



The Lord's Taverners Shield: QLD make it six consecutive titles



(By Michael Thomson)

The 2010 Lord's Taverners Shield came to an exciting climax with Queensland winning an action packed Indoor Cricket final against South Australia. This was the 6th consecutive title for Queensland who went into the final as the hot favourites having dominated the preliminary rounds.

Hosted by NSW Indoor Sports, the Shield was held at the Ultimate Indoor Sports Centre in Silverwater, Sydney along with the Open Men, Open Women and Under 21 Men's National Championships.



NSW Lord's Taverners Chairman presenting awards to Brett Wilson and Vincent Smith.

Five states (New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria and Western Australia) contested the 18th Lord's Taverners Shield. While Queensland dominated the preliminary rounds, SA, VIC, NSW and WA played some very close and exciting games with the makeup of the finalists not determined until the last of the preliminary games. Going into the final matches in the preliminary rounds, NSW and WA were on equal points and skins. NSW played SA, with WA doing battle with QLD.



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AUSRAPID, and its member Associations, have for the past twenty four years (since 1986) enabled persons with an intellectual disability to be acknowledged as valued citizens, through facilitating their regular inclusion in valued community sport and recreation programs.

These ongoing and seasonal activities have been and continue to be located throughout Australia, in fact some programs were initiated from the beginning of the eighties. Integrated Netball commenced under the aegis of the South Australian Netball Association in 1980 and still continues today – 30 years later!

Participation in these opportunities is based on individual ability, age appropriate involvement, choice and location of particular activities. Initially participants move from being patronized, vulnerable, dependent and being treated as lesser mortals because of their intellectual capacity to becoming accepted, acknowledged and recognised as capable, responsible, skilled and reliable team, club and program members.

The previous focus on “poor little handicapped persons” disappears quickly and very soon participants become integral members of their particular sport and recreation environment. Sports participation, apart from the well recognised advantages of increased health, enhanced self esteem and confidence, general community acceptance and inclusion has ramifications for the participant to gain the capability to be a contributing member of society and to gain the skills necessary to maintain that status, which enables the acquisition of the following:

RESPECT for self and others

RESPONSIBILITY for behavior, team role, personal contribution etc

RISKS – which are inherent in every part of daily life.

RULES – which learned in a conducive environment e.g. sport is the yardstick for, rules govern every aspect of acceptable community life.

(Note, the incidence of offending by persons with an intellectual disability is the highest of any population throughout the world)

RIGHTS – which are a basic entitlement.

AUSRAPID and it's State/Territory Members have established integral partnerships with all National and State Sporting Associations and impressive sponsorships e.g. The Lord's Taverners Australia, which in turn ensures that all eligible participants, irrespective of their skill level, are able to join in the programs promoted by the Australian Sports Commission e.g.

Play for Life, Club Membership, School Sport and After School Programs etc, all based on the government ethos of INCLUSION and SOCIAL JUSTICE.

AUSRAPID and it's essential partners have over the journey been responsible for promoting and facilitating the opportunities for athletes to compete regularly in International and National sports events, continue to have access to local, regional and state opportunities, whilst meeting all the requirements of equity and "a fair go", focusing on the fact that each athlete is a person first and foremost – their respective disability is a secondary factor. The lives and futures of participants have been dramatically changed forever by participation in ongoing community sport - many amazing examples can be cited. Participants articulate their life changing experiences and constantly demonstrate their new found status as valued citizens through their sporting experience.

AUSRAPID has developed, established and maintained a completely AUSTRALIAN model of sport's involvement, which is emulated by and is the envy of many countries.

Next planning to view the concept will be officials of Athlete Without Limits, based in Washington, USA, and is the first American member of INAS-FID

(www.athleteswithoutlimits.org).

My plea is for all involved with AUSRAPID to take great pride in and to promote what has been and will be achieved, to provide sporting options for its members, but also to absolutely meet the philosophical and funding principles of the Australian government and Australian Sports Commission.

AUSRAPID ticks all the boxes – meeting all criteria required to ensure an ongoing quality of life through sports participation.

Marie T Little OAM

AUSRAPID President

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INAS-FID Regional Eligibility Conference, June 2010, Singapore

AUSRAPID sent two delegates and Australian Paralympic Committee sent one delegate to the INAS-FID Regional Eligibility seminar in Singapore. This seminar focussed on the new eligibility requirements for athletes competing in INAS-FID sanctioned events from February 2010 onwards. Athletes now need to be on the www.inas-fid.org master list at least 6 weeks prior to their International event

We welcome Stephen Bailey as the National Eligibility Officer for Australia, Steve is a respected Psychologist, working at Macquarie University and has also joined INAS-FID's international panel of psychologists. Steve's role is to sign off on all Australian athletes' eligibility forms and ratify with other international experts athletes from other countries.

2011 INAS-FID Conference and General Assembly

Australia has been confirmed by the INAS-FID Executive Committee as the location for the 2011 Conference and General Assembly, which will take place 6-11 April in Canberra.

AUSRAPID is working in partnership with ACTSPORT, Disability ACT, NSW RAPID and NSW Sport and Recreation to host the event. We are attempting to conduct the initial Executive meeting in Sydney with the General Assembly in Canberra. Venues are yet to be confirmed; however the Organising Committee comprising personnel from the organisations above are well into the planning phase.

This will be a great opportunity to showcase Australia and further promote the strong commitment Australian sport has to the inclusion of athletes with an intellectual disability into their infrastructure with the focus being on the ability.

Donachie gets honour at the IPC World Swimming Championships

Congratulations to Patrick Donachie, NSW, who was awarded the honour of carrying the Australian flag with Marayke Jonkers at the opening ceremony of the IPC World Swimming Championships being held in The Netherlands.

Giving back to their community

Congratulations to Robyn Smith, AUSRAPID CEO, and Kellie Keen, Office Manager, who were recently awarded Life Membership of the Benalla Netball Association. Both women have dedicated much time and effort to supporting their local community through involvement including the Committee of Management, competition administration, umpire coordination and coaching.

Vale Mark Konings – Sporting Prowess

I have known Mark since 1992, when he was selected to represent Australia in Basketball at the Paralympic Games in Spain. He was a quiet man, but a popular member of the team, happy to fit in with any new challenges thrown his way. This was his first of many trips overseas representing Australia.

Mark started playing basketball in 1987 in the inaugural Powerhouse competition for a team called Searchers. The Searchers were runners up in the Grand Final in that first year. Mark is only one of two players to play in every season of the Powerhouse competition since 1987, the other player his close friend Michael Healey. When Mark and Michael's team trained back in 1987, they referred to training sessions as 'Kill'. Whoever got the ball was harassed by the rest of the group.



Mark was also an inaugural member of the Victorian Basketball team to play in the Ivor Burge Championships in Wollongong in 1995. Victoria was victorious on this occasion and then again in 1996 in Adelaide, so Mark has two Australian Championships to his credit. Mark also played Aussie Rules football and represented Victoria in a FIDA interstate game against South Australia in 1998, Mark was remembered by Coach Rob Klemm as being a fair player and good bloke, who was always prepared to say 'Giddyay'.

Vern Tessier, founder of Powerhouse Basketball competition recalls that Mark's basketball and football skills were sometimes too closely aligned. In that he played basketball like a footballer in his own unique way and often set challenges for the referee. Vern also described Mark as an interesting and marvellous character and well respected by his peers.

Jenny Bees, ex CEO of VICSRAPID described Mark's immense capacity to help others. In the Victorian Tennis Championships in 2009, Mark was observing a tight game where the losing player left the court distraught and Mark quietly spoke to the player and calmed the situation considerably.

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Apart from his Basketball and Football successes, Mark was a terrific Tennis player competing in every Australian Tennis Classic since 2000. He teamed with Benjamin Yates to win the National Doubles title in 2001 and 2003 and they were runners up in 2000 and 2002.

He was also runners up again in the doubles with Zvi Schweitzer in 2006. Coach Peter Smith remembers him as a quality team member who was such a delight to travel with and coach.

Mark represented Australia in Tennis at the:

2003 INAS-FID European Tennis Championships in Hungary

2004 INAS-FID Global Games in Sweden

2005 INAS-FID European Tennis Championships in Poland

Tennis Australia and AUSRAPID will in partnership develop a memorial award in Mark Konings honour to be given at the 2011 Australian Tennis Championships to a worthy recipient.

Mark has been a mate of mine since we met in early 1992. We shared many times together both here in Australia and overseas and our friendship grew out of a deep respect for one another. We also shared a 1960 birth date and he took great pleasure in reinforcing that he looked much younger than I did.

Mark Konings was a wonderful role model for us all and he inspired me personally. Despite a few life set-backs, he lived a full life by participating in many quality sporting opportunities in the community. He represented his State and his country with distinction, he demonstrated empathy towards his peers and he treated all he met with respect.

I am deeply saddened by his passing and will miss his smiling face and our regular telephone conversations.

Farewell to a terrific Australian who lived his life with dignity and honour – Mark Konings!

Robyn Smith
Chief Executive Officer



Holland and Clarke ready for Swimming Championships in The Netherlands



For the first time since the Sydney 2000 Paralympics, swimmers with an intellectual disability competed at an International Paralympic Committee (IPC) event. Six Australian swimmers will compete in class 14*, which is allocated to swimmers with an intellectual disability, at the IPC World Swimming Championships in Eindhoven, The Netherlands, from 15 to 21 August.

Three events are open to class 14 swimmers; the 200m freestyle, the 100m backstroke and the 100m breaststroke.

Global Games Athlete of the Meet **Nerice Holland** will swim the 100m backstroke and 100m breaststroke, while fellow Global Games competitor, **Kayla Clarke** will swim all three available events.

For 22-year-old Holland, whose father Steve was an Olympian in 1976, the 13 gold medals she won at the 2009 Global Games and more recently, the three silver and one bronze she won at the Telstra Australian Short Course Championships, suggests she's in good form.

Fellow Queenslander, **Clarke's** last international performance at the Global Games resulted in eight medals, five of which were gold. She was also extremely successful at the recent 2010 Telstra Australian Swimming Championships where the 18-year-old won five gold medals, one silver and one bronze.

Patrick Donachie, Richard Eliason, Daniel Fox, and Kara Leo also represented Australia at the World Championships, each swimming in a mix of the three available events.

Swimmers competing in class 14 and their events				
Name	State	200m freestyle	100m backstroke	100 breaststroke
Nerice Holland	QLD	-	✓	✓
Kayla Clarke	QLD	✓	✓	✓
Patrick Donachie	NSW	✓	✓	-
Richard Eliason	ACT	-	✓	✓
Daniel Fox	QLD	✓	✓	-
Kara Leo	NSW	✓	-	-

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*Classification 14 includes swimmers who have a recognised intellectual impairment according to international standards as recognised by the World Health Organisation i.e. IQ testing of 75 and below.

For more information about the IPC's classification of swimmers with disability, please refer to <https://assets.clubsonline.com.au/assets/console/customitem/attachments/Guide%20to%20Paralympic%20Swimming%20Classifications.doc>

PEARLS are number one



(By Sally Duncan, Pearls Team Manager)

The 2010 INAS-FID Basketball World Rankings have been posted on the INAS-FID web site, and show the Australian Pearls as number one in the World!

Although we have struggled to better a second place for many years, with that first place gold rather elusive, our current ranking of number one reflects the determination and consistent high standard of performance from the Australian Women - enough to place us ahead of all other Nationals. Well done to all of the past Pearls players who have helped to achieve this result.

Congratulations also to the Boomerangs, who are currently ranked number four.

The Australian Pearls are set to publically announce the Team for the 2010 World Championships, in November, in Portugal.

Athletics Australia – Paralympic Preparation Program



Congratulations to the following athletes who have been named in the Athletics Australia Paralympic Preparation Program Christchurch Potential Squad for the upcoming IPC Athletics World Championships;

Nicole Vernon F20 QLD Shot Put
Lindsay Sutton F20 QLD Shot Put
Dean Turner F20 NSW Long Jump
Thomas Burrows F20 QLD Long Jump
Stephanie Schweitzer TF20 NSW Long Jump
Taylor Doyle TF20 NSW Long Jump
Andrew Matthews T20 SA Long Jump
Tim Page T20 NSW 1500m

Nominations for the IPC World Championships closed on 31 August. Athletics Australia could nominate a maximum of 4 male and 4 female athletes for Championships to compete in the Long Jump, Shot Put and 1500m events.

Additional athletes can be added to the squad and or nominated for the Championships based on their performances prior to the close of nominations.

The 2011 IPC Athletics World Championships will be held in Christchurch from the 22-30 of January 2011.

Two athletes who were selected in the Squad and have announced their unavailability for the 2011 IPC Athletics World Championships are Colin Abbey F20 QLD Long Jump and Andrew Newell F20 NSW Long Jump.

Team Selected

We can now announce that the following athletes have been selected to represent Australia in Christchurch at the IPC World Athletics Championships; Lindsay Sutton, Nicole Vernon, Tim Page, Dean Turner and Nicholas Hum.



Four silvers for S14 swimmers in Eindhoven

The Australian Paralympic Swim Team has recently returned from their most successful meet since the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games. The team won 13 gold medals and broke four world records during the five nights of pool competition and one day of open water, at the IPC Swimming World Championships in Eindhoven, the Netherlands.

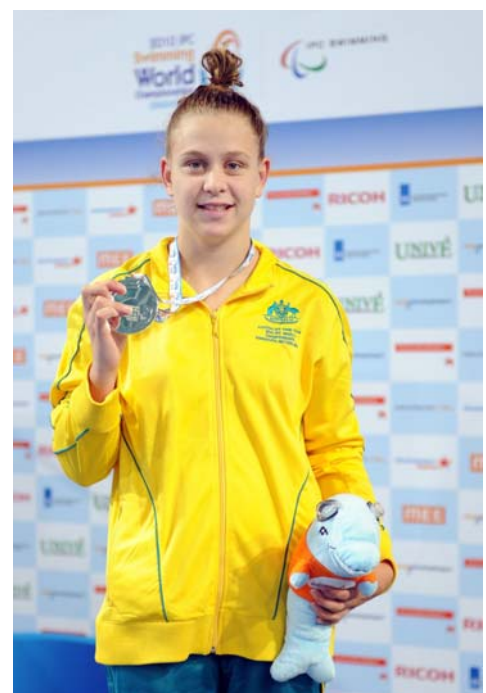
This event was also the first time swimmers with intellectual disabilities competed at an International Paralympic Committee (IPC) event since 2000. Six Australian swimmers competed in class 14*, which is allocated to swimmers with an intellectual disability, had great success bringing home four silver medals between them.

Nineteen-year-old **Kayla Clarke** won silver in the first women's S14 race at an IPC event since the exclusion of athletes with intellectual disabilities following the Sydney 2000 Paralympics. Clarke's time of 1:11.13 in the 100m backstroke was enough to beat her previous personal best. In her first race at an IPC event, 17-year-old **Kara Leo** took home a well-earned silver from the women's 200m freestyle (S14), touching the wall in 2:16.55. Leo was overwhelmed with the placing. "I'm so happy with the silver medal. I went out hard, and stuck to my race plan. I'm so happy that it all went to plan, and paid off."

Nineteen-year-old tyro **Daniel Fox** fought for his silver in the men's 200m freestyle (S14). In the extremely tight race, Fox used the last five metres to accelerate and finish in 2:03.61. Canberran **Richard Eliason** won silver in the men's 100m breaststroke (S14) in 1:11.48.

Patrick Donachie from NSW swam strong races in the men's 100m breaststroke (SB14) and 200m freestyle (S14).

Queenslander **Nerice Holland** also swam strong events at her first World Championships swimming the 100m backstroke (S14) and 100m breaststroke (SB14).



Kayla Clarke with silver medal

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QLD make it six consecutive titles

With matches played on adjacent pitches, team staff and players were able to keep a close eye on each match. Although both sides lost their final matches, NSW were fortunate to gain a skin in their game against SA game and progress to the finals.

After the Preliminary rounds QLD finished on top, followed by SA, Vic and NSW. QLD were up against SA in the major semi final, with NSW and Vic in the minor semi final.

It was a new look Victoria and South Australia in the final series. Victoria dominated the game against NSW winning 170 to 53, while South Australia gave Queensland a scare with a very close game losing by only 15 runs, 160 to 145. Queensland progressed to the final with South Australia to play Victoria to see who would do battle with the Queenslanders in the final.

Victoria and South Australia continued their outstanding form playing a very hard and close game with South Australia victorious 119 to 102 setting up a rematch with QLD in the final.

Queensland batted first sending in Captain Brett Wilson and James Rossiter. Wilson and Rossiter gave Queensland a great platform to build on, scoring 54 runs. Joshua Long and David Searle, Rebecca Heading and Shane Kuilboe and Wayne Thompson and Dean Aitken all added solid scores to give QLD a total of 171 to defend.

South Australia also opened with their Captain Lindsay Drowley and Peter Kerin who batted strongly and were on target to equal the score of Wilson and Rossiter before a couple of late wickets saw them finish short with just 40 runs. Jarrad Williams and John Nikias built on Drowley and Kerin's total with a solid performance which included a couple of big scoring hits from Williams. Mark Cowan and Vincent Smith came into bat with the game evenly balanced.

Some outstanding and disciplined batting by the pair saw the balance turn very much in favour of South Australia. Smith and Cowan were the highest scoring pair adding 58 runs.



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QLD make it six consecutive titles

Queensland's Dean Aitken had been bravely playing with a broken finger and it didn't matter where he was positioned the ball seemed to follow him. Joshua Long was outstanding in the field and continued to throw his body at everything.

Unfortunately for Josh with four overs remaining he put his body on the line one time too often. Diving to field a strong drive from Cowan he landed heavily bruising his ribs. After receiving attention from the medical staff Long left the field and was replaced by Damien Berthelson.

When South Australia's Jason Richards and Nathan Levett entered the nets we knew we were in for an exciting and actioned packed final four overs. Richards and Levett started strongly, but just as it looked like Queensland had lost its grip on the Shield, it all swung back in their favour. The dropped catches started to stick, the throws at the stump started to hit and despite the best efforts of Richards and Levett they could not reach the total of 171 set by Queensland, finishing with 154 runs.

All teams attended the Presentation dinner where Chairman of the NSW Lord's Taverners Patrick Winter, presented awards to winning teams, players of the series and the final and presented shirts to the 2010 Lord's Taverners All Stars team.

Player of the Series

Joshua Long QLD

Player of the Final

Vincent Smith SA

The Lord's Taverners Australia All Star Team

Josh Long QLD	Brett Wilson QLD
Jarrold Connelly VIC	Avyley Tupuanga NSW
Grant Cross WA	Boyd Duffield WA
David Searle QLD	Lindsay Drowley SA
Jarrad Williams SA	Ben Davenport VIC
Darryl Williams (Coach) QLD	



Futsal on the Ball



Following a successful demonstration match at last years Futsal National Championships between two teams from New South Wales, Football Federation Australia (FFA) has expanded their Futsal National Championships to include a division for players with an intellectual disability. "In January 2010 NSW fielded two teams for a demonstration match. This year we are hoping for state teams from ACT, Victoria, Queensland as well as 4 teams from NSW" said NSW coordinator Greg Brown. "The competition is still in its infancy but with support and commitment from Football Federation Australia, AUSRAPID and their respective Member Associations we are very confident of re establishing the event, which was very successful during the 1990s".

Futsal for players with an intellectual disability made its International debut at the 1992 Madrid Paralympics. Throughout the 90's it was also very successful at state and national level in Australia. Futsal, as a sport is well supported by INAS-FID and the European Regional Championships have been active during the past two years and was one of the sports contested at the 2009 Global Games in the Czech Republic.

With plans to extend the competition to include teams from South Australia, Tasmania, Northern Territory and Western Australia in 2012, the future looks bright for Futsal. Ongoing development and with a successful National Championships in January, there is potential for players to experience International competition in 2011. International opportunities in 2011 include the European Championships and the Global Games to be held in Italy in September. Dates for the European Championships are yet to be confirmed.

The 32nd FFA Futsal National Championships will be held in Canberra from 10 - 14 January 2011, proudly hosted by Capital Football in conjunction with Football Federation Australia. The FFA Futsal National Championships are by far the biggest National football tournament in Australia, attracting up to 2000 competitors from Australian States, Territories, and several Nations within the Oceania Region.

On behalf of Football Federation Australia, Capital Football warmly invites you to Canberra for the premiere event on the Australian Futsal calendar.



Futsal – who to contact?

For further information on Futsal opportunities contact:

Capital Football	(02) 6260 4000	http://www.capitalfootball.com.au/
Football Federation NT	(08) 8941 2444	http://www.footballnt.com.au/
Football Federation SA	(08) 8340 3088	http://www.ffsa.com.au/
Football Federation TAS	(03) 6273 3299	http://www.footballfedtas.com.au/
Football Federation VIC	(03) 9474 1800	http://www.footballfedvic.com.au/
Football Queensland	(07) 3420 5866	http://www.footballqueensland.com.au/
Football West	(08) 9422 6900	http://www.footballwest.com.au/
Northern NSW Football	(02) 4964 0777	http://www.northernnswfootball.com.au/
Football NSW	(02) 8814 4400	http://www.footballnsw.com.au/

Australian Athletes with Disability Junior Championships



The Championships will be held 20-21 November 2010 at the AIS Track in Canberra.

Events are offered for Men and Women in age groups of Under 18, Under 16 and Under 14.

Nominations open on 1st September and close on 22nd October 2010. For more information visit the Athletics Australia website www.athletics.com.au.

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What's happening in the world of Basketball



(By Jackie Lauff, Basketball Australia)

It is a very busy time of year for basketball in Australia with a host of international activities for our national teams. Congratulations to the Rollers, the men's wheelchair basketball team for winning the IWBF World Wheelchair Basketball Championships in Birmingham in July.



Congratulations also to Jim Bell and Kim Larkin who received national awards for their contribution to basketball, announced at the National U16 Championships in Logan, Queensland. Jim Bell (ACT) was the recipient of the Male Contribution to Players with an Intellectual Disability and Kim Larkin (VIC) received the Female award in the same category.

Basketball Australia has been working closely with each State Basketball Association to develop opportunities for everyone to enjoy the sport of basketball. An exciting new initiative was introduced by Basketball Victoria in June this year in an effort to engage mainstream basketball associations and develop sustainable programs across Victoria. On Saturday 26th June the McKinnon Basketball Association in conjunction with Basketball Victoria held the first ever association based All Abilities tournament.

The day ran from 11.30am until 4.30pm at Bentleigh Secondary College. All players paid \$5 on entry and received a tournament t-shirt, a string backpack and a day pass– which gave them a bbq lunch, covered the cost of all games and gave each player the chance to win a trophy or medal at the end of the day.





What's happening in the world of Basketball continued...

Eight teams representing their local basketball Association, were divided up into two equal pools and played an average of three games each. Teams finishing in the top section on the ladder played off for finals prior to McKinnon's Big V triple header that evening. It was a fantastic day had by all 90 participants representing a vast number of associations including Maccabi, Westernport, Dandenong, Frankston, Sherbrooke, Cranbourne, Nunawading and hosts of the day McKinnon.

The Lindsay Gaze Cup, presented by the man himself, is a perpetual trophy that will be presented at every association tournament in the future. Winning teams will have the privilege of inscribing their name in the plaque, leaving a legacy for years to come.



Westernport Steelers were this years

Champions, with Nunawading coming a close second. McKinnon Super Stars won bronze.

Basketball Victoria aim to make this tournament a quarterly event with different Associations hosting the big event each school holidays. This is a great initiative and we look forward to introducing similar programs in other states and territories.

For further information about basketball opportunities in your state visit

www.basketball.net.au and follow the links to your local basketball association.



Australian Capital Territory



In negotiating arrangements for the INAS-FID General Assembly, AUSRAPID CEO Robyn Smith has also travelled to Canberra in June and met with Gavin McDonald, CEO of ACTSPORT to discuss ACTSPORT's role as a member organisation of AUSRAPID.

ACTSPORT is committed to working for more inclusive opportunities for people with an intellectual disability and key ACTSPORT personnel are involved on the Organising Committee for the upcoming 2011 INAS-FID General Assembly. ACTSPORT played a major role with Disability ACT in preparing a bid for the 2011 Global Games, unfortunately Australia's bid was unsuccessful to Italy, but we are confident that a Global Games in Australia is not too far in the future.

Football Connect – Disability Football Open Days

Capital Football in partnership with Belconnen Soccer Club/Belnorth Football Club and Weston Creek Soccer Club will be presenting two Disability Football Open Days in October and September.



The athletes with disabilities (AWD) Football Open Days will provide boys and girls aged 6-18 years with an opportunity to participate in small sided football games and fun competitions at local football clubs led by FFA qualified coaching staff.

Parents, carers and guardians will also get the opportunity to meet with club officials and parents.

At the conclusion of the day all players will receive a football showbag and have the opportunity to sign up for the Capital Football Football-Connect disability development program.

Sunday 19th September, 10:00am -12:00pm

Where: Northside

McKellar Park

Walkley Place

McKellar ACT 2617

Sunday 2nd October, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Where: Southside

Waramanga Playing fields

Badimara St

Waramanga 2611



New South Wales

A series of meetings have been conducted in Sydney between various individuals and agencies in May, June and July to improve inclusive opportunities in New South Wales. Some very positive initiatives have occurred in Tennis, Little Athletics, Futsal and Lawn Bowls. Thanks to Kim Murphy, Margot Zaska and Michael Thomson for their time.

Robyn hopes to visit Member Organisations in Northern Territory, Tasmania and South Australia before the end of the year to view programs and discuss local issues.

Swimming New South Wales Multi-Class Annual Championships

Entries are now open for the Swimming NSW Multi-Class Annual Championships to be held Saturday 23rd October 2010 at SOPAC Homebush. Entries close Friday 8th October 2010, 5pm. No late entries will be accepted.

Entry forms are now available from the Swimming NSW website www.nswswimming.com.au under the heading 'development' then 'people with disability', or alternatively contact the AUSRAPID Office on 03 5762 7494.

Avley 'Kiwi' Tupuanga announces retirement

NSW Indoor Cricketer Avley "Kiwi" Tupuanga announced his retirement from Indoor Cricket during the 2010 Lord's Taverners Shield.

Tupuanga or Kiwi as he is affectionately known has been a stalwart of the NSW Lord's Taverners team since 1993. Photo above shows fellow stalwart Mark Harvey presenting Kiwi with a card from the NSW team at the Presentation dinner.

Kiwi celebrated his final appearance with his selection in the Lord's Taverners All Stars team.



Swimming NSW Disability Meet



Well done to participants in the Swimming NSW Disability meet on Saturday 7 August, Brendan Foley, Amanda Fowler, Patricia Williamson, Kevin Greig, Megan Newell, Taylor Corry and Kieran Corry.

There were some great swims from competitors with many finishing in medal places. For full results, please check the Swimming NSW website <http://www.nswswimming.com.au/>

Inclusion Cup



Bowls NSW are pleased to announce a new event for Bowlers with a disability to be held on the 20-21 November at the Port City Bowling Club, Port Macquarie. The Inclusion Cup is open to all bowlers with a disability and provides an opportunity for bowlers to play in a mixed triples competition in a fun and relaxed environment.

The competition is an Open Mixed 2 bowl triples – 3 Games of 12 ends. Teams will compete for prize money of approximately \$2000 (dependent on the number of entries). Entries close on the 20th of October or when full. Bowlers can enter as a team or as individuals, the entry fee is \$40 per player.

For further information and entry forms please contact Mark Whiteman at Bowls NSW on 02 9283 4555 or email mark@rnsdba.org.au.



Queensland

First QLD Tennis Championships a success!

(Jenny Bees, Sport Development Coordinator, Life Stream Foundation)

The inaugural Queensland Tennis Championships for tennis players with an intellectual disability were staged at the Queensland Tennis Centre from 26 to 27 June. Life Stream Foundation is thrilled with the commitment of Tennis Queensland to providing inclusive competition opportunities.

Twenty-seven entrants from around Australia competed for singles and doubles titles in the Silver series claycourt tournament. The event attracted a strong field, including some of Australia's top talent from Victoria and New South Wales.

The men's singles was won by Damian Phillips (NSW) who was too strong for Victoria's Senya Rudoy. The two then paired up in the doubles and claimed the title, defeating Adrian Izurieta and Ashley Springett from NSW.

The women's singles was won by Kelly Wren of New South Wales whose incredible 13-year undefeated run continues. Wren defeated local player **Kate Wilson** (QLD). Wren capped off a perfect weekend as part of the winning doubles team. Wren and partner Sharon Morse (VIC) defeated Queenslanders **Kate Wilson** and **Nicole Bartley**.



Tournament Director Juhi Gupta said the first-up event was a great success, thanks to the support of the players, Tennis Queensland, Life Stream and the parents who provided great assistance throughout the event. Gupta also praised the skills of the players.



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“It was some of the best standard of tennis I have seen from this group of players. [It was] great to see so many new players entering and enthusiastic about the upcoming events.”

Life Stream Foundation looks forward to further developing its relationship with Tennis Queensland to ensure tennis players with an intellectual disability have access to quality events and opportunities to progress in the sport of tennis.

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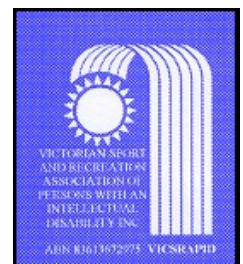
Life Stream Foundation

Life Stream Foundation welcomes ex VICSRAPID Sport Development Officer, Jenny Bees, to their Sport Development team following the move of Kate Stossel to Wagga for personal reasons.

Robyn visited the Life Stream Foundation office in early May and they continue to work exceptionally well with State Sporting and Recreation bodies. Good luck and thanks to Kate for her excellent results while at Life Stream Foundation. Good luck to Jenny as she embarks on a new State and role with Life Stream Foundation.

Victoria

We welcome Murray Turner as the new Chief Executive Officer of VICSRAPID. He has only been with VICSRAPID a few months, but already instigated many new relationships and reaffirmed old ties with State Sporting Organisations – well done Murray.



Western Australia



Recreation & Sport Network
Promoting Active Participation

AUSRAPID CEO Robyn Smith had the pleasure of visiting the West in early July – meeting with Richard Orr, Sport Development Manager, for the first time and Recreation and Sport Network (RSN), CEO Paul Fleahy. It is a very beautiful part of Australia and it was just so pleasing to attend meetings with Richard and Paul and meet with so many State Sporting bodies all indicating a strong commitment to inclusion. RSN is to be congratulated on their work thus far.

Thanks also to Mike Snell, Lord's Taverners WA for taking the time out of his busy schedule to have a chat and good luck for your upcoming wedding.

Everyone's Game Basketball Carnival

By Basketball WA

The WA Basketball Centre played host to the 'Everyone's Game' Basketball Carnival on Sunday 29 August, which was well-attended and provided a fun experience for players, organisers and spectators. Organised by Basketball WA in conjunction with the Recreation and Sport Network, the carnival was for athletes with an intellectual disability and was attended by over 150 people. The event was aimed at bringing together existing basketball groups that run sessions throughout Perth, so that they could compete and participate together at the one event.

Eight teams competed in a total of six games each, which culminated in an exciting all-star game at the conclusion of the day. Perth Wildcats player Drew Williamson was on hand to announce the players to the all-star team and also participated in the game at the end. West Coast Waves players Michelle Joy and Rachel Watman attended the event to play in the all-star game as well as being special guest referees on the day.

The event was the first of its kind and definitely a step forward for inclusion within basketball in WA. Due to its success and the positive feedback from players, spectators and organisers on the day, it seems the carnival will be the catalyst for a number of events in the future.

Basketball WA thanks the Recreation and Sport Network, West Coast Waves, Perth Wildcats, ROAD's Group (Queens Park), Special Olympics Group (Hamersley Recreation Centre), Swan Friendship Group (Altone Park), Perth Hills Education Support Schools Team (Kalamunda) and Dave Maxwell for their support and efforts towards the 'Everyone's Game' Basketball Carnival.

National Events 2010

Australian Junior AWD Championships	20-21 Nov	AIS, Bruce, ACT
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National Events 2011

Australian (Tennis) Championship (prev. Tennis Australian Classic)	TBC-29 Jan	Melbourne, VIC
Bowls	TBC	TBC VIC
Australian Rowing National Championships	7-13 March	West Lakes, SA
Telstra Swimming Australia National Championships	1-8 April	SOPAC, NSW
Table Tennis Australia AWD National Championships	TBC	TBC
Athletics Australia Open & AWD Championships	15-17 April	Melbourne, VIC
Tenpin Bowling Australia National Disabilities Championships	TBC	TBC
The Lord's Taverners Shield	TBC	TBC
Australian Age Multi-Class Swimming Championships	7-9 October	TBC

World Events 2010

5 th INAS-FID World Football Championship	21 Aug-12 Sept	Limpopo, South Africa
FISA World Rowing Championships	31 Oct- 7 Nov	Karapiro, New Zealand
6 th INAS-FID World Basketball Championship	14-21 Nov	Tondela, Portugal

World Events 2011

IPC World Athletics Championships	22-23 Jan	Christchurch, NZ
Arafura Games	7-14 May	Darwin, NT



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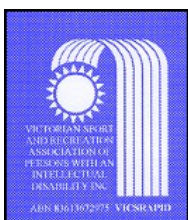


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