic Committee
  - general accountability and rationalisation of Federation operations (financial, sponsorship, fundraising, athlete preparation and employment).

Certainly the APF, the 1996 Paralympians and all responsible for their incredible results in Atlanta basked for a while in a "honeymoon period" of glory, but very quickly all personnel knuckled down to the task ahead – towards Nagano 1998, Sydney 2000 and beyond.

The momentum of the APF operation was steadfastly maintained after the 1996 AGM, albeit at a slower pace but nevertheless in a positive and productive direction. In November 1996, we lost the services of Frank Martin (CEO and Secretary) and until the appointment of Scott Derwin to that position late in February 1997 the everyday operation of the Federation was the responsibility of the President.

I applaud the assistance provided by unswerving staff – Kellie Urqhart, Jenni Banks, Phillip Boorman and Jenny Plucknett (resigned in March 1997) – together with competent and dedicated Board Members who provided the support essential to ensure the viability and continuity of the Federation. The work of Jenni Banks (Sports Director) and Paul Bird, Chairman of the APF Sports Committee, has been outstanding.

These personnel have acted as the catalyst, to ensure the direction which the Federation is taking provides a substantial and reliable backing for the athletes we represent.

The new Board Members bring a significant range of skills to the Management of the APF, skills which have enhanced the professionalism, integrity and accountability of the Federation.

It has been extremely rewarding to work with Scott Derwin and relevant Board Members to form mutually responsive working relationships with the Australian Olympic Committee, Australian Sports Commission, Sydney Paralympic Organising Committee, National Sports Organisations and Motor Accident Authority and Adecco. The APF is absolutely dependent on the maintenance of positive partnerships with these organisations.

Similarly the role of the Motor Accident Authority in continuing the support of NSW athletes through their sponsorship program cannot be underestimated.

The promotion of athletes, their feats and their aspirations is a constant and necessary task which is carried out with practical and positive sensitivity by Javelin Australia.

Marketing, fundraising and obtaining appropriate sponsorship has been the responsibility of Sports Marketing and Management whose "leading light" Wilf Barker retired late in 1996.

The on-going momentum generated by the above two companies prior to, during and since Atlanta 96 is critical to achievement of the ultimate goals to which the athletes aspire – this role will continue to be imperative.

The achievements of the 1996 Australian Paralympic team in Atlanta and the aspirations of Squad Members as they prepare for 2000 are very much the result of the wisdom of the "powers that be" at the Australian Sports Commission. Jim Ferguson and his staff have through the extensive funding of the Paralympic Preparation Program, in 1995/96, 1996/97, 1997/98 indicated not only confidence in the APF but absolute faith in success of the superb athletes who are flying our country's flag with pride and great panache.

The general administration of the APF and day to day running of the Federation is secure in the capable hands of Scott Derwin. Together with the Board, Scott has forged professional and positive ties with all essential bodies and with State/Territory Councils of the APF. The Councils and their existence are integral to ensuring the viability of the APF and support for Paralympians at local level, and the raising of necessary funds to enable participation in appropriate events.

The Australian Institute of Sport and various State/Territory Institutes and Academies have also been more effectively woven into the APF operation in a meaningful manner.

To each of the organisations I have mentioned – thank you for your tolerance, faith and positive assistance to the Federation – without an effective support system an organisation such as the APF cannot exist.

The future of the APF and indeed all National Sporting bodies is dependent on the factors described very clearly in the document *Management Reform in Australian Sport* which places great emphasis on vision – leadership – communication – partnerships – effective management and accountability – competent administrators and National Board Members customer focus.

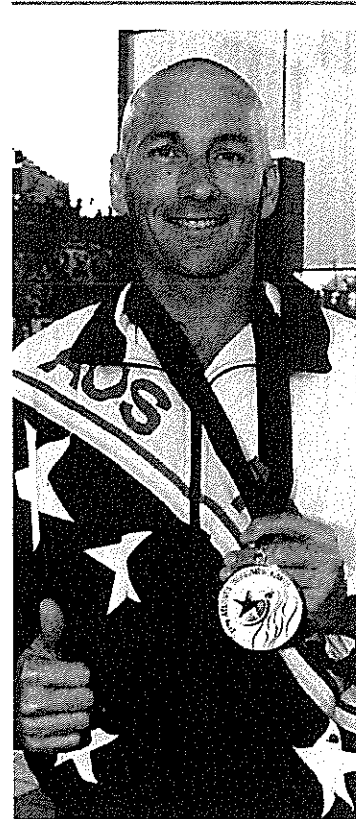
The message of Associate Professor David Shilbury (April 1997) *Governance of sporting organisations remains the most important and challenging issue in steering sport into the next millennium* is totally supported by the Federation. We are taking all necessary action to ensure a totally accountable and effective organisation which will provide the best possible preparation for success for the 1998 Winter and 2000 Summer Paralympic teams and a legacy for athletes with a disability well into the next millennium.

On behalf of all Board and National Sports Organisations for the Disabled Federation Members, I sincerely thank Scott (and his assistant Ros McNamara) for the excellent management of the APF since his appointment in February 1997.

To each member of our tiny but energetic staff – well done. We look forward to 1998 with confidence and optimism.

Marie T. Little (Mrs)

*President*



## **Chief Executive Officer's Report**

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Having commenced with the Federation at the end of February, I can say that it has certainly been an interesting and challenging period but one which I am sure will build a solid foundation for our progress towards Nagano and Sydney.

A major part of the time has been spent on the development of the Paralympic Preparation Program for all of our sports, which is covered elsewhere in this report. I am confident that this huge investment of time, and indeed money, will pay the appropriate dividends in terms of our team's performance in Nagano and Sydney. It is important to acknowledge the contribution to this process that was played by Paul Bird, the APF Sports Committee Chairman and our Director of Sport, Jenni Banks. Congratulations on a job well done.

With the finalisation of the PPP and associated budgets, we have completed our overall budget through to 2000. This has highlighted the need to continue to manage our monies carefully and prudently. We will also have to continue to raise large amounts of money through fundraising and other channels to finance our activities. Our State and Territory Councils efforts in terms of fundraising are not only much appreciated but indeed essential in terms of our ability to properly prepare our teams. We extend our thanks to our State Councils for their continuing support.

It is also appropriate to acknowledge the substantial financial support we receive from the Commonwealth Government through the Australian Sports Commission. The Commission has been particularly supportive and understanding of our needs and requirements. The ASC also provided substantial assistance in the provision of a range of other services. We are also grateful for the support given to us by other sponsors and suppliers, who are listed separately in this report.

In these times of greater accountability and change, it is important to review the operation of an organisation such as ours. With this in mind we have secured funding from the ASC to engage Coopers & Lybrand to undertake a complete review of the management and administration of the APF. This exercise will be very worthwhile in determining whether we have the correct processes and resources to provide our athletes with the appropriate administrative support systems. We are awaiting the results of this review with interest.

The Board has also reviewed its strategic goals and we are now in the process of incorporating these into a new Business Plan which will clearly identify the objectives of the APF and the strategies which will be used to achieve these. The Plan will also incorporate a financial budget which will be required to allow us to work towards these goals.

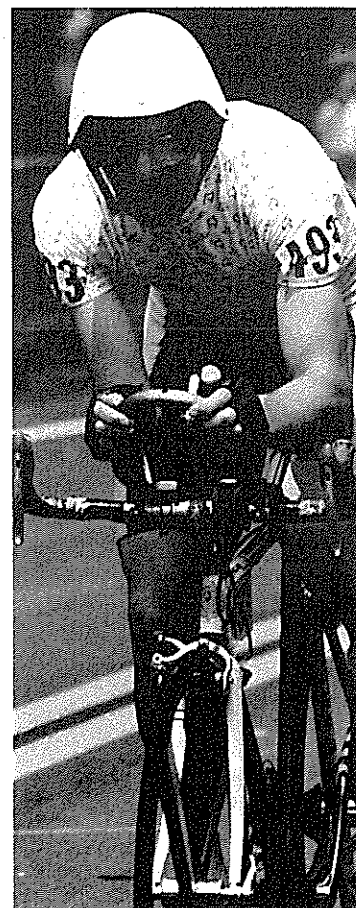
We have worked hard on the communication processes to ensure that all stakeholders are fully informed about the APF's activities. We produce a monthly newsletter and will continue to publish The Paralympian magazine. The Board has also visited a number of States in conjunction with their Board meetings and have used these occasions to host receptions with those who have an interest in APF activities. This has allowed us to share our vision and hopes with our stakeholders.

Earlier this year we launched the Paralympic Employment Program – a partnership with the worldwide employment agency, Adecco. This scheme, similar to the Olympic Job Opportunities Program, will give our athletes an opportunity to undertake stimulating, productive careers whilst at the same time continuing their quest to achieve their sporting goals.

The role of the APF is very simple – to provide our athletes with the very best opportunity of fulfilling their sporting aspirations and performing to the very best of their ability. Following the tremendous successes of our athletes in Lillehammer and Atlanta, the APF will be judged by the public, media, Government and others by the number of medals our athletes win – particularly in Sydney 2000. Therefore we have a huge job in front of us which will require us to work smarter and harder and in a collective partnership for the betterment of athletes with disabilities.

In closing I extend my thanks to a small, but dedicated, hard working staff who do so much behind the scenes to contribute to the success of the APF. Your efforts don't go unnoticed and are much appreciated. I also wish to thank the Board under President Marie Little which has been supportive and hard working in moving towards our goals.

Scott Derwin  
*Chief Executive Officer*



## **Paralympic Preparation Program**

The Australian Team's preparation for the 1996 Atlanta Paralympic Games was, without question, the best ever of any Australian Paralympic team. At the 1996 Paralympic Games, our team produced the most outstanding results, certainly of any Australian Paralympic team, and arguably, of any Australian sporting team ever. The team

- Won the highest number of medals ever won by an Australian Paralympic team – 106 medals (42 Gold, 37 Silver and 27 Bronze).
- Won medals in 10 of the 13 sports in which they competed.
- Lead the medal tally until the second last day of the competition when they were overtaken by the USA (a team almost twice the size of the Australian team).
- 66% of Australian team members medalled and/or performed personal bests.

It is now widely recognised that the two major contributing factors to Australia's success in the 1996 Atlanta Paralympic Games were the development and implementation of the Paralympic Preparation Program (PPP) and the decision of the APF to adopt a sport-specific rather than disability-specific approach to the preparation and selection of the team.

Following Atlanta, the APF undertook an extensive review of the PPP. This was done in conjunction with the Australian Sports Commission. A process of consultation was carried out with a wide range of people, including our member organisations NSO's athletes, coaches, officials, sports medicine and science staff and various others. These people were asked to complete an extensive questionnaire which was returned to the APF for assessment. The review identified a number of strengths and weaknesses, resulting in major refinements to the initial PPP. The APF, with the financial support of the Australian Sports Commission, conducted a workshop at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra in July, to discuss with all relevant stakeholders the proposed changes to the PPP for the 1997-2000 quadrennium. As a result of this workshop, a number of further changes were made to the PPP.

The aim of the revised 1997-2000 Paralympic Preparation Program is to provide Australia's elite Paralympic athletes with the guidance and support necessary to allow them to perform to their potential at the 1998 Nagano and 2000 Sydney Paralympic Games.

In view of the finite amount of available funding, the need to produce maximum results with available resources, and the policy of the ASC/OAP to provide OAP funding on a performance/results basis, the 1997-2000 PPP will adopt a three tier system of support to sports. The three tier system of support will be structured as follows:

**Tier One** ● Will consist of Australia's medal sports in Atlanta, ● team sports which had to qualify for Atlanta and which finished in at least fourth place, ● sports which are new additions to the Paralympic Games program but which have demonstrated success in recent major international competition, ● medal sports at the 1996 World Championships for Winter sports, alpine skiing.

**Tier Two** ● Sports in which Australia was represented in Atlanta, but which did not medal, ● sports in which Australia was not represented in Atlanta but which have a well structured national program and a commitment to high performance sport development.

**Tier Three** ● Will include other Paralympic sports i.e sports new to the Paralympic Games program and/or sports in which Australia has not competed internationally or which do not currently have a structured national program.

Tier One sports are entitled to have a Level One and Level Two squad subject to the athletes meeting the APF approved selection criteria.





Tier Two sports are entitled to name a Level Two squad only of athletes who meet the APF approved selection criteria.

Tier Three sports will have no official PPP status until they show evidence of a strong, well structured national program and a commitment to high performance sports development.

At the moment there are 11 sports in Tier One, six in Tier Two and two in Tier Three.

The selection criteria for inclusion in the PPP Squad/s for each sport will be stringent and performance based. In general, only athletes with demonstrated international success and proven commitment will be eligible for selection in the PPP Level 1 squad for their sport.

Athletes considered to have the potential to reach the PPP Level 1 standard, given the appropriate guidance and support, will be considered for the PPP Level 2 squad for their sport. It is expected that Level 2 squad athletes should be able to reach the PPP Level 1 squad standard by the next Paralympic Games.

Detailed operational plans have now been developed for each of the 17 sports (20 programs in total) identifying training requirements, coaching support, domestic and international competition, sports medicine and science support services and general administrative support. For the 1997/98 financial year, the PPP will endeavour to provide full funding for the approved program of a PPP Level 1 squad in each sport (where applicable, i.e. Tier 1 sports) and 60% funding of the approved program of the PPP Level 2 squad for each sport. The APF, with the financial support of the Australian Sports Commission is providing in excess of \$1.6M in the 1997/98 financial year towards the PPP.

Given the level of research, consultation and expert input to the PPP, and the level of financial support, the APF is confident that the PPP will provide the vehicle required for our teams in Nagano and Sydney to perform to the very best of their abilities and achieve an unprecedented level of performance.



## **1998 Nagano Winter Paralympics**

The Australian Squad for the 7th Winter Paralympic Games to be held in Nagano, Japan 5-14 March 1998 has been selected. The squad is;

- Rod Hacon (NSW)
- David Munk (NSW)
- James Patterson (NSW)
- Anthony Bonaccorso (Vic)
- Matthew Nicholls (SA)
- Alistair Mars (ACT)

The squad contains a blend of experienced skiers and newcomers and is looking to repeat the outstanding success of the Australian team in Lillehammer in 1994.

Michael Milton's retirement and Michael Norton's death have left a big hole in alpine skiing in Australia, but the athletes in the Australian squad are confident that they will compete with success in Nagano.

The team will be headed by the experienced Chef de Mission Nick Dean, and General Manager Adrian Pay.

The squad was selected following extensive trials at two training camps in August and September and the Australian National Championships which were held during August. All athletes had to satisfy a stringent selection requirement, by attaining times equal to or better than the eighth place getter in the 1996 World Championships in their respective class. The team will compete in alpine events in downhill, superG, giant slalom and slalom. The squad will undergo final selection trials in North America in late January and the team will then be selected. The team will then go directly to Japan in late February to acclimatize before competing in the Winter Games which commence on 5 March 1998.



## 1996 Paralympian of the Year

The wizard from the west, Louise Sauvage, was named the 1996 Paralympian Of The Year at a lavish black tie dinner held in Sydney. In winning the coveted award, the record breaking wheelchair track and road racer secured her second Paralympian of the Year title after winning the inaugural award in 1994. Sauvage won four gold medals at the 1996 Paralympic Games in Atlanta and won the 800m exhibition event at the Atlanta Olympic Games a month earlier.

Sauvage defeated the strongest ever field of candidates which included fellow Western Australians, swimmers Priya Cooper and Kingsley Bugarin, and the tandem cycling pairing of Sandra Smith and Terri Poole, plus South Australia's judo gold medallist Anthony Clarke and ACT swimmer Gemma Dashwood.

Sauvage won Paralympic gold in the 400m, 800m, 1500m, and 5000m. Her victories over 1500m and 5000m slashed the previous world records. In winning the 1500m event, Sauvage carved a phenomenal 6.21 seconds off the old world record which was set in 1992.

Sauvage was presented with her Paralympian of the Year Trophy by the Federal Minister for Sport, The Hon. Warwick Smith MP.

It was also a double victory for Western Australia with Perth-based cycling head coach Ken Norris named Coach of the Year. Norris guided the 14-member Paralympic cycling team to a tally of five gold and five silver medals in Atlanta. It was under Norris' coaching where Australia's Paralympic cycling team completed the Games as the top nation at the Velodrome.

The men's gold medal winning wheelchair basketball team also collected a deserved Awards double. The team, which defeated Great Britain 78/63 in fantastic fashion in the gold medal match in Atlanta, was named Team of the Year.

The basketball team's point scoring machine, Troy Sachs, was named the inaugural winner of the Most Outstanding Individual Performance at the Paralympic Games. Sachs was voted by his 162 Paralympic team-mates as the winner following his inspirational 42-point world record scoring spree in the gold medal match.

Paralympic Games cerebral palsy discus gold medallist, ACT's Damien Burroughs, was named Developing Male Paralympian Of The Year and Newcastle wheelchair sprinter, Christie Skelton, was named Female Developing Paralympian Of The Year. ABC radio's Grandstand program was voted the Most Outstanding Media Coverage for 1996.

The full list of winners are:

Paralympian Of The Year	Louise Sauvage
Developing Male Paralympian Of The Year	Damien Burroughs
Developing Female Paralympian Of The Year	Christie Skelton
Coach Of The Year	Ken Norris
Team Of The Year	Men's Basketball
Most Outstanding Individual Performance at the Paralympic Games	Troy Sachs
Best Media for 1996	ABC Grandstand



## Amputee Federation of Australia

The Amputee Federation of Australia Executive has continued to concentrate on building an organisational base to take the Federation through to 2000 and beyond. We have a long way to go in this area but have made significant strides towards our objectives over the past two years.

1996/1997 was again an assiduous year for the Federation that commenced with the alarming news that funding assistance from the Australian Sports Commission had been reduced by 10% over the amount previously received.

This reduction warranted a thorough re-evaluation of the Federation's budget so that it did not reduce the services currently being afforded to our Member Organisations and the athletes.

The major event and most time consuming was the 1996 Atlanta Paralympic Games. Each of our Member Organisations were well represented in this, the first multi disability, sports specific Paralympic team to represent Australia. It was also Australia's most successful Paralympic Team. Congratulations to our 30 athletes on winning selection.

The 18th National Bowls Championships were hosted by the Amputee Association of South Australia at the Somerton Bowling Club in March. A total of 39 competitors attended at what was considered the most successful Bowls Championships held over the past eight years.

Following the championships, the following were chosen to represent Australia at the 3rd ISOD World Lawn Bowl Championships held in Sydney in October.

### **Ladies**

Bev Cole, Carmel Thomas, Andrea Muller and Vicki Clifton (all NSW), Nanette Birthisel and June Clark (VIC) and Paula Cahill (SA).

### **Men's**

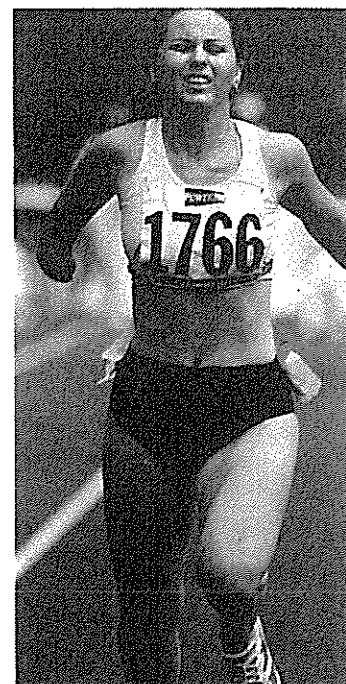
Doogan McKone, Danny Crathern, Bob Tinker, George Charlesworth and Bob Tinker (all SA), John Forsberg, Tony Fonnell, Neville Ryan and Maurie McKay (all QLD) and Neville Millington, Merv Darke, Peter Henry, Donald Pokoney, Bob Sonter and David Lendon (all NSW).

The 1997 Australian Multi Disability Championships were held at the Olympic Park, Homebush in April and are now ready to become a feature event on the sports calendar for people with a disability.

The following Federation National records were created at the Championships;

Athletics	Senior Male	1 National and 7 Australian Allcomers records.
	Senior Female	3 National and Australian Allcomers records.
	Junior Male	14 National records.
	Junior Female	3 National records.
Swimming	Senior Female	1 World and 3 National records.
	Senior Male	7 National records.
	Junior Female	7 National records.
	Junior Male	10 National records.

There were also 67 personal best performances.



The Federation also presented the following Awards.

Amputee Federation Australian Sportsperson of the Year Neil Fuller AASA

Most Outstanding Male Sportsperson Neil Fuller AASA

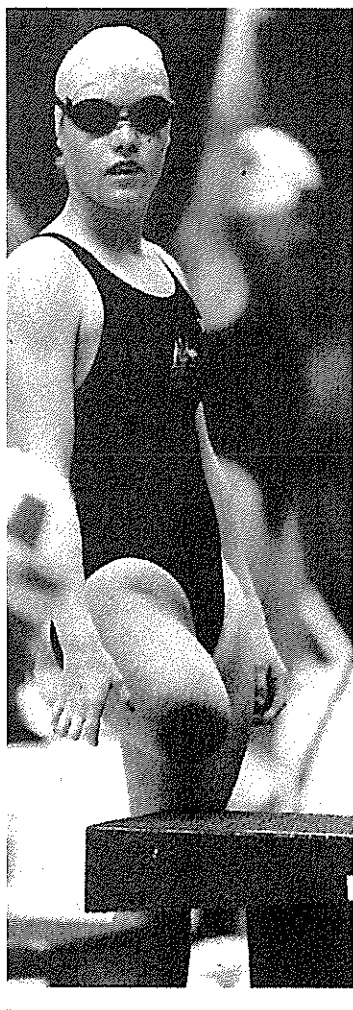
Most Outstanding Female Sportsperson Amy Winters NSWASA

Pleasingly, Neil Fuller, Brad Thomas and Kerrod McGregor received invitations to compete in an Invitational Track and Field meet in San Diego. In a first for Australian amputees, these athletes were competing for prizemoney. All performed credibly with Brad winning the long jump and finishing fourth in the 100 metres. Kerrod, although unplaced in his field events showed he had improved on his performances from Atlanta. Neil excelled beating his arch rival, Tony Volpentest, by winning the 100 metres and finished second in an Australian record in the 200 metres. However, Neil's most outstanding performance was in the T41 class where he established a 400m World Record.

Later in the year, Neil was also honoured when he was asked to compete on the card that attracted Donovan Bailey and Michael Johnson in a one-on-one event with Tony Volpentest where \$1 million was on offer if either athlete could break the world record. Congratulations too, go to Lyn Beebe who was granted Life Membership of the Amputee Federation of Australia during the year. We must also congratulate Amy Winters, Brad Thomas, Gemma Dashwood and Brendan Burkett on being awarded the OAM for their contributions to Paralympic Sport at the Atlanta Paralympics.

The final pieces of our organisational jigsaw are almost in place now that we have affiliate members operational in the Northern Territory (1995/96) and Western Australia (1996/97). This takes our membership to seven State and Territory affiliates with only Tasmania to come. The recent formation of the Tasmanian Disabled Sport and Recreation Association provides a long overdue focus in Tasmania and we certainly will be opening negotiations with them with a view to their becoming an affiliate next year.

There are great opportunities for the Federation and our athletes – opportunities that we must view with great optimism. However, these opportunities can only be realised if all parties unite and work together for the single cause of disabled sport.



## Australian Blind Sports Federation

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The only major international competition involving ABSF members in 1997 was the 6th World Blind Bowls Championships in Hamilton, New Zealand. Members of the Australian Blind Bowlers Association won 5 gold and 1 silver medal.

Winners were:

Women's Singles	B2 Pat Burgess (SA)	gold
	B3 Rae Fuller (SA)	silver
Men's Singles	B2 John Hubbard (NSW)	gold
	B3 Bob Jones (SA)	gold
Mixed Pairs	B2 Betty Coleclough (QLD)	gold
	Shane Higgins (VIC)	
	B3 Jenny Smith (NT)	gold
	Peter Alexander (NT)	

Australia won the "Harry Armstrong Trophy" as the world team champion.

Paralympian Anthony Clarke won awards in and out of competition during the year.

They were;

Australian National Judo Championships	Silver medal	Under 95kg division
SKJA Men's Open	Gold Medal	Open weight division
	Gold Medal	Under 95kg division
South Australian State Judo Championships	Gold Medal	Under 95kg Masters
	Silver Medal	Under 95kg Open
	Bronze Medal	Open weight division

Awards 1997 Sportsman's Association (SA Branch) Disabled Athlete of the Year

1996-97 SRPH Stan Wickham Sportsman of the Year

1997 City of Port Adelaide Enfield for Contribution to Sport and Recreation

Vision impaired athletes competed in the Australian Multi Disability Championships at Homebush in Sydney in April and established 74 national records in athletics (45), swimming (23) and powerlifting (6).

Appreciation is expressed for the co-operation of the NSOD's and Ken Grinham of NSW Sports Council for the Disabled, and to the Australian Sports Commission for sponsorship assistance.

Thirteen athletes, representing the ABSF, competed in the 5th Athletics Australia National Track and Field Championships for Athletes with Disabilities in Canberra in March winning 11 titles.

Paralympians, Leroi Court (100m, 200m) Russell Short (Shot Put) Jodi Willis-Roberts (Discus) and Lee Cox (NSW) were open event winners. Junior age winners were Shane Allen, Kieran Courtney, Natasha Godress (all NSW) and Paul Harpur (QLD).



## **Australian Sport and Recreation Association for Persons with an Intellectual Disability**

The past twelve months have been extremely hectic, but immensely satisfying for AUSRAPID

Some of the highlights and outcomes of the hard work include:-

### **FESPIC**

The FESPIC Executive, after years of lobbying, has agreed that athletes with an intellectual disability will be included in the FESPIC Games in Thailand in January 1999.

### **Tennis**

Tennis Australia will conduct a National Open for players with an intellectual disability in early 1998, following the Australian Open.

The Victorian Hardcourt Championship was conducted in June 1997 and was a huge success with the standard improving markedly. We have been able to establish our first rankings based on the outcomes from the Victorian Hardcourt and will use these for the Australian Open. The Queensland Open was conducted in July for the second year and included an event for players with an intellectual disability.

### **Table Tennis**

AUSRAPID has had initial discussions with Table Tennis Australia to further develop Table Tennis for players with an intellectual disability. There is a possibility that a national event will be trialled early in 1998.

### **Indoor Cricket**

The 1997 National Indoor Cricket Championship, The Lord's Taverners Cup, was conducted in Adelaide between 28 July – 2 August. Seven teams participated with Tasmania joining the competition for the first time.

The 'All Star' team was selected at the completion of the Lord's Taverners and members were invited to attend a camp in Sydney in September alongside both the National Men's and Women's teams, prior to their departure for South Africa.

Karen Denman, AICF Executive Director, met with South African officials to discuss a possible Test between Australia and South Africa in 1998.

AUSRAPID was successful with a grant application to the ANZ Foundation for a project to develop indoor cricket in regional Australia. This project has already begun and we look forward to some very positive outcomes.

### **Athletics**

The 1997 National Athletic Championship in Canberra in March was successful and yielded many national and world records for athletes with an intellectual disability. The inclusion of junior athletes was very encouraging and hopefully will be more popular in 1998 with enhanced promotion.

Nine athletes with an intellectual disability travelled to the United Kingdom in September to compete in the Athletics Disability International in Birmingham. These nine athletes currently hold 12 World Track and Field records between them. They have been accepted into the Paralympic Preparation Program – six into the Level 1 squad and three into the Level 2 squad.

### **Basketball**

The improvement in the standard of play in the 1997 National Basketball Championship for players with an intellectual disability, in Newcastle, was quite breathtaking. The main



reason for this is the input of mainstream basketball – via Basketball Australia, strong commitment of Basketball Associations, qualified basketball coaching personnel and players being extended in mainstream competitions.

The Victorian Basketball Association received a deserved award for its contribution to the development of basketball for players with an intellectual disability in Victoria. Their lead in this development has been the catalyst behind the rapid improvement in players and the acceptance by the basketball community.

The Men's program is now part of the Paralympic Preparation Program and will receive subsequent support for training and competition in the 1997/1998 financial year.

AUSRAPID received financial support from the Australian Sports Commission to send the Women's team to Japan. They attended a three day camp with the Men while in Japan.

#### **Netball**

Netball Australia has agreed to include a component on Disability into their accredited Level 1 Coaching Courses. AUSRAPID is assisting with components of this course.

We are very keen to encourage the formation of Integration Committees in each state to ensure that netball is being addressed adequately at State level. Only then will we be able to re-establish a National Championship and enhance grass roots development.

#### **Swimming**

There are six swimmers with an intellectual disability currently in the Paralympic Preparation Program squad.

These swimmers attended the Brisbane Open Swimming Championship in October 1997 and will be preparing for the World Championships in 1998.

#### **Futsal**

The Australian Futsal Federation is investigating the possibility of the National Team playing in an international competition in 1998.

#### **Member Organisations**

AUSRAPID would be unable to carry out its job effectively if it were not for the fantastic efforts of its Member organisations. Our eight State/Territory members have varying degrees of Government support and funding. However, this does not affect the enthusiasm they have toward their task.

#### **Australian Paralympic Federation**

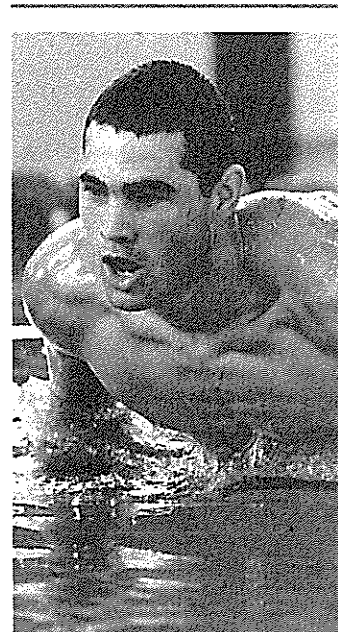
AUSRAPID has worked very closely with the APF in the past twelve months and we congratulate the Board and Secretariat for achieving so much in often very trying circumstances. The APF has a huge role overseeing the Paralympic Preparation Program for nineteen sports leading up to Sydney 2000 – and has done a great job to date in establishing the guidelines.

#### **Athlete Registration**

We have currently 440 athletes, who have completed the eligibility process.

#### **International Affiliations**

INAS-FMH, International Sports Federation for People with Mental Handicap/Intellectual Disability has undergone many changes since the General Assembly in April 1997 with the Presidency, Secretariat and Technical components located in Madrid.





## Australian Wheelchair Athletes Ltd

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The 1996/97 period was the most exciting and successful year for AWA since its inception. The success of the wheelchair contingent at the 1996 Paralympic Games in Atlanta ensured that the past 12 months would remain unforgettable for everyone involved with wheelchair sports.

The wheelchair athletes who participated in the Atlanta Games, did our nation proud. We have a legacy to be proud of and have established a sporting standard for the future. Apart from the success of our athletes in Atlanta, the 1996/97 period saw outstanding performances from our athletes at various other international and national competitions. There was also tremendous unity amongst AWA Member organisations, continued hard work from many volunteers involved with numerous committees around the nation and great support of wheelchair sports from amongst the public and corporate sector in Australia.

The National Office continued to meet the challenges of this exciting but demanding period. With the support and hard work of the national sports section committees, particularly their Chairpersons, and the co-operation of the Member organisations, we were able to play an active role in the administration and preparation of the 1996 Australian Paralympic Team.

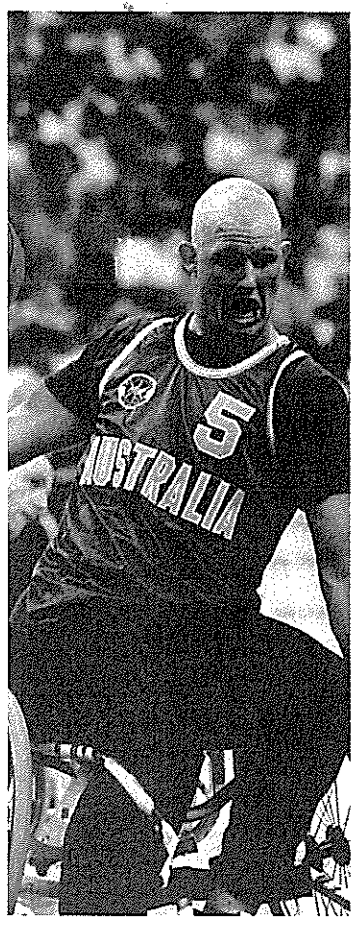
AWA was responsible for the organisation and co-ordination of Australian teams participating in various international competitions and national training camps under the Paralympic Preparation Program. Obviously, in the final lead up to the Paralympic Games the emphasis had been on the preparation of the elite athletes and therefore the AWA Development Program was put on hold for a short time.

In February 1997, AWA was involved in a detailed review of the Paralympic Preparation Program and was able to make constructive comments and suggestions for the PPP leading up to the 2000 Games. This was followed in March 1997 by recommendations being made by AWA to the APF for the APF Level One and Two Squads.

As mentioned earlier, the emphasis during the months leading up to the Atlanta Games was on the elite only and this may have inadvertently resulted in negligence in development and talent identification. This problem was recognised by the Board and discussed at the AWA Sports Sections and State Development Officers' meeting in Ballarat in April 1997 and at subsequent AWA Members meetings. AWA is now confident that everyone concerned recognises the urgent need for talent identification, recruitment and development and with a combined effort we will be able to field a strong team in 2000.

A major initiative was the setting up of the National Wheelchair Sports Foundation and the first ever product endorsement by a disabled sporting organisation in Australia. We were also able to set up national databases for referees, classifiers, coaches and a national participation register. AWA also recognised the need for putting in place a national register of Australia's participation in Paralympic Games since 1960 and we are currently in the process of completing this project.

There have been many highlights for AWA in 1996/97, not least of which was the Ninth National Junior Wheelchair Games hosted by Wheelchair Sports VIC and the city of Ballarat. Around 170 athletes from all States and Territories of Australia together with teams from New Zealand and the USA participated in all wheelchair sports.





AWA and its Member organisations continue to develop strategies for marketing and fundraising in what are becoming very difficult times because of the strong competition for dollars with the Sydney Olympics and Paralympics, and the ever-increasing gaming activities in every State of Australia. AWA believes that Governments must recognise the detrimental effect the increased revenue being achieved through gaming activities is having on organisations such as AWA and make the necessary provisions to compensate them at least in the short to medium term. AWA will be lobbying Governments on this matter.

AWA also recognises the need to continue its work in lifting the profile of wheelchair sports and creating competition opportunities at regional, State, national and international levels. To this end, initiatives are in place to forge greater links in the Asia Pacific Region and this will be given a priority in the immediate future.



## **Riding for the Disabled Association of Australia**

For Riding for the Disabled Association of Australia, the past year has been one of great achievement in relation to our Paralympic involvement.

Following our introduction to international equestrian competition in 1994, when three riders represented Australia at the World Dressage Championships for riders with a disability, huge efforts were made to seek additional riders who could train towards selection for the 1996 Atlanta Paralympics where, for the first time, dressage was included in the program.

At the 1995 National Dressage Championships a squad of seven riders was chosen to be trained by the National Coach, Miss Mary Longden. Four training camps were held and during this time, Miss Sally Francis was chosen as Chef d'Equipe to assist with team management. There are four Grades of equestrian competition, with Grade IV being equivalent to Medium and Grade III to Elementary in generic dressage competition. Due to the publicity generated by the wonderful achievements of the whole Paralympic team, RDA has been able to attract many more riders who are now training towards selection for Sydney 2000, some 25 in total across the four Grades.

Since Atlanta, RDA has been in close contact with Sydney Paralympic Organising Committee (SPOC) to ensure that the competition arrangements for Sydney 2000 are suitable. In addition, Sue Ellen Lovett has been appointed to the Board of SPOC as an Athlete representative and Susan Cusack (RDA's National Executive Director) has been elected as Vice Chairman of the International Paralympic Equestrian Committee which advises IPC on equestrian matters.

RDA wishes to acknowledge the excellent administrative and financial support of the Australian Paralympic Federation for the equestrian team in the lead up to Atlanta.



## **Cerebral Palsy – Australian Sport and Recreation Federation**

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During the past year, our Fédération experienced the Atlanta Paralympic Games and has since been focussing on the build-up towards Sydney 2000. Many of our activities are part of the development program for the lead up to the Paralympics in Sydney. Some of the activities in classification, development and officiating are also designed to be of great benefit to our sporting movement beyond the year 2000.

Nationally, the Federation co-hosted the Australian MultiDisability Championships and 120 athletes with Cerebral Palsy and their coaches came from all Australian states and territories as well as teams from eight overseas countries. Two world records, 34 Australian records and 42 state records were set. Included in the MultiDisability Championships was the Australian Boccia Championships incorporating the Asia Pacific Boccia Championships. Teams from Australia, New Zealand and Malaysia participated. The Trans Tasman Trophy had its inaugural competition at these Games and the trophy was won by Australia.

Internationally, the Atlanta Paralympics was an outstanding success. Athletes with Cerebral Palsy contributed greatly to that success. Twenty six athletes with Cerebral Palsy were part of the Australia team and contributed 29 medals to the tally. Boccia won their first Paralympic medal ever for Australia.

The major international competition in 1997 for athletes with Cerebral Palsy was the World Games in Nottingham UK. This incorporated the World Athletics Championships, the World Swimming Championships, World Cycling Championships and the Bowls World Cup. There were 900 competitors from 42 countries and Australia sent a team of 26 athletes. The team won 20 gold medals, three silver, and five bronze medals and set eight World records and 19 Australian records.

A major focus of energies and spending during this year was the development of expertise in the area of classification and officiating. The nationally accredited classifiers were issued with new manuals. Our international classifier was funded to go to the World Championships to keep current with new trends. Also, a doctor and physiotherapist were funded to gain accreditation as international classifiers at the World Games. This means Australia will have internationally accredited classifiers to work up to the year 2000 and beyond.

Through grants CP-ASRF funded and conducted Come-And-Try days in each state with the co-operation of the state organisation. The program ranged from specific Boccia talent identification camps through to multi sport activities.

CP-ASRF members continue to play an active role on committees at the international level. We have two members on CP-ISRA's Swimming Committee, two members on the International Boccia Committee and one member on the Executive of CP-ISRA.

In conclusion, our Federation would like to express its appreciation to the members of the Board of Management of the APF for their work as we move towards Sydney 2000. Also, our thanks are extended to members of the Board prior to the last AGM for their tremendous contribution. As we look towards Sydney 2000, it will be the goodwill, commitment and communication from all parties that will build on the success of Atlanta and produce an even greater success in 2000.



## **Disabled WinterSport Australia**

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1996-97 could be best described as a bitter/sweet year for winter sport for the disabled. Bitter because Australia lost two of its finest athletes ever in alpine competition, namely Michael Milton and Michael Norton. They produced Australia's first ever gold medals in either Paralympic or Olympic winter competition and it now remains for those who follow to emulate their magnificent performances.

The sweeter aspect of our elite activities has been the emergence of fine athletes such as James Paterson and Rod Hacon who are real gold medal contenders at the 1998 Winter Paralympic Games in Nagano. Their efforts in the World Championships in Lech placed them in the highest echelon of the competitors in their class in the world.

With the ultimate objective of gathering an even greater pool of elite athletes for the years following 2000, Disabled WinterSport Australia is embarking on an imaginative project in association with the NSW Winter Sports Academy and in consultation with the Australian Institute of Sport and the Australian Ski Institute to establish a facility in Jindabyne complemented by a full time coach. Given this DWA initiative reaches fruition, budding winter athletes can look forward to a continuing future of technical and career development.

Finally, Disabled WinterSport Australia congratulates the Australian Paralympic Federation on their courageous initiatives on the large scale issues dealing with sport for the disabled in this country as we rapidly move toward the year 2000. It also wishes to thank them for the positive support of our elite and developing Winter Paralympians.



## **Australian Yachting Federation**

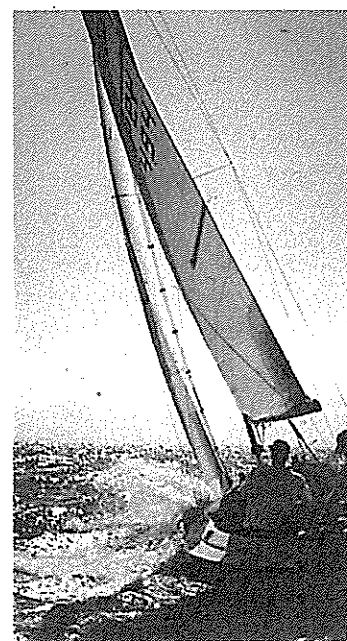
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Australia was not represented at the 1996 Paralympic regatta sailed on Lake Lanier north of Atlanta where Great Britain beat Canada, the USA and 13 other countries in the demonstration event.

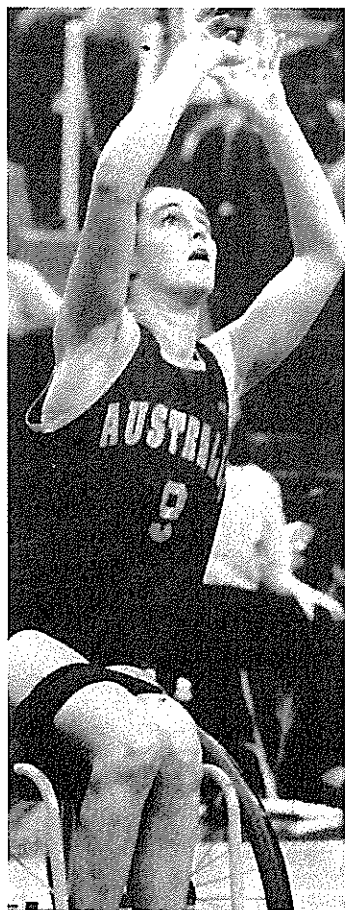
In the 2000 Paralympic Games regatta, sailing will be a full medal sport for the first time. It is expected that Australia will do well in both the single-person discipline (International 2.4 mR) and the three-person discipline (Sonar).

Australia hosted the 1997 International trapseat championship on Pittwater in March. Disabled Australian sailors competed recently in the 1996 World 2.4mR Championships (Cannes, France), the 1997 European (open) Disabled single-handed Sailing Championships (Gothenburg, Sweden) and the Swedish Open 2.4 mR Championship (Stockholm).

The National Coordinator of Sailability Australia undertook a Churchill Fellowship in 1996 to observe the Paralympic Regatta and to study disabled sailing in the US, Canada, and Europe.



## Basketball



The period following the enormous success at the Atlanta Paralympics was destined to be a relatively quiet one in terms of competition opportunities for the wheelchair basketball teams. It has very much been a time of consolidation and planning towards the 1998 Gold Cup and the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games.

Basketball Australia is very pleased that the APF Basketball Advisory Committee has been formally established in 1997 and that we are involved in the basketball committee, and subsequent planning meetings. It is also pleasing that the wheelchair basketball fraternity are recognising the role that sport specific specialists can play in the development of the sport – particularly strength and conditioning, sports psychologists and sports nutritionists. The increased involvement of Paralympic athletes with State/Territory Academies and Institutes will ensure that these resources are more readily available to them.

The highlights of the past 12 months include the success of the Australian U23 Wheelchair Basketball Team at the inaugural Junior Men's World Championships and the inclusion of the men's competition for players with an intellectual disability. We are already starting to see the impact this is having on the numbers and standards of players. The Australian Team are currently ranked third and will be looking for a finals berth at the 1998 World Championships and the 2000 Paralympic Games.

With regards to the U23 team winning the bronze medal, this was a fantastic achievement. The team was selected with very little preparation time and only consisted of 8 players (7 of whom had not played internationally before). Even if the team had not joined the ranks of "bronzed Aussies", participation in this type of event is paramount in the development of the sport. This type, and intensity, of competition can never be duplicated in domestic leagues or championships. With Troy Sachs continuing his world domination and receiving awards for top scorer and top rebounder, and Troy and Shane Porter being named in the World All Star 5, the future looks very bright for Australian Wheelchair Basketball.

On the planning side of things, some emphasis needs to be placed on the development of pathways for players, coaches and officials from junior to senior ranks over the next 12 months. This will ensure that players with potential are given every opportunity to succeed. We must also ensure that, with the number of organisations involved with the Paralympic teams, communication lines are kept open and that we establish working partnerships to ensure the best for the athletes.

The 1998 calendar will be a busy one on the International competition front with preparation and planning for the Men's and Women's Wheelchair Basketball World Championships in Sydney, October 1998 and the World Championships for Men and Women with an intellectual Disability in Brazil, September 1998. We have no doubt that our top 4 rankings of all these teams will be, at the very least, maintained.

## Table Tennis

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There were some exciting developments in Table Tennis for athletes with a disability in Australia over the past year. These developments have taken place in all areas of the sport such as player standard and participation, coaching and administration.

A three day training camp was held in Melbourne in August 97. The camp was planned to coincide with the able bodied Australian Open Championships, which attracted some of the world's best players. After an extensive training program, the players attended the Open finals to watch some very high standard matches.

A special highlight for some of the younger members of the development squad was meeting and practising with Deng Yaping, the No.1 women's player in the world.

A squad of six developing and experienced athletes will be selected to represent Australia at the FESPIC Table Tennis Championships in Hong Kong in November.

All members of the APF Advisory Committee attended the Paralympic Preparation Program planning workshop in Canberra in July 97. It was announced during the workshop that events for intellectually disabled athletes will be added to Table Tennis in Sydney 2000. The committee will be inviting a representative from AUSRAPID to assist them in the identification and development of suitable athletes.

Possibly the most significant progress has been the assurance gained from the International Table Tennis Committee that, as host country, Australia will gain automatic entry at Sydney 2000 in each of the four main disabled categories – women's and men's standing, women's and men's seated.

Joe Hoad was appointed National Coach for table tennis for the second consecutive term. With our close links and use of TTA resources, table tennis for the disabled is attracting more awareness and interest in the general table tennis community which augers well for our future progress and development.



## Tennis

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The Australian Paralympic Tennis team achieved outstanding results at the 1996 Atlanta Games. David Hall (NSW) fought well in the men's singles defeating Laurent Giammarini (Fra) to take the bronze medal. The men's doubles team comprising of Hall (NSW) and Michael Connell (NSW) played off for the gold medal against the USA. Australian performances at the 1996 US Open were fantastic with Daniela Di Toro becoming the first Australian woman to reach the final. However, Daniela lost after a hard fought third set. Ricky Molier, of the Netherlands, proved too strong defeating David Hall in the semi-finals and eventually taking out the singles titles.

The 1996 BHP NSW Wheelchair Tennis Open held in November provided good results with Lee Hinson (USA) and Branka Pupovac (NSW) winning the singles titles.

1997 started with great results with both Daniela and David winning the Sydney Summer Open and the Australian Open titles. Both players then went on to win the Lipton and Lakeshore Invitationals in the United States.

Anthony Bonaccorso (VIC) took out the 1997 South Australian Open men's singles while Branka Pupovac (NSW) continued her good form by winning the women's singles title. David Johnson and Daniela Di Toro took out the singles titles at the Victorian Hardcourt Championships.

David Hall and David Johnson combined to win bronze when defeating Great Britain's Simon Hatt and Jayant Mistry, two rubbers to love at the World Team Cup held in Britain in July-August. The number three seeded Dutch women's team proved too strong for the rest of the field winning the gold medal and defeated Belgium in the final. The Australian women's team consisting of Branka Pupovac and Randa Hinson played well and were placed ninth.

The Tennis for People with Disabilities Development Plan was revised for 1997-2001.

The revision of the plan took place at a Tennis for People with Disabilities Planning Workshop in September, 1996 with the involvement of Jenni Banks from the APE.

A guide to the Tennis for People with Disabilities program was produced in September 1997. The guide provides information about the Tennis for People with Disabilities program and lists coaches in each state and territory.



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## Obituary

On 16 July 1997, Nick Di Toro passed away. Nick's contribution to wheelchair tennis was immense. His enthusiasm and willingness to assist in promoting wheelchair tennis from chairing the Australian Wheelchair Tennis Open Committee to organising the raffle during the 1996 World Team Cup were greatly appreciated. He will be sadly missed.

## **Finance and Administration**

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After Atlanta in August, and the Annual General Meeting in October, 1996, the Australian Paralympic Federation (APF) has taken the opportunity to consolidate and review its administration and financial procedures. The review is continuing, the benefits of which will be realised in future years, particularly in the period leading to Sydney 2000, and beyond.

During the year under review after Atlanta, expenditures, particularly on sport, were minimal, although income has been increased substantially, particularly as a result of receiving the first instalment from the Sydney Paralympic Organising Committee for the sale of certain marketing rights. The sale ensures that APF will receive \$5.5 million in the period to December, 2000.

As a result, the APF has enjoyed a substantial surplus for the year of \$1.3 million.

The Board of the APF is very conscious of its responsibilities, with particular regard to the investment of APF funds, and is taking appropriate action to ensure that the future of Paralympic sport is secure well beyond 2000.

A summarised Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 30 June 1997, together with a Balance Sheet follows. The detailed financial statements, together with the report of our auditor, are available from the APF office.

### **Income and Expenditure Statement (in \$000)**

#### **Income**

Sale of certain marketing rights (received in the year)		
(to Sydney Paralympic Organising Committee)		1,500
Australian Sports Commission -		
Received	1,155	
Less: Carried forward	<u>387</u>	
		768
Fundraising and sponsors		869
Investment income		105
Other		<u>5</u>
		<u>3,247</u>

#### **Expenditure**

Athletes and international competition		
(principally Atlanta and prior)		1,118
Promotions, marketing and media		430
Administration		<u>386</u>
		<u>1,934</u>
Surplus for the year		<u>1,313</u>

### **Balance Sheet (in \$000)**

#### **Assets**

Cash and investments	2,784
Other (receivables and inventories, etc)	<u>94</u>
	2,878

#### **Liabilities**

Creditors and provisions	54
Grant monies - carried forward	<u>387</u>
	<u>441</u>
Net assets	<u>2,437</u>



## Marketing and Fundraising

This has been a significant year for the APF, with the signing of an agreement with SPOC to sell the majority of the marketing rights to that organisation for \$5.5m. Because of the Sydney 2000 Games (Indicia and Images) Protection Act, there is very limited scope for the Federation to be involved in marketing the 1998 Nagano Winter Games and the Sydney 2000 Games.

This does not preclude the APF from marketing other major activities such as the FESPIC Games and other multi-disability international events. In the event that agreement is reached with SPOC to sell the remaining marketing rights it will permit the APF to concentrate on ensuring that our athletes are well prepared, as usual, for the range of competitions which will precede Sydney 2000. State Councils will still be able to raise funds in their own right as long as they do not infringe on SPOC's marketing and fundraising activities. In fact, it is hoped that both the SPOC program and the individual State Councils will work together to achieve the optimum return for our athletes.

Work has commenced on developing a fundraising program for the National Paralympic Week which is to be held during the week commencing March 1 next year.

It was also very pleasing during the year to extend our partnership with the Motor Accidents Authority of NSW with their Athlete Scholarship Scheme. Twelve NSW athletes benefit significantly from this Scheme, at the same time promoting and supporting very important road safety messages throughout NSW.

Our State Councils have continued to provide substantial support as a result of their individual fundraising activities. During the year of 1996/97 the State and Territory Councils raised collectively in excess of \$280,000. The APF thanks them for their efforts.



## Media

Coverage of the Atlanta Paralympics in August exceeded all expectations across both print and electronic media.

The Australian team's success achieved front and back page prominence in most metropolitan dailies while radio stations, both commercial and the ABC carried regular reports. The ABC television coverage, arranged by the APF, was extremely well received by viewers who appreciated at least 30 minutes of highlights each night. The ABC presence in Atlanta also ensured news footage was available for all commercial stations' bulletins. The decision to include a media officer as part of the team to Atlanta proved extremely successful. It ensured maximum coverage and provided important assistance to many athletes. Since the Games, a number of athletes have received excellent publicity for individual achievements, notably Louise Sauvage for her Boston Marathon and world championship wins, Neil Fuller for his race against American Tony Volpentest in Toronto, and Sue Ellen Lovett's fundraising ride.

Media exposure, particularly in the metropolitan media, continues to be linked to success in international competition. The last 12 months have seen improved media awareness and interest in Paralympic sport. With the Winter Paralympics scheduled for next March and increasing interest in preparations for the Sydney Paralympics in 2000, the APF can look forward to continued success in promoting awareness of elite disabled sport over the next 12 months.





## Medical Commission

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The last 12 months have been quite busy and have included the evaluation process of the medical services provided at the Atlanta Games.

The Atlanta Games were very successful and one of the principal reasons for this was the professional approach in all areas. This was possible because of the funding from the Government, which allowed so many different activities to be undertaken.

The Medical Commission consisted of seven members including three physiotherapists, Jane Buckley, Don Perriman and Richard Bolton, one coach and technical expert Scott Goodman, one nursing sister Norma Beer and two doctors Susan White and John Bourke.

The areas of involvement, in particular, included classification, doping and the providing of medical supplies.

Australia is blessed with many international classifiers which is an advantage to our country and, in particular, to the athletes. When our athletes go overseas, they know what class they are going to be in and can concentrate solely on their athletic performances.

During the year, decisions were made to assist WinterSports, Riding for the Disabled and Cerebral Palsy in relation to increasing the knowledge and expertise of classification at an international level.

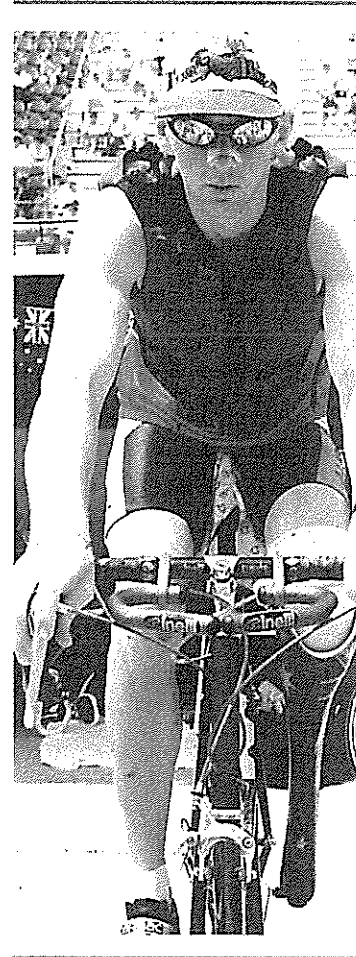
Members of the Medical Commission have been involved in classification in other areas with Don Perriman involved in basketball, Jane Buckley in swimming and Richard Bolton both in WinterSports and general ISMWSE classification. Dr. Bourke was also involved in teaching ISOD classification. More recently he was involved at the FESPIC Executive meeting in teaching track and field, basketball, archery, goalball, powerlifting, tennis and judo classification.

There is a continuing need to keep an eye on our classification strengths and weaknesses and address the issues appropriately.

In relation to doping, there have been several requests for people to compete in certain situations and contact has been maintained with the IPC Doping Commission.

Currently the medical certificates of athletes going to Nagano are being reviewed and requests have been made to the IPC Doping Commission for permission for athletes to compete in certain circumstances using certain medications.

Medical services were reviewed after Atlanta. It will be necessary at future Games to have more doctors and there will be a need to look at the balance of the medical staff whilst away. The staff we took away to Atlanta included doctors, physiotherapists, nursing sisters and massage therapists. We may need to add, in time, a sports psychologist.



## Queensland Council Report

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During 1996-97, the Queensland Council achieved a number of significant goals. These goals, along with the current objectives being adopted by the Queensland Council, continue to establish a solid foundation for the support and preparation of Paralympic athletes.

Financially, the State Council raised a net \$335,000 for the 1996 Atlanta Team Appeal. In addition to these funds, the establishment of excellent media relationships saw an unprecedented level of interest in the efforts of the 1996 Atlanta Paralympic team. The launch of a number of programs, which included the "Adopt an Athlete" program, are receiving strong support from the community.

Queensland Council Business Development meetings co-ordinating the continuing foundation and management of the Council and its work, have been established for the next four years. They effectively and efficiently utilise all opportunities in the lead up to the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games and will guarantee that many of the programs already initiated continue to provide Paralympic athletes with the necessary support and funding in the lead up to the Athens 2004 Paralympic Games and 2008 Paralympic Games. The identification and appointment of additional Board members to the Queensland Council has strengthened the position and on-going professional management of the State Council during the past financial year. The size and constitution of the Queensland Council Board has enabled various committees to be formed with the responsibilities of various portfolios.

Contributions from volunteers providing support to the day to day work of the Queensland Council has played an important part in our success. Responsibilities and duties that can be allocated to these dedicated people has enabled the State Council to focus upon the management and direction of fundraising programs and events. Medibank Private, Queensland United Foods, Lions Club International and Logan City Mayoress' Committee were outstanding sponsors during the 1996/1997 financial years, and the Council salutes their commitment to the endeavours of our Paralympic athletes. The 1997/1998 financial year promises to be rewarding with a number of major projects currently being developed. Projects such as the "Paralympic Path to Glory" will be the first public facility that pays tribute to the efforts of Paralympic athletes.

Regional committees will be established during the year in major cities throughout Queensland. Queensland's size and population spread requires that these committees be established to further the work of the Paralympic movement in the South East, Central and North Queensland.

Congratulations to the 1996 Australian Paralympic Team on a sensational performance, and our thanks to those Queensland Paralympic athletes who assisted the Queensland Council. Participation or attendance in any State Council event illustrates to the community their commitment to the future of the Paralympic movement, and their recognition of the support and services provided by the Australian Paralympic Federation.



## **Western Australia Council Report**

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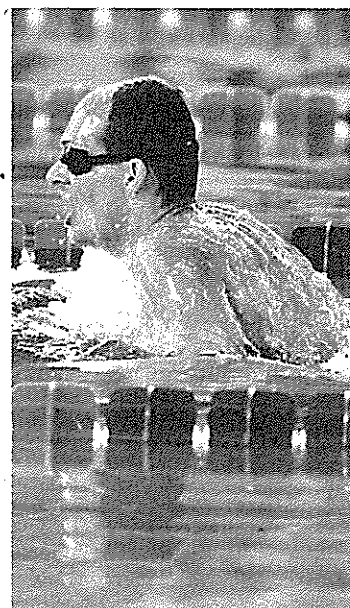
The WA council in conjunction with Athletics WA organised a Roller-Day. This involved a family fun day and competition between wheelchairs, cyclists and Roller-Blades near the Swan River in Perth.

Unfortunately the day was marred by exceptionally bad weather but did not deter the several thousand enthusiasts who attended and braved the conditions for a fun time. It was the first time that this format had been tried and based on the preliminary event, a bigger and better one will be organised for about next April.

The event was heavily supported by team members from the Eagles, Dockers, Wildcats and Western Reds. The event will be used next year for fundraising activities.

The WA State Council is currently running its yearly raffle. This is a raffle organised by way of a telemarketing agency and is a way of promoting the Paralympic movement throughout Western Australia and at the same time offering a raffle for sale.

The WA Council has also organised with Westfield for a display adjoining the Olympic Journey display at one of the largest shopping centres in Western Australia. An APF stall will be manned at the Galleria, Westfield Shopping Centre, with a static display of photos of Paralympians. There will be some brochures distributed promoting the Australian Paralympic Federation and there will be a display during the week of wheelchair basketballers who will run a competition involving a wheelchair basketball shoot-out. Participation by the members of the public would involve making a small donation to the Australian Paralympic Federation. This will be a great week for the APF.



## Paralympic Roll of Honour – 1996 ATLANTA PARALYMPIC GAMES MEDALS

### Track and Field

NAME DISCIPLINE RESULT

#### GOLD

JONES, Lachlan	100m MEN T32	19.90
LINDSAY, John	100m MEN T52	15.22
BLATTMAN, Fabian	1,500m MEN T50	5:09.41
EVANS, David	1,500m MEN T44-46	3:59.68
AUSTRALIA	4x100m MEN T42-46	45.40
MACDONALD, Hamish	Shot Put MEN F32,33	10.45
WALLRODT, Bruce	Shot Put MEN F53	9.12
BURROUGHS, Damien	Discus MEN F36	38.40
HARVEY, Brian	Javelin MEN F34-37	34.70
THRUPP, Darren	Long Jump MEN F34-37	34.70
WEBB, Katrina	100m WOMEN T36,37	5.74
	200m WOMEN T34,37	14.79
WINTERS, Amy	200m WOMEN T42-46	25.97
RACKHAM, Sharon	200m WOMEN T20	26.79
SAUVAGE, Louise	400m WOMEN T53	54.96
	800m WOMEN T53	1:52.80
	1,500m WOMEN T52,53	3:30.45
	5,000m WOMEN T53	12:40.71
LLORENS, Lisa	Long Jump WOMEN T20	4.95

#### SILVER

ROMAGUERA, Jaime	100m MEN T43	14.96
FULLER, Neil	100m MEN T43,44	11.97
	200m MEN T43,44	24.72
LINDSAY, John	200m MEN T52	27.38
BLATTMAN, Fabian	800m MEN T50	2:46.67
EVANS, David	800m MEN T44-46	1:55.81
SMITH, Gregory	5,000m MEN T51	13:39.90
SHORT, Russell	Shot Put MEN F12	14.94
	Discus MEN F12	42.56
McGREGOR, Kerrod	Pentathlon MEN P42	4,097
WILLIS-ROBERTS, Jodi	Shot Put WOMEN F10,11	11.46
WEBB, Katrina	Long Jump WOMEN F34-37	4.46

#### BRONZE

COURT, Leroi	100m MEN T12	11.48
THOMAS, Bradley	100m MEN T43,44	12.02
	Long Jump MEN F44	5.74
THRUPP, Darren	200m MEN T37	25.52
LINDSAY, John	400m MEN T52	52.93
GIDDY, Terence	Shot Put MEN F55	9.44
EATON, Stephen	Discus MEN F32,33	27.42
EDEN, John	Discus MEN F42	41.14
WALLRODT, Bruce	Javelin MEN F53	23.68
QUINN, Alison	100m WOMEN T36,37	15.31
WINTERS, Amy	100m WOMEN T42-46	12.89
LLORENS, Lisa	200m WOMEN T20	27.32

### Basketball – Men's

#### GOLD

SELBY, David	COX, Benjamin
SACHS, Troy	GOULD, David
OLIVER, Richard	EWIN, Stuart
MORRIS, Nicholas	CECCONATO, Orfeo
MALONEY, Timothy	BLYTHER, Robert (Sandy)
HEWSON, Gerard	ANDREWS, Troy

#### Boccia

#### BRONZE

HUYHN, Tu	Pair C1 Wad
BIGNALL, Kris	

#### Cycling

#### GOLD

SMITH, Sandra	Tandem Ind Pursuit	
POOLE, Theresa		3:54.563
SMITH, Sandra	Tandem kilo	
POOLE, Theresa		1:13.473
GOLDING, Kerry	200m Sprint Tandem MIXED Open	
MODRA, Keiran		
HOMANN, Peter	20k Bicycle Road	
	MIXED Div 4	31:05.00
SCOTT, Christopher	5000m Bicycle T.T.	
	MIXED Div 4	7:13.76

#### SILVER

HOLLANDS, Eddy	Tandem Ind Pursuit MEN Open	
CLOHESSY, Paul		4:38.901
GRAY, Matthew	Omnium MIXED LC1	
LAKE, Paul	Omnium MIXED LC2	
SCOTT, Christopher	20k Bicycle Road	
	MIXED Div 4	32:41.00
HOMANN, Peter	5000m Bicycle T.T.	
	MIXED Div 4	7:56.06

#### Judo

#### GOLD

CLARKE, Anthony	Up to 95
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#### Lawn Bowls

#### SILVER

CLARK, June	WOMEN LB3/4/5
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#### BRONZE

CAHILL, Pauline	WOMEN LB3/4/5
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#### Powerlifting

#### SILVER

McNICHOLL, Brian	up to 90 kg
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#### Shooting

#### SILVER

NOMARHAS, James	Sport Pistol MIXED SH1	660.7
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## Swimming

### GOLD

HARDY, Jeffrey	400m Freestyle MEN B2	4:33.85
	100m Butterfly MEN B2	1:06.42
BUGARIN, Kingsley	100m Breaststroke MEN B2	1:10.81
	200m Ind Medley MEN B2	2:22.45
	200m Breaststroke MEN B2	2:35.21
COOPER, Priya	100m Freestyle WOMEN S8	1:12.08
	400m Freestyle WOMEN S8	5:11.47
	100m Backstroke WOMEN S8	1:23.43
	200m Ind Medley WOMEN SM8	3:05.32
AUSTRALIA	4x100M Freestyle team WOMEN S7>10	4:45.65

CARLTON, Melissa  
FALZON, Janelle  
COOPER, Priya  
DASHWOOD, Gemma

CARLTON, Melissa	400m Freestyle WOMEN S9	5:01.22
DASHWOOD, Gemma	400m Freestyle WOMEN S10	4:40.94
	100m Butterfly WOMEN S10	1:08.88
BURKETT, Brendan	50m Freestyle MEN S9	28.09
CROSS, Tracey	100m Butterfly WOMEN B1	1:27.53
	200m Ind Medley WOMEN B1	3:07.76

### SILVER

BUGARIN, Kingsley	100m Freestyle MEN B2	59.08
	100m Butterfly MEN B2	1:07.13
FITZPATRICK, Grant	100m Freestyle MEN MH	59.32
	50m Freestyle MEN MH	27.01
CARLTON, Melissa	100m Freestyle WOMEN S9	1:08.35
	100m Butterfly WOMEN S9	1:16.21
DASHWOOD, Gemma	100m Freestyle WOMEN S10	1:05.82
	200m Ind Medley WOMEN SM10	2:38.93

## AUSTRALIA

4x100m Freestyle team MEN S7>10	4:12.11
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GOCKEL, Paul		
COLLINS, Dominic		
BURKETT, Brendan		
DE BURGH, Cameron		
BROCKENSHIRE, Scott		
YOUNG, Judith	100m Breaststroke WOMEN SB10	1:29.89
	100m Butterfly WOMEN SB10	1:12.64
	50m Freestyle WOMEN SB10	30.22
OLIVER, Tracey	50m Freestyle WOMEN S7	37.18
COOPER, Priya	50m Freestyle WOMEN S8	34.17
CROSS, Tracey	50m Freestyle WOMEN B1	34.41
SULLIVAN, Carla	100m Freestyle WOMEN MH	1:10.53

### BRONZE

BROCKENSHIRE, Scott	100m Butterfly MEN S10	1:04.59
	50m Freestyle MEN S10	26.82
BUGARIN, Kingsley	400m Freestyle MEN B2	4:35.52
HARDY, Jeffrey	200m Ind Medley MEN B2	2:32.42
FALZON, Janelle	400m Freestyle WOMEN S8	5:57.28
	100m Backstroke WOMEN S8	1:32.48
CARLTON, Melissa	100m Backstroke WOMEN S9	1:20.42
YOUNG, Judith	100m Backstroke WOMEN SB10	1:17.41
WRIGHT, Elizabeth	50m Butterfly WOMEN S6	51.20
COOPER, Priya	100m Butterfly WOMEN S8	1:30.42
LIDDELL, Karni	50m Freestyle WOMEN S6	39.56
BARKER, Petrea	100m Freestyle WOMEN MH	1:10.91

## Tennis

### SILVER

CONNELL, Mick	Doubles MEN
HALL, David	

### BRONZE

HALL, David	Singles MEN
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Sharon Rackman  
Darren Thrupp  
Katrina Webb  
Amy Winters  
Tim Matthews  
Brad Thomas

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David Selby  
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Nick Morris  
Tim Maloney  
Gerard Hewson  
Ben Cox  
David Gould  
Stuart Ewin  
Orfeo Cecconato  
Sandy Blythe  
Troy Andrews

**Cycling**

Terri Poole/Sandra Smith  
Chris Scott  
Peter Homman  
Kieran Modra/Kerry Golding

**Judo**

Anthony Clarke

**Swimming**

Kingsley Bugarin  
Brendan Burkett  
Melissa Carlton  
Gemma Dashwood  
Jeff Hardy  
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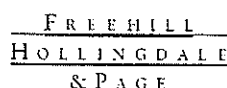
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