

Para-cycling Update

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A Newsletter for all Para-cycling athletes, coaches, volunteers and staff

What another huge month it has been for Para-cycling!

The naming of the cycling team that will compete in Beijing, the ABC TV presenters line-up, new dates for the APC's Toyota Talent Search Days and much more can be found in this month's edition.

Thanks also to those that have responded to the Update. Keep them coming and we hope to include your contributions in the next editions and keep everyone in the know about Para-cycling.

Happy reading!

Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games



With just 2 months to go, an estimated 4000 athletes from over 150 countries and regions will take part in the 13th Paralympic Games in Beijing from 6th to 17th September. The Games will consist of 20 sports with 471 disciplines, including track and road cycling. In principle, the Paralympics will use the same competition venues and facilities such as the Athletes' Village and the Velodrome.

CA has confirmed the selection of the full cycling team that will compete in Beijing. The team features five Bordeaux 2007 World Champions, including Michael Gallagher (LC1 - 1km TT and 4km IP), Chris Scott (CP4 - 3km IP), Greg Ball (LC4 - 1km TT), Kieran Modra (BVI Tandem with pilot Tyson Lawrence - 4km IP) and Jane Armstrong (LC3 - 500m TT).

Also Bordeaux 2007 silver medallists Ben Demery (BVI Tandem with pilot Shaun Hopkins - sprint and 1km TT), Felicity Johnson (BVI Tandem with pilot Katie Parker - 1km TT), Lindy Hou (BVI Tandem with pilot Toireasa Gallagher - 3km IP and RR) and Mel Leckie (HC-B - RTT and RR) have been selected, along with the Jayme Paris, the CP3 - 500m TT World Record holder.

Multi-winter Paralympian and Champion, Michael Milton (LC3), has made a successful transition to be selected in his first summer Games. Milton will contest the 3km IP and 1km TT events in Beijing.

Congratulations to all members selected in the team to represent Australia. The team will have a tough time defending its mantle of being the world number one Para-cycling nation.

MEN

1. Gregory Ball - QLD - LC4
2. Mark Le Flohic - WA - CP Div 2 Trike
3. Christopher Scott - QLD - CP Div 4
4. Michael Gallagher - VIC - LC1

5. Kieran Modra - SA - BVI Tandem
Tyson Lawrence - WA - Pilot for Modra
6. Benjamin Demery - NSW - BVI Tandem
Shaun Hopkins - NSW - Pilot for Demery
7. Michael Milton - ACT - LC3
8. Bryce Lindores - QLD - BVI Tandem
Steven George - QLD - Pilot for Lindores

WOMEN

1. Melissa Leckie - SA - HC Div B
2. Jayme Paris - NSW - CP Div 3
3. Lindy Hou - NSW - BVI Tandem
Toireasa Gallagher - NSW - Pilot for Hou
4. Felicity Johnson - SA - BVI Tandem
Katie Parker - SA - Pilot for Johnson
5. Jane Armstrong - ACT - LC3

STAFF

1. Mark Fulcher - NSW - Section Manager
2. Brett Hidson - SA - Assistant Manager/HPM
3. James Victor - QLD - Head Coach
4. Tom Skulander - NSW - Assistant Coach
5. Paul Martens - QLD Assistant Coach
6. Anouska Edwards - QLD - Physiotherapist
7. Alan Downes - QLD - Masseur
8. Mark Bullen - NSW - Mechanic
9. Paul Lamond - WA - Mechanic
10. Murray Lydeamore - SA - Welfare

Schedule

Opening Ceremony	6th September
Track Cycling	7th, 8th, 9th & 10th September
Road Cycling	12th, 13th & 14th September
Closing Ceremony	17th September

The fill competition schedule is available from the Paralympics website (<http://en.beijing2008.cn/paralympic/competition/schedule/index.shtml>)

Family and Supporters Packages

The Australian Paralympic Committee advises that M & L Promotions has been appointed as the official ticketing agent in Australia for the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games.

In addition M & L Promotions has been appointed to coordinate family and supporter packages for people wishing to attend the games and support the 2008 Australian Paralympic Team.

People wishing to enquire about travel packages for the 2008 Paralympic Games should contact M & L Promotions directly:

Email: sales@mandlpromotions.com

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Website: www.mandlpromotions.com

**** Important notification - Opening and Closing Ceremony Tickets ****

We have been advised that tickets to the Beijing 2008 Opening and Closing Ceremonies are in very high demand. It is anticipated that both ceremonies will be sold out events.

In order to ensure that friends and supporters of the Australian Team are able to access tickets to the ceremonies we recommend interested people submit an expression of interest to M & L Promotions.

We understand that only a limited number of tickets will be available for distribution within Australia and we urge people to act quickly.

To register your interest for tickets to the Opening and/or Closing Ceremonies please contact M & L Promotions through the contact details provided above.

If you have any further questions, please contact Natalie Jenkins at the APC

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Team Travel Policy

The APC have developed a Team Travel Policy for all team members in the Australian Team at the Beijing Games. While the entire document is important, CA would like to highlight the following points to all athletes and staff:

Qantas is the official carrier, through a commercial agreement with the APC, for the Australian Paralympic Team.

A 'sole use' charter service has been negotiated to depart Sydney, Australia, on 1 September 2008 and departing Beijing, The Peoples' Republic of China, on 19 September 2008. It is expected that all Team members travel on this charter.

All travel requests must be applied for, and approved by the APC. Such approval shall be at the discretion of the Games Advisory Panel and shall be issued by the APC Chef De Mission.

For persons wishing to remain in Beijing or travel elsewhere after the Paralympic Games, such travel shall be at their own cost. The APC will not contribute to the cost of an airfare for return to Australia.

All Team travel shall be booked through the approved APC Team Travel procedure.

Seat allocations shall be as determined by the APC and approved by the Chef de Mission. Such procedure shall be detailed in the Team Handbook.

All athletes, officials, and Team staff shall be responsible for performing to agreed baggage limitations. In cases where unapproved baggage is over the limit the individual shall be charged with the difference at an agreed freight rate.

All Team members shall adhere to the arrival and departure timeframes set.

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ABC TV Announce Presenter Line-up

Comedian and TV presenter **Adam Hills**, Paralympic Gold Medallist **Louise Sauvage**, and ABC Sport presenters **Karen Tighe** and **Steve Robilliard** have been announced as the team to present ABC TV's exclusive coverage of the Paralympic Games Beijing 2008.

The team will be in position to bring viewers all the excitement of the Games when they start on Saturday 6 September, with the spectacular Opening Ceremony broadcast live from the National Stadium in Beijing.

"We are delighted to have such a stellar team of presenters to bring ABC TV's viewers coverage of every memorable moment experienced by Australia's elite Paralympic athletes," say Kim Dalton, ABC Director of Television.

The ABC will broadcast more than 100 hours on ABC1 and ABC2 – the biggest coverage of a Paralympic Games ever.

(source APC website)

Toyota Paralympic Talent Search Day



The Australian Paralympic Committee (APC) will be holding more Toyota Paralympic Talent Search Days throughout June. See the dates and locations below.

The day is an initiative of the APC to identify people with physical disabilities and vision impairments who display the athletic potential to one day make it to Paralympic level competition. All age groups are welcome to participate in the program however at this stage it is difficult to provide specific pathway advice to younger participants.

This day will enable the APC to test participants for Cycling as well as allowing for further information to assist the participants to evaluate what level they want to engage in Cycling at, whether it is as a recreation rider through to an elite Paralympian.

As part of the grand development plan, we aim to establish a strong pathway that includes each state cycling federation to facilitate further training, coaching and competition opportunities.

- Do you have a Paralympic disability?
- Do you dream of being a Paralympian?
- Do you cycle or are you interested in Cycling?
- Have you even considered it?

If you have answered yes to these questions, you should come along!

For further details about a day, including registering for the day (a registration form is attached), please contact Tim Matthews at the APC directly.

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Date	State	City	Venue
19/07/2008	QLD	Cairns	St Augustine's College
27/07/2008	VIC	Melbourne	Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre
2/08/2008	WA	Broome	(Venue TBC)
10/08/2008	VIC	Wonthaggi	Talent Search – YMCA
16/08/2008	SA	St Peters	Vision Impaired Talent Search - St Peters College, Hackney Rd, St Peters

Calendar

July

15	Official Team Announcement	Sydney NSW	APC
18-6 Aug	Cycling Endurance Camp (non comp.)	Golden Beach NSW	James Victor
19	Toyota Talent Search Day	Cairns QLD	Tim Matthews APC
27	Toyota Talent Search Day	Albert Park VIC	Tim Matthews APC

August

7-31	Cycling Pre departure Camp (compulsory)	Perth WA	James Victor
2	Toyota Talent Search Day	Broome WA	Tim Matthews APC
10	Toyota Talent Search Day	Wonthaggi VIC	Tim Matthews APC
16	Toyota Talent Search Day	St Peters SA	Tim Matthews APC

September

6-17 Sept Paralympic Games Beijing APC

October

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 This newsletter is only accessible via email.



EVENT: _____



**PARALYMPIC TALENT SEARCH
SPORT SPECIFIC REGISTRATION FORM**
Please complete one form per person

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

Contact Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Email Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Emergency contact person & phone number: _____

How did you hear about this event? _____

Occupation: _____

If student, what school/university do you attend? _____

If under 18 years of age please state the name of a parent/guardian? _____

ABOUT YOU:

What is your disability/ies? _____

Will you be using a wheelchair for this event? No Yes-Manual Yes-Electric

What sports do you currently play (if any)? _____

If applicable, which events? _____

At what level do you play/compete? _____

Are you a member of any sporting clubs? Please list them: _____

What do you like about playing sport? _____

Have you previously been classified? Yes No

If yes, in which sport & what is your classification? _____

Have you snow skied before? Yes No

Are you interested in alpine or cross country skiing? Yes No

Have you been to a Paralympic Talent Search day before? Yes No

If you answered yes, where was it? _____

If you do not want to receive further information from the APC, please tick box

Please return this registration form to:

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*Please ensure that you have read the "Sport Specific Fact Sheet" for information on the day, including what to bring. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Matthews on the details above.