

Australian Olympic team Medal Honour Roll — AIS athletes

Gold

Brett Aitken*, Scott McGrory*: madison (cycling) • Michael Klim*: 4x100m freestyle relay (swimming) • Todd Pearson*: 4x100m freestyle relay heat (swimming) • Adam Pine: 4x100m freestyle relay heat (swimming) • Cathy Freeman: 400 metres (athletics) • Simon Fairweather*: individual event (archery) • Katie Allen*, Alyson Annan*, Lisa Carruthers*, Renita Garard*, Juliet Haslam*, Rechelle Hawkes*, Nikki Hudson*, Rachel Imison*, Clover Maitland*, Claire Mitchell-Taverner*, Jenny Morris*, Alison Peek*, Katrina Powell*, Angie Skirving*, Kate Starre*, Julie Tovers* (women's hockey) • Bill Kirby*, Michael Klim*, Todd Pearson*, 4x200m freestyle relay (swimming) • Daniel Kowalski, 4x200m freestyle relay heat (swimming) • Naomi Castle*, Joanne Fox*, Bridgette Gusterson*, Simone Hankin*, Yvette Higgins*, Kate Hooper*, Bronwyn Mayer*, Gail Miller*, Melissa Mills*, Debbie Watson*, Liz Weekes*, Danielle Woodhouse*, Taryn Woods* (women's water polo) • Louise Sauvage*: 800m wheelchair (athletics) (not official medal event).

Silver

Darren Balmforth, Simon Burgess, Anthony Edwards, Robert Richards: lightweight coxless fours (rowing) • Carla Boyd, Sandy Brondello, Trisha Fallon, Michelle Griffiths, Kristi Harrower, Jo Hill, Lauren Jackson, Shelley Sandie, Jenny Whittle (women's basketball) • Daniel Burke*, Jaime Fernandez*, Alastair Gordon*, Brett Hayman* (cox), Robert Jahrling*, Mike McKay*, Nick Porzig*, Chris Ryan*, Stuart Welch*: men's eight (rowing) • Daniel Collins, Andrew Trim: K2 500m (canoeing) • Michelle Ferris*: 500m time trial (cycling) • Regan Harrison*, Michael Klim*, Adam Pine (heat): 4x100m medley relay (swimming) • Michael Klim*: 100m butterfly (swimming) • Gary Neiwand*: keirin (cycling) • Petria Thomas*: 4x200m freestyle relay (swimming) • Petria Thomas*: 4x100m medley relay (swimming) • Sarah Ryan*: 4x100m medley relay heat (swimming) • Jacinta Van Lint*: 4x200m freestyle relay heat (swimming) • Kate Slatter*, Rachael Taylor*: coxless pair (rowing) • Jai Taurima*: long jump (athletics) • Todd Woodbridge*: men's doubles (tennis).

Australian Paralympic team Medal Honour Roll

Gold

Darren Thrupp: 4x400m relay (athletics T38), 4x100m relay (T38) • Fabian Blattman*: 400m (athletics T51) • Kingsley Burgarin: 100m breaststroke (swimming S12), 200m individual medley (swimming S12) • Paul Clohessy*, Darren Harry: men's tandem sprint (cycling) • Priya Cooper*: 400m freestyle (swimming S8) • Paul Cross, Stewart Pike*.: 4x100m freestyle relay (swimming S14) • Gemma Dashwood*: 400m freestyle (swimming S10) • Stephen Eaton*: discus (athletics F34) • Anton Flavel*: javelin (athletics F20) • Neil Fuller*: 4x100m relay (athletics T46), 4x400m (athletics T46) • Neil Fuller*: 200m (athletics T44), 400m (athletics T44) • David Hall*: men's singles (tennis) • Peter Homann: mixed 20km road race (cycling) • Lyn Nixon: women's tandem 50/60km road race (cycling) • John Lindsay*: 100m (athletics T53) • Lisa Llorens*: high jump (athletics F20), long jump (athletics F20), 200m (athletics T20) • Paul O'Neill: mixed 1km time trial (cycling) • Siobhan Paton*: 50m backstroke (swimming S14), 50m butterfly (swimming S14), 50m freestyle (swimming S14), 100m freestyle (swimming

S14), 200m individual medley (swimming S14), 200m freestyle (swimming S14) • Louise Sauvage*: 1500m (athletics T54), 5000m (athletics T54) • Chris Scott: mixed 5km road time trial (cycling) • Russell Short: discus (athletics F12), shot put (athletics F12) • Greg Smith*: 800m (athletics T52), 5000m (athletics T52), 1500m (athletics T52) • Jodi Willis-Roberts: shot put (athletics F12)

Silver

Ben Austin*: 200m individual medley (swimming S8) • Ben Austin*: 4x100m freestyle relay (swimming) • Karen Farrell*, Alison Mosely*, Lisa O'Nion: women's wheelchair basketball • Fabian Blattman*: 1500m (athletics T51) • Kingsley Burgarin: 400m freestyle (swimming S12) • Melissa Carlton: 400m freestyle (swimming S9), 100m freestyle (swimming S9) • Tracey Cross*: 400m freestyle (swimming S11), 100m freestyle (swimming S11) • Gemma Dashwood*: 200m individual medley (swimming S10) • John Lindsay*, Paul Nunnari: 4x100m relay (athletics T54) • David Hall*: men's doubles (tennis) • Paul Lake: mixed individual pursuit (cycling) • Lyn Nixon: women's tandem 1km time trial

Bronze

Katrin Borchert: K1 500m (canoeing) • Ben Dodwell, Bo Hanson, Geoff Stewart, James Stewart: coxless four (rowing) • Darryn Hill*, Gary Neiwand*: Olympic sprint (cycling) • Annemarie Forder: 10m air pistol (shooting) • Loudy Tourky: synchronised 10m platform (diving) • Michael Brennan*, Adam Commens*, Stephen Davies*, Damon Diletti*, Lachlan Dreher*, Jason Duff*, Troy Elder*, James Elmer*, Paul Gaudoin*, Stephen Holt*, Brent Livermore*, Daniel Sproule*, Jay Stacy*, Craig Victory*, Matthew Wells*, Michael York* (men's hockey) • Shane Kelly*: 1000m time trial (cycling) • Matt Long*, James Tomkins: coxless pair (rowing) • Brad McGee*: individual pursuit (cycling) • Robert Newbery*, Dean Pullar*: synchronized 3m springboard (diving) • Justin Norris*: 200m butterfly (swimming) • Sandra Allen*, Joanne Brown*, Kerry Dienelt*, Peta Edebone*, Sue Fairhurst*, Selina Follas*, Fiona Hanes*, Kelly Hardie*, Tanya Harding*, Simmone Morrow*, Sally McCreedy*, Melanie Roche*, Natalie Titcume*, Natalie Ward*, Brooke Wilkins* (softball) • Petria Thomas*: 200m butterfly (swimming).

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(cycling) • Lisa Llorens*: 100m (athletics T20) • Richard Nicholson: 60kg (powerlifting) • Stewart Pike*: 200m individual medley (swimming S14) • Louise Sauvage*: 800m (athletics T54) • Katrina Webb: 100m (athletics T38), 400m (athletics T38).

Bronze

Ben Austin*: 100m butterfly (swimming S8) • Ben Austin*: 4x100m medley relay (swimming) • Melissa Carlton, Priya Cooper*: 4x100m medley relay (swimming) • Fabian Blattman*: 800m (athletics T51) • Melissa Carlton, Priya Cooper*, Gemma Dashwood*: 4x100 freestyle relay (swimming S7-10), (swimming S11-13) • Paul Clohessy*, Eddie Hollands*: men's tandem 1km time trial (cycling) • Priya Cooper*: 100m freestyle (swimming S8) • Tracey Cross*: 50m freestyle (swimming S11) • Trish Flavel*: 800m (athletics T20) • Neil Fuller*: 100m (athletics T44) • Peter Homann: mixed 5km road time trial (cycling) • Paul Lake: mixed 1km time trial 3rd (cycling), mixed individual pursuit (cycling) • Lyn Nixon: women's tandem individual pursuit (cycling) • John Lindsay*: 200m (athletics T53) • Chris Scott: mixed 20km road race • Katrina Webb: 200m (athletics T38) • Jodi Willis-Roberts: discus (athletics F12).

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NEWS



I hope the winter 2001 edition of AIS Alumni News finds you all in good health and spirits. It gives me pleasure to write the editorial for this edition of the AIS Alumni News. The response from AIS Alums to the first edition was fantastic, with over 150 responses from all corners of the globe. Since then, with input from alumni members and national sporting organisations, we have been steadily working to build our Alumni Association database.

Since the previous edition, a lot has taken place at the AIS, including two visits from the Prime Minister and of course the fun and games of Olympic and Paralympic preparation, camps and team selections, and then the Games themselves.

In the lead up to the Sydney Olympics and Paralympics over 700 athletes, coaches and staff of the AIS and ASC gathered in the basketball training hall for the largest AIS breakfast ever held. The purpose of this event was to congratulate those who had gained Olympic and Paralympic selection. It was also an opportunity for athletes to pay tribute to the staff of the AIS/ASC who had supported their efforts over the years.

Many local and national dignitaries, including Prime Minister John Howard also attended the breakfast.

The AIS placed 242 scholarship athletes, 36 coaches, and sport science, sports medicine and other support staff on the 2000 Olympic and Paralympic teams. In addition to this, there were 133 former AIS athletes on the Olympic and Paralympic teams. This outstanding level of representation in 20 Olympic sports and 9 Paralympic sports is a testimony to the history and importance of the AIS in developing the Australian team over the past 20 years.

Please enjoy this issue and I look forward to reading about what you are up to in future alumni updates.

Regards

Martin Roberts (SWM 1986–1996)

Changes to AIS sport programs from 2001

The AIS conducted a review of all its sport programs during 2000. Following the review four new programs were established, to operate from January 2001, and three programs were discontinued. There are also changes to the administrative arrangements for a number of AIS sport programs in 2001.

The new programs admitted to the AIS are Triathlon, Sailing, Women's Cricket and Slalom Canoeing. Slalom had previously operated from 1990 to 1992, based in Tasmania. Wrestling and Shooting were scholarship programs funded under the Olympic Athlete Program, and did not continue beyond Sydney 2000. The AIS Mountainbike program, which was established prior to the Atlanta Games, also ceased operation.

Athlete search

If you know the address, email address, telephone number or any other contact (such as a club the athlete is connected with) for any former AIS athletes, you could help us by sending the information to Martin Roberts at:
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Government announces funding for sport

In May the government announced sports funding decisions for 2001–2002.

Mark Peters, the Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Sports Commission, said that the funding provided in 2001–2002 under the government's *Backing Australia's Sport Ability: A More Active Australia* policy would mean an increase for most Olympic sports on 2000–2001 allocations. The Commission had been able to return total funding to the highest levels enjoyed during the full operation of the former Olympic Athlete Program.

Total funding for elite sport development, development of clubs, coaches, officials and athletes through the national sporting organisations or Australian Institute of Sport programs will reach \$62.2 million in 2001–2002.

The ASC has allocated \$47.5 million to the development of Olympic summer sports, \$11 million to non-Olympic and winter Olympic sports, and \$3.7 million for athletes with disabilities — a boost of \$1 million on peak levels.

The federal government has also allocated additional funding to encourage increased levels of participation in organised sport. This will particularly include Indigenous Australians, people with disabilities and young people.

Life after the AIS

What are you doing now? In coming issues we would like to profile some alumni members. Why not write or email, telling us in a few lines what you're up to now?

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New AIS Director

Mr Michael Scott was recently appointed to succeed John Boulton as Director of the Australian Institute of Sport. John had served in the position for five years. The Association thanks John for the support he provided to all athletes and wishes him well for the future.

Michael comes to the AIS from his position as Director of the New South Wales Institute of Sport. He had previously worked as Director, Sport and Recreation Victoria and CEO of the South Australian Department of Sport and Recreation. He was a high performance athlete in swimming and coached swimming in the USA collegiate system.

2000 AIS Athlete Awards

Archer Simon Fairweather, winner of the men's individual gold medal at the Sydney 2000 Games, was named 2000 AIS Athlete of the Year from an exceptional field of nominees, at a ceremony held at the AIS in February.

Simon's gold medal was the first-ever Olympic medal won by an Australian, and reflected the rapid development of archery in Australia since the establishment of the AIS Archery program under head coach Mr Kisik Lee in 1997.

Other major awards announced for 2000 were:

AIS Junior Athlete of the Year

Siobhan Paton (Paralympic Swimming)

AIS Team of the Year

Australian/AIS Women's Water Polo team

AIS Education Award

Priscilla Ruddle (Volleyball)

Education Merit Awards:

Benita Willis (Track and Field)

Carly Wilson (Basketball)

AIS Vocation Award

Sacha Wainwright (Women's Soccer)

Vocation Merit Awards:

Rachel White (Volleyball)

Chantelle Michelle (Diving)

AIS Sport Achievement Awards

Simon Fairweather (Archery)

Michael Klim (Swimming)

AIS/Australian Women's Hockey Team

AIS Australian Women's Water Polo Team

Lisa Llorens (Paralympic Athletics)

Greg Smith (Wheelchair Track & Road)

Jai Taurima (Athletics)

Siobhan Paton (Paralympic Swimming)

Kate Slatter (Rowing)

Rachael Taylor (Rowing)

Olympic Men's Eight (Rowing)

Dean Pullar (Diving)

Peta Edebone (Softball)

Anna Millward (Road Cycling)

AIS/Australian 21 and Under Netball Team

Brett Aitken (Cycling)

AIS Memorial Awards

Darren Smith Scholarship (Road Cycling)

Gene Bates

Nathan Meade Scholarship (Diving)

Robert Newbery

Brent Harding Scholarship (Swimming)

Justin Norris

Ross Herbert Scholarship (Golf)

Nadina Taylor

Coaching appointments and departures

As is to be expected at the end of an Olympic cycle, a number of coaches departed the AIS after the Sydney Games. Several coaches in non-Olympic sports have also moved on. Among the changes are:

Charlie Walsh, head coach of the Track Cycling program since its inception in 1987, retired after the Sydney Games. *Shayne Bannan* has been appointed head coach of AIS cycling and will be based in Italy with the road program. AIS and Olympic Mountainbike coach *Damian Grundy* has returned to Melbourne.

After coaching the 'Hockeyroos' to gold medals at both Atlanta and Sydney, *Ric Charlesworth* has stepped aside as head coach of AIS Women's Hockey. *David Bell* has moved across from the men's program to be women's head coach. *Terry Walsh* stood down as head of the men's program after the Sydney Games. *Barry Dancer* returns to the men's program as head coach after a stint in Britain.

Chris Nunn has been appointed head coach of the Track and Field program. Chris was formerly head coach of the Athletes with Disabilities program. He takes over the running of athletics from longtime manager of AIS Track and Field *Peter Bowman*, who started at the AIS on day one and has retired after 20 years at the institute.

Women's rowing coach *Paul Thompson*, coach of the women's pair which won gold (Atlanta) and silver (Sydney) medals at the last two Olympics, has taken up a coaching appointment in the UK. Experienced international coach *Bob Bleakley* has joined the Rowing program.

In Canoeing, *John Sumegi* is head coach of the Sprint program, replacing *Barry Kelly*. Assistant sprint coach *Jamie Walker* has returned to Melbourne. *Richard Fox* will head up the Slalom program.

Men's Water Polo head coach *Don Cameron* has joined the ASC sports administration staff. Assistant coach *Denes Pocsik* has also left the men's program.

Simon Roskvist has taken over from Olympic and AIS head coach *Bob Crudgington* at AIS Softball.

After six years as assistant coach in the Netball program, *Lisa Beehag* has left the AIS to take up a coaching appointment at NSWIS. Her replacement is *Carol Byers*.

Volleyball head coaches *Stelio DeRocco* (Men) and *Brad Saindon* (Women) returned to Canada and the US, respectively, after the Olympics. *Mark Barnard* has been elevated from assistant coach to head coach in the Women's Volleyball program with *Sue Jenkins* as his assistant. Argentinean *Jon Uriarte* has been appointed men's head coach.

Following the death of Ross Herbert, *Mark Holland* has assumed the role of head coach at AIS Golf.

Head coach *Chris Tanzey* and his assistant *Ian Murray* have left the Women's Soccer program.

Tong Hui has been appointed head coach of the Diving program.

Former world triathlon champion *Jackie Gallagher* has been appointed inaugural head coach of Triathlon, and *Victor Kovalenko*, who coached crews to two gold medals in Sydney, is the head coach of the new Sailing program.

With the cessation of the Shooting program, pistol coach *Miro Sipek* has returned to Melbourne.

Did you know?

- ▶ 2001 marks the twentieth year of operation of the AIS.
- ▶ the AIS opened in 1981 with 150 scholarship holders in 8 sports —basketball, swimming, soccer, track and field, netball, tennis, weightlifting, gymnastics.
- ▶ in 2000 the AIS took in its 4000th scholarship holder.
- ▶ since 1981 the AIS has employed nearly 250 coaches in 30 sports.

Sports snippets

- ▶ Following the national championships, a record 15 AIS swimmers were selected for the 2001 FINA World Swimming Championships held in Japan in July.

In a highly successful competition for the AIS, the following swimmers won medals:

Gold: men's 4x100 freestyle relay — Michael Klim, Todd Pearson

Gold: men's 4x200 freestyle relay — Michael Klim, William Kirby

Gold: men's 4x100 medley relay — Regan Harrison

Gold: women's 200m butterfly — Petria Thomas

Gold: women's 100m butterfly — Petria Thomas

Gold: women's 4x100 medley relay — Petria Thomas, Sarah Ryan

Bronze: men's 200m individual medley — Justin Norris

Other AIS swimmers to reach finals at the championships were Sarah Ryan, Lori Munz and Petria Thomas, 5th in the Women's 4x100 freestyle relay, as well as William Kirby, Petria Thomas, Justin Norris (twice), Regan Harrison, Clementine Stoney, Michael Klim, Craig Stevens and Sarah Ryan in individual events.

- ▶ In a fantastic result for the AIS and Australian rowing, AIS scholarship holders Vicky Roberts, Jane Robinson, Jo Lutz and Julia Wilson were crowned world rowing champions twice within 24 hours. They first took out the women's four and the next day joined fellow AIS scholarship holders Rebecca Sattin and Jodi Winter, and NSWIS reps Emily Martin, Kristina Larsen and cox Carly Bilson, to take out the women's eight ahead of Olympic champions Romania. AIS coach Lyall McCarthy coached the four and is co-coach of the eight.
- ▶ Alumnus Stuart O'Grady had a great ride in the *Tour de France*, wearing the leader's yellow jersey for several days, and being pipped for the green jersey as best sprinter in the *Tour* only in the final stage in Paris.
- ▶ Australian Institute of Sport Diver Robert Newbery has created history by becoming the first Australian to win a gold medal in the 3 metre springboard event, winning the prestigious 2001 FINA/USA Diving Grand Prix held in Coral Springs, Florida. So dominating was Newbery's performance that after

the event he received the Icarus Award, the highest honour that the World Swimming Hall of Fame bestows on any diver.

Only two other divers, the legendary Russian Dmitry Sautin and China's Tian Liang have ever received the Icarus Award.

- ▶ All 12 Australian Gems selected for the 5th FIBA World Junior Basketball Championship for women were AIS players. The Gems finished 4th.
- ▶ The Australian Institute of Sport enjoyed excellent results at the East Asian Games, which were held in Osaka, Japan in May.
 - AIS rowers selected in the Australian Under 23 team, which competed at the Games as a development opportunity, came away with two gold medals and a bronze medal.
 - In basketball, both the Australian Boomers and Opals experienced very successful campaigns at the East Asian Games. The Boomers were undefeated throughout the tournament winning the final against China 105–93. The Opals finished second in the tournament losing the final 80–75 to a very strong Chinese side. A significant number of the members of both teams were AIS graduates.
 - Gold medal wins to the AIS/ Australian men's and women's hockey teams showed that despite some significant retirements and changes in the coaching staff since the Sydney Olympic Games, the sport is still in a healthy position.
 - AIS gymnast Jacqui Dunn finished in third place behind the top two Chinese gymnasts in the beam final and seventh in the overall final. Alexandra Croak qualified in three finals (vault, uneven bars and floor) but unfortunately was injured and had to withdraw from the competition.
 - Australian boxers won four silver medals.
 - AIS swimmers Stephen Goudie and Burl Reid were amongst the medals. Goudie won a gold medal in the 4x100m freestyle relay and silver in both the 50m and 100m Freestyle. Reid won silver medals in the 4x100m medley relay and 100m butterfly.

Obituaries

■ Ross Herbert (Head coach AIS Golf)

AIS Golf head coach Ross Herbert died in January after a short illness. His AIS colleagues, his athletes and all who knew him were greatly saddened by his untimely passing.

Ross was appointed AIS Golf head coach when the program was set up in 1992. He played an integral part in the development of some of Australia's finest young golfers.

The AIS Alumni Association extends its sincere condolences to Ross's wife Donna and their three young daughters, as well as his colleagues in the AIS Golf program.

■ Terry Gathercole AM (swimming coach)

Terry Gathercole, AIS senior men's and breaststroke coach from 1986 to 1992, died on 30 May in Canberra, aged 65. Terry was an outstanding international swimmer and coach, President of Australian Swimming (1997–2000), and a fierce anti-drugs campaigner.

He represented Australia at the 1956 and the 1960 Olympics, where he won a silver medal in the Australian medley relay team. He was also a Commonwealth Games gold medallist and breaststroke world record holder.

Terry guided some of the AIS's best swimmers, including 1991 world champion Linley Frame, Barcelona Olympic medallist Phil Rogers, and Georgina Parkes to international success. Also among his prominent pupils were Olympic gold medallists Ian O'Brien (1964 and 1968) and Beverley Whitfield (1972).

'Terry was well liked and greatly admired by everyone in the world of swimming,' said AIS and Australian women's head coach Mark Regan. 'He was a valued and respected friend to so many people and his loss will be felt worldwide. He was the first coach ever to be appointed president of Australian Swimming and was an inspiration to everyone who came to know him.'

The AIS Alumni Association extends its sincere condolences to Terry's wife Carol, sons Ben and Tim, and daughter Gai.