



January – February 2009 Newsletter

Australian Athletes with a Disability

Funding Grants

The February round of funding grants are now open. Further information and application forms are available from the AAWD website. Applications close on Friday 6 March 2009.

Awards

Order of Australia: Australia's gold medallists from the Beijing Paralympic Games were awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia on Australia Day. Many of these athletes are members of our member organisations. A list of athletes receiving the honours is available on our website.

Wheelchair Sports Australia

APC Youth Games

The confirmed dates for the APC Youth Games being held in Melbourne, Victoria are 4-11 October 2009.

For further information, please contact Wheelchair Sports Victoria on 03 9473 0133 or visit www.wsv.org.au/events/australian-paralympic-youth-games.html

Wheelchair Basketball

WNWBL and NWBL

In an exciting development, Wheelchair Sports Australia (WSA) and Basketball Australia (BA) will officially partner up to coordinate the 2009 Women's National Wheelchair Basketball League (WNWBL). Due to rising costs, the WNWBL was at risk of losing one round of the competition. As the underpinning program of the Australian Gliders Women's Wheelchair Basketball Team, the partnership will allow the WNWBL to continue in its current format of four rounds and a final series. On the back of the Gliders championship win at the Osaka Cup in Japan last Saturday and bronze at the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games, it is hoped that this partnership will greatly assist the development of women's wheelchair basketball in Australia as well as the Gliders' goal of gold in London 2012.

For information on the WNWBL visit <http://wnwbl.sports.org.au> and for the NWBL visit <http://nwbl.sports.org.au>. A new website for the WNWBL will be available in the near future.

Boccia

Cerebral Palsy Boccia Australia National Championships

The dates for the Cerebral Palsy Boccia Australia National Championships are May 4-8 2009 inclusive. Expressions of Interest will be available in January 2009 both online at www.boccia.com.au and by emailing bocciaaustralia@powerup.com.au. If anyone is interested in playing or learning about Boccia, please contact the National Development Officer, Lynn Kavanagh at bocciaaustralia@powerup.com.au or by contacting Cerebral Palsy Boccia Australia, 2 Duchess Place, Cleveland, Qld 4163.

Cerebral Palsy Football 7-A-Side

Australian Paralympic Football Team

The Paralympic Football Team will be participating in the ARAFURA games for the first time. England, Korea, Japan, and Malaysia have already confirmed that they will be attending the games. The organisers are waiting on responses from Scotland, Ireland, South Africa and India on the possibility of them also attending the games.

Australian Paralympic Youth Games

Football will be making its first appearance at the Australian Paralympic Youth Games in September 2009 and the various states are working hard towards getting junior teams there. Both NSW and QLD already have sides, but it is hoped that South Australia and Victoria will also have sides as well.

If you are interested in finding out more about CP Football then please email david.campbell@exemail.com.au or phone 0413 713 368 after business hours.

Para-Cycling

Results from the Australian Para-cycling Track Championships and the Australian Para-cycling Road Championships are available from www.cycling.org.au

Premier's Award for Paris

Adapted from APC Media, from the APC website

Paralympic cyclist and Wheelchair Sports NSW member, Jayme Paris was recently presented the prestigious NSW Premier's Award in recognition of her outstanding athletic achievements and advocacy work. At her first Paralympic Games, Jayme won a bronze medal in the 500m time trial in the LC3-4/CP3 class in Beijing. Away from the track, Jayme also works tirelessly to educate people about living with a disability as a Telstra Paralympic Education Program Speaker and as a NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge Ambassador.

Lawn Bowls

The 2009 National Championships will be held from 22-27 June 2009 at Chermside in Brisbane, Queensland. Unfortunately due to a clash with another international event, the IWAS World Championships which were to be held in Adelaide, South Australia in

September and October 2009 have been postponed until 2010. Further details will be available in the near future.

Wheelchair Rugby

Head Referee

Congratulations to Terry Vinyard, who was recently appointed as Australia's Wheelchair Rugby Head Referee for the 2009 and 2010 seasons. Terry brings a wealth of experience having been involved in wheelchair rugby for twenty years and refereeing the sport since 1990. He has been serving as the National Wheelchair Rugby League (NWRL) Commissioner and was voted "Best Referee" by the competing teams for the past two years.

If anyone is interested in becoming a wheelchair rugby referee, please contact your state Wheelchair Sports office or Wheelchair Sports Australia at info@sports.org.au

2009 NWRL

State teams are currently finalising their team lists for the 2009 National Wheelchair Rugby League. If you are interested in playing wheelchair rugby please contact your state Wheelchair Sports office or Wheelchair Sports Australia at info@sports.org.au
For information on the NWRL visit <http://rugby.sports.org.au>

Calendar of Events 2009 (*Subject to alterations)

March			
6-8	Boccia	QLD State Championships	Brisbane
7-8	Wheelchair Basketball	Women's Festival of Wheelchair Basketball	Narrabeen
11	Boccia	NSW State Championships - Day 1	Sydney
14	Powerlifting	National Championships	Brisbane
11	Boccia	NSW State Championships - Day 2	Sydney
19-22	Lawn Bowls	VIC State Championships	Melbourne
30-3	Lawn Bowls	QLD State Championships	Brisbane
April			
14-17	Lawn Bowls	SA State Championships	Adelaide
19-24	Archery	National Championships	Adelaide
24-26	Wheelchair Rugby	QLD State Championships 'The Bash'	Brisbane
May			
1-3	Wheelchair Basketball	WNWBL - Round 1	Perth
2-8	Boccia	National Championships	Narrabeen
9-17	Multi Sport	Arafura Games	Darwin
15-17	Fencing	Lonato del Garda World Cup	Lonato
20-24	Wheelchair Basketball	Paralympic Cup	Manchester
30-31	Wheelchair Basketball	NWBL - Round 1	tbc
30-2	Cycling	Australian Para-cycling Road Championships for LC, CP3/4 and BVI	Mooball and Mu

June			
5-7	Wheelchair Basketball	QLD State Championships 'The Classic'	Brisbane
5-8	Football	National Championships	Sydney
12-14	Wheelchair Basketball	WNWBL - Round 2	Melbourne
19-21	Wheelchair Basketball	NWBL - Round 2	tbc
22-27	Lawn Bowls	National Championships	Brisbane
26-28	Wheelchair Rugby	NWRL - Round 1	Adelaide
26-28	Wheelchair Basketball	WNWBL - Round 3	Sydney
27-28	Wheelchair Basketball	NWBL - Round 3	tbc
July			
5	Wheelchair Track and Road	Gold Coast Marathon	Gold Coast
7-15	Wheelchair Basketball	World U/23 Championships	Paris
24-26	Wheelchair Rugby	NWRL - Round 2	Melbourne
18-19	Wheelchair Basketball	NWBL - Round 4	tbc
31-2	Wheelchair Basketball	NWBL - Round 5	tbc
tbc	Powerlifting	QLD State Championships	Brisbane
tbc	Football	CPISRA World Championships	tbc
August			
7-9	Wheelchair Basketball	WNWBL - Round 4	Melbourne
15-16	Wheelchair Basketball	NWBL - Round 6	tbc
21-23	Wheelchair Basketball	NWBL - Round 7	tbc
28-30	Wheelchair Basketball	NWBL - Round 8	tbc
tbc	Athletics	QLD State Championships	Brisbane
September			
4-6	Wheelchair Rugby	NWRL Finals	Brisbane
	Wheelchair Basketball	NWBL - Final Series	Sydney
11-13	Wheelchair Basketball	WNWBL - Finals Series	Sydney
October			
4-11	Multi Sport	APC Youth Paralympic Games	Melbourne
17	Football	QLD State Championships	
24-25	Wheelchair Basketball	NSW Slam Down Under	Shellharbour
November			
2-9	Wheelchair Rugby	Asia Oceania Zonal Championships	Christchurch
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