



THE AUSTRALIAN PARALYMPIAN

ISSUE #2/2007
MAY

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Australian Paralympic Committee has been delighted with the widespread support for the first Oceania Paralympic Championships as part of the Arafura Games, from 12-19 May in Darwin.

The inaugural Oceania Paralympic Championships provided a welcome opportunity for athletes with a disability from Australia and our "sporting neighbours" in Asia and Oceania to participate in a significant multi-sport event close to home. The participation of more than 300 athletes, more than half from outside Australia, is an indication of the value of this event.

The Northern Territory Government is to be congratulated for the manner in which they have responded to the opportunity to host the Oceania Paralympic Championships within the Arafura Games. Special thanks to the Australian Government and to the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, Clare Martin, and the Minister for Sport, Kon Vatskalis. As a result of the "can do" approach of the NT Government, these Championships became a reality within two years of our first discussions.

This event also received the valuable support of the President of the International Paralympic Committee, Sir Philip Craven, and his staff at the IPC headquarters in Bonn, as well as the full backing of the Oceania Paralympic Committee and its President, Paul Bird.

Recent years have seen a surge internationally in the number and profile of multi-sport events for athletes with a disability. More and more of these events are being conducted under the Paralympic "umbrella", proof of the importance of the Paralympic brand and of the power of sports events to engage participants and the community alike.

I am hopeful that the benefits of the Oceania Paralympic Championships will include increased participation by athletes from the Northern Territory and our Oceania neighbours in the Paralympic Games themselves.

Congratulations to all involved in the Oceania Paralympic Championships in 2007 – you are helping to create new opportunities for athletes with a disability and for Paralympic sport!

**Greg Hartung, President
Australian Paralympic Committee**



APC President Greg Hartung with IPC President Sir Philip Craven at the Oceania Paralympic Championships.



**AUSTRALIAN
PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE**



FEATURES

03 ATHLETE PROFILE:
DOMINIC MONYPENNY

04 ARAFURA GAMES AND
OCEANIA PARALYMPIC
CHAMPIONSHIPS

06 SPORT PROFILE
7-A-SIDE FOOTBALL



PEOPLE

KURT FEARNLEY ATHLETICS

Über marathon man Kurt Fearnley may have missed out on the prestigious Laureus Sports Award, but he did win the Athletics NSW 2006-2007 AWD Athlete of the Year Award. So far this year, Kurt has won seven out of eight international marathons he has contested: two in South Africa, LA, Rome, Venice, Paris, and Seoul. He was beaten in a photo finish at the London Marathon by defending champion and home town favourite, Englishman David Weir.

TOIREASA GALLAGHER CYCLING

Congratulations to Toireasa Gallagher on winning 2006 NSW Roadwoman of the Year Award. Toireasa is pilot for vision impaired cyclist Lindy Hou.

MICHAEL GALLAGHER CYCLING

Michael Gallagher was awarded the 2006 Victorian Institute of Sport Awards of Excellence Athlete with a Disability Award at a recent ceremony at Crown Palladium.

DOMINIC MONYPENNY ROWING

For the second consecutive year, Adaptive Rower Dominic Monypenny was awarded the Tasmanian Sports Star Awards Athlete of the Year – Athlete With a Disability Award for 2006.

BEN OSBORNE WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

Ben Osborne has recently been appointed as the National Scholarship Coach for Wheelchair Basketball. Ben will work with the NSW Institute of Sport's wheelchair basketball program, the national men's and women's teams and the APC's Toyota Paralympic Talent Search Program.

APC STAFF UPDATE

QLD Branch Manager Paul Ninness has resigned to return to his home town of Coffs Harbour, NSW. Paul will be greatly missed and we wish him well in his future adventures.

PARALYMPIC PHOTOS AND MEMORABILIA

Do you have any competition, medal or team photos from ANY Paralympic Games that you would be happy to share with us? The APC is trying to build up a comprehensive record of Paralympic sport in Australia and needs your help. If you have any photographs or other Games memorabilia that you would like to share a copy of with us please send to: Jen Hodge, APC, PO Box 596 Sydney Markets NSW 2129 or to jennifer.hodge@paralympic.org.au. Please ensure that images include the name of the athlete, the Games and year taken, and the acknowledgement (ie either photographer or owner of the image). If scanning and emailing images, please send them as a 300dpi 10x15cm size image. We will ensure that your photo is properly credited in our archives and future Paralympic Hall of Fame.



The Australian Paralympic Team, 1960



Kurt Fearnley

FUNDRAISING

Thank you to all the individuals and businesses in the Australian community which have chosen to support our dedicated, hardworking athletes.

The APC's new national fundraising plan has produced a significant increase in income towards our \$3.5 million goal for Beijing. To date, we have raised 52% (\$1.8 million) of our target. Proceeds from fundraising will go towards supporting:

- Flights to Beijing = \$1,650 per Paralympian
- Medical supplies = \$25,000
- Shipping, quarantine and upkeep of Equestrian athletes' horses = \$150,000
- Australian Team uniforms = \$1,500 per Paralympian



\$500,000 has been raised so far from raffles and 'Scratch and Win' promotions which are currently running in SA, Vic, NSW, Tas and Qld. In July, an exciting new national 'Pin-and-Win' fundraising initiative will start. Please check the APC website soon for more information.

APC NEWS

Over the past month, APC staff have been reviewing and updating the organisation's business plan. At the halfway mark of the current plan, a number of goals have already been achieved. New challenges and opportunities have presented themselves and we need to ensure that we are ready to meet them.

On the sport side, we achieved our performance goals at the 2006 Winter Games and are on track to field athletes in 14 sports in Beijing. Mainstreaming has taken hold, thanks to the support of our mainstream partners, Australia's national sporting organisations. Our Talent Search program, run on a shoestring compared with other programs in Australia and overseas, has helped double the pool of athletes at the elite and underpinning levels – 463 athletes have already been identified as potential Paralympians. The Telstra Paralympic Education Program has been launched and more than 30 organisations have joined in the first few weeks.

We have been similarly successful in achieving many of our commercial, financial and

administration goals and we are more than halfway to our fundraising target of \$3.5 million for the Beijing Games.

Our updated plan incorporates the findings of last year's Paralympic Sport Task Force and points the way forward towards constructive new relationships with our members, enhanced revenue programs and a focus on maximising the return by concentrating on those sports and programs which demonstrate that they can deliver outcomes. The road ahead may not be easy, but we plan to help Australia's athletes stay in the leading bunch!

Darren Peters
CEO, Australian Paralympic Committee



Photographer James Worrel

ATHLETE PROFILE: DOMINIC MONYPENNY

When asked how he manages to stay committed to training in the less than tropical climates of his home state, Adaptive Rower Dominic Monypenny laughs.

"Tasmania's not so bad," he said. "The coldest I have ever been was at a training camp on Lake Burley Griffin in Canberra. It was 5am and the temperature minus nine degrees. I watched ice form on my boat and the only way to keep warm was to row faster!"

Bracing experiences on Lake Burley Griffin aside, Dominic generally finds his chosen sport an invigorating way to start the day.

Picture this: perfect, smooth-as-glass water; sleepy Launceston under a star studded night sky; moonlight glistening on the water, followed by a stunning sunrise. Your oars dip rhythmically, almost hypnotically, into the reflections of the bush that towers above you, as you listen to the bubbles race along the underside of your boat.

These images of peace and beauty make it easier to understand what gets Dominic out of bed early every morning, and the punishing training schedule he undertakes seem worthwhile. As Darryl Kerrigan from *The Castle* would say, "How's the serenity?"

Dominic is the current single scull, arms-only, World Champion in the newest Paralympic sport of Adaptive Rowing. Adaptive Rowing has been a part of the rowing community in Australia and overseas for about 20 years, but will make its Paralympic debut at the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games.

Dominic has always been very physically active and involved in adventurous pursuits such as mountain climbing, bushwalking, rock-climbing, caving, kayaking and skiing. About 10 years ago, he fell 30 meters from a walking trail in Launceston's Cataract

Gorge, resulting in complete spinal cord lesion and paraplegia.

In an instant, the rugged off-road sports and the bush he loved so much were snatched away, but he wasn't prepared to give up altogether. Determined to stay active, he got involved in gym climbing, hand cycling, wheelchair road racing, badminton, tennis, basketball and downhill skiing. His friends would complain that he was a great athlete, but if only he would just pick a single sport and focus on it!

In January 2003, Dominic became the first person in a wheelchair to complete Australia's hardest half marathon, an arduous race that climbs from sea level to 1500m up Mount Wellington on the outskirts of Hobart, a mountain notoriously shrouded in bad weather. What makes this feat even more remarkable is that he completed the challenge in a normal day chair instead of a specialised racing chair.

Not long afterwards, he received two serious invitations, one to participate in the Australian National Alpine Championships and the other to row, with the statement that: "if he was prepared to train hard, he could go 'all the way'". Logistically, skiing was out of the question for Dominic, so he pounced on the opportunity to row. A decision he has never regretted, though his rivals most certainly have!

His first event was the 2004 Tasmanian Masters Rowing Regatta, a race he very nearly didn't finish. He was ready to quit the sport until he discovered the problem hadn't been with him, but an equipment misalignment. Back in the boat, he competed at the World Championships in Gifu, Japan the following year. This time, Dominic not only finished, but won gold.

"Dominic loves the freedom that rowing gives him"

He still classes this win as his most memorable competition moment to date. He dedicated it to Sam le Compte, the famous rowing coach of the Awesome Foursome, who used to leave his charges and come across the water in the dark winter months to give Dominic words of encouragement. Sam tragically died just three months before Dominic's World Championship win.

An energetic man, though probably referred to as "possessed" by friends and competitors, Dominic loves the freedom that rowing gives him once he's on the water. "I'll always remember fondly the first time I watched my wheelchair disappear (to a tiny speck) as I rowed away," he says.

Focussed on bringing home the first Paralympic Adaptive Rowing gold medal for Australia from the Beijing Paralympic Games, Dominic's next event is the 2007 World Championships in Berlin, Germany in August. He is training hard to retain his title and live up to the reputation of a man who has been awarded the Australian Rowers' Rower Award in 2005 as well as the Tasmanian Disabled Sports Star Award in 2006 and 2007, despite the short time he has been competing. Whatever the outcome, you can be sure that this committed, talented athlete will give his all for his sport and his country.

Think of him next time you see a rower ploughing their way through the morning mist in pursuit of not only sporting excellence, but also in search of the serenity that only rowing can bring.

Jennifer Hodge



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

IPC NEWS

Bonn, Germany: Following the recent IPC Governing Board Meeting in Beijing, China, the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) has announced the appointment of the following Chairpersons for the IPC Sport Technical Committees which oversee paralympic sport: IPC Athletics: Mr. Chris Cohen (GBR), IPC Alpine Skiing: Ms. Sylvana Mestre (ESP), IPC Ice Sledge

Hockey: Mr. Greg Lagace (CAN), IPC Nordic Skiing: Mr. Robert Walsh (USA), IPC Powerlifting: Mr. Pol Wautermartens (BEL), IPC Shooting: Mr. Walter Vlamincq (BEL), IPC Swimming: Mr. Tim Reddish (GBR), IPC Wheelchair Dance Sport: Ms. Grethe Andersen (NOR).

The IPC will now continue the process of appointing the remaining Committee members.

ARAFURA GAMES INCORPORATING THE OCEANIA PARALYMPIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Darwin: Saturday 19 May marked the closing ceremony of the 2007 Arafura Games and, for the first time, the Oceania Paralympic Championships (OPC). Over eight days of competition 322 Athletes with a Disability (AWD) competed across seven sports; Athletics, Cycling, Powerlifting, Swimming, Table Tennis, Wheelchair Tennis and Wheelchair Basketball.

Countries from across Oceania made the trip to Darwin, including our neighbours New Zealand, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga, New Caledonia and Wallis and Futuna. A total of 24 different countries sent athletes to compete in the AWD events.

IPC President Sir Phillip Craven, IPC CEO Xavier Gonzalez and IPC Director of Sport David Grevenberg were all on hand for this historic event and witnessed plenty of action.

On court, the Australian Men's Wheelchair Basketball team dominated the competition, taking gold and securing a berth at next year's Paralympic Games in Beijing with a 75 – 37 win over Iran in the final.

Of the 134 Australian athletes, nearly half returned home with a medal, a terrific result for all the athletes who attended, many of whom are chasing selection for the 2008 Beijing Games.



Photographer Geoff Tripp

Our neighbours were also among the medals. Little known South Pacific island group Wallis and Futuna, illustrated the importance of this event for the region. With a population of only 15,000 people, its athletes won four gold, one silver and one bronze medal.

Check out our website for more Oceania Paralympic Championship news, photos and athlete diaries: www.paralympic.org.au

EVENTS

FEI PARA-EQUESTRIAN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (DRESSAGE)

Venue: Gloucestershire, UK

Dates: 16-22 July

Sport: Equestrian

Website: www.hartpury.ac.uk/wpdc/

3RD IBSA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND GAMES

Venue: Sao Paulo, Brazil

Date: 28 July - 8 August

Sports: Athletics, Football

(Blind and VI 5-a-side), Goalball, Judo, Powerlifting, Swimming

Website: <http://www.ibsabrazil2007.org.br/default.en-US.aspx>

2007 IFDS DISABLED SAILING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Venue: Rochester, USA

Dates: 7-15 September

Sport: Sailing

Website: www.2007ifdsworlds.com

2007 IPC WORLD ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Venue: Cheongju, Korea

Dates: 30 September – 9 October

Sport: Archery

Website: www.archery.org

CP-ISRA FOOTBALL (7-A-SIDE) WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Venue: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Dates: 8-18 November

Sport: Football (7-a-side)

Website:

www.cpisra.org/html/sports/football

AROUND THE STATES

NEW SOUTH WALES

In March, the NSW Branch launched the Paralympic Awareness and Accident Rehabilitation Program (PAARP) in partnership with the Motor Accidents Authority of NSW. PAARP is a new APC community initiative that aims to link people in rehabilitation centres to Paralympic sports. Paralympians Christie Dawes, Grant Mizens, Paul Nunnari, Branka Pupovac and Liesl Tesch will be the key presenters of the program.

On 21 March, 360HR hosted its second annual corporate bowls day. Paralympians Louise Sauvage, Toby Kane, Amy Winters, Kylie Gauci and John Marshall joined 200 participants who raised more than \$28,000 for the APC. Many thanks to event sponsors, Charter Group, Sophos, TAFE NSW and WorkCover NSW. Thank you too, to Di and John Pass and their staff at 360HR and all those who participated in the event.

The 2007 Desert Duel saw sixty one people depart Perth on Saturday 28 April and finish in Kalgoorlie on Saturday 5 May. West Australian swimmer Katrina Porter was the representative Paralympian and a great time was had by all. A full report will be included in the next issue of the Australian Paralympian.

The NSW raffle commenced in mid-March. To help us raise our target of \$300,000, please phone 02 9704 0507 for tickets.



Christie Dawes launches the PAARP program

For more information on what is happening in your state, please visit the APC website or contact your respective APC Branch Manager:
NSW/ACT: Angela Kerr on 02 9704 0517 QLD: Paul Ninness on 07 3221 1777
SA: Sue Shepherd on 08 8352 7161 VIC: Jason Hellwig on 03 9614 3075



A skills development session with the Adelaide Crows AFL Team

VICTORIA

The APC Victorian Branch has developed a relationship with the Australian Blind Sports Federation to assist in identifying key areas to increase participation in vision impaired sports.

The Scratch and Win promotion has been a successful fundraising campaign in Victoria. We expect to raise \$100,000 by the end of this financial year. For tickets please go to www.paralympic.org.au

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

South Australia's Corporate Council has committed to help us sell the connect1000 program. To date, South Australia has acquired ten new memberships and is working hard to reach its target of 30 by the end of June 2007.

The SA annual lottery is very close to being completely sold out six months ahead of schedule. The gross income to date is \$240,000.

\$5,000 was received from the Crows Foundation to fund the Skill Development program, a South Australian initiative for children 8 -12 years old with mild to moderate physical disability. The program runs through the school term, and the

children enjoy expert skills coaching to improve fundamental movement skills, strength, endurance and self-esteem.

In early April the students were treated to a skill development session with the Adelaide Crows AFL team.

The South Australian branch also received \$4,000 from the Office for Recreation and Sport to train three classifiers at the Arafura Games in May, and is waiting for the results of another four grants that will total more than \$80,000.

QUEENSLAND

With the departure of Qld Branch Manager Paul Ninness, the APC Qld office will be relocating to Sports House in the Suncorp Stadium precinct at Milton, thanks to Sport and Recreation Qld. We acknowledge the tremendous support from Mr Robert Christie and the team at Christie Corporate in providing the APC office space in Brisbane for many years.

The annual APC/ Sporting Wheelies "Go for Gold Art Union" joint fundraising initiative is underway, with prizes to be drawn by mid June. Following this, the APC will conduct its own Art Union in Qld.



SPORT PROFILE: 7-A-SIDE FOOTBALL

The "World Game", sometimes known as soccer, is played by millions of people all over the world, and people with disabilities are no exception.

There are variations of the game for people with vision impairment, hearing impairment, learning disabilities, cerebral palsy, people who use motorised wheelchairs, and amputees. Currently, the Paralympic Games includes 7-a-side Football for people with Cerebral Palsy (CP) and 5-a-side Football for athletes with vision impairment, which made its Paralympic debut in Athens 2004.

Part of the Paralympic program since 1984, 7-a-side Football is governed by the Cerebral Palsy International Sports and Recreation Association (CP-ISRA) and follows the rules of the International Federation of Associated Football (FIFA), with some modifications.

There are seven players on a team rather than the standard eleven, the field of play is smaller (about three-quarters of the size of a full football pitch) as are the goals, there is no offside rule and throw-ins may be made with only one hand or rolled in, so long as the ball touches the ground within one metre of the sideline. The match consists of two halves of 30 minutes each and there is a 15 minute half-time break.

This version of the sport is for ambulant athletes with cerebral palsy and other neurological disorders, including stroke and

acquired brain injury (ABI), and a ratio of players from varying levels of disability must be maintained. Athletes are classed on their functional ability and the impact of their ability on sport performance to ensure fair competition. There are four classes: C5 – where athletes have difficulties when walking and running, but not in standing or when kicking the ball – through to C8, who are athletes with a minimal disability in one limb that has an impact on playing football.

Teams must field at least one C5 or C6 class player at all times and no more than two players of class C8 are permitted on the field at the same time. The remaining players can be any combination of C5, C6 or C7 classifications.

International competition in 7-a-side Football began at the 1978 CP-ISRA International Games in Edinburgh, Scotland. Five regions now compete in international competition and the number of countries continues to grow.

In 1998 the Cerebral Palsy Australian Sport and Recreation Federation (CP-ASRF) and

the Australian Paralympic Committee (APC) formed a Cerebral Palsy Football team to compete at the Sydney 2000 Paralympics. In its first major tournament the team finished seventh. Australia didn't compete in 7-a-side Football at the Athens 2004 Paralympic Games, and hopes to qualify for the 2008 Paralympic Games in Beijing.

In 2005 the Football Federation of Australia (FFA) took control of the National Team under a 'mainstreaming' agreement with the APC and appointed Paul Brown as Head Coach in 2006.

The Australian team's first international competition under the new coach was the 2006 FESPIC Games, where it won silver against Iran (ranked three in the world), a result they hope to improve on at the World Cup in Brazil in November and, of course, in Beijing next year. Good luck boys!

Jennifer Hodge



Ben Roche shoots for goal, with Miguel Marcellino waiting to assist



Brett Fairhall and a Canadian player

APC COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

WORKCOVER NSW PARALYMPIAN PROGRAM

Since 2001, the WorkCover NSW Paralympian Program has sought to raise awareness about the importance of workplace safety, while helping people with disabilities acquired through workplace injuries realise their potential as elite athletes.

WorkCover NSW sponsors five athletes who, despite suffering permanent disabilities in the workplace, have gone on to achieve outstanding sporting success. Through their inspirational stories of despair, courage and triumph, these athletes drive home a powerful message about the importance of workplace safety, injury prevention and injury management by teaching people to think safe, work safe and go home safe.

This program continues to be a major success in helping employers, workers, young people and the general public understand the significance of workplace safety and the physical, emotional, social, and financial costs of workplace injuries.

The following athletes are currently sponsored by WorkCover NSW: Archer John Marshall, sprinter Heath Francis, powerlifter Kahi Puru, track and field athlete Terry Giddy and volleyballer Nigel Smith. The Australian Paralympic Committee (APC) thanks WorkCover NSW for its ongoing support of Paralympians and the APC.

BEIJING TEAM PROCESSING SESSIONS

As part of the preparation for the 2008 Paralympic Games in Beijing, the APC will conduct team processing sessions in Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, Canberra and Brisbane in August 2007. The processing sessions are designed to gather key data and information that will assist the Australian Paralympic Committee to prepare and send the Australian Team to Beijing in September 2008.

If you are 18 or older and interested in volunteering your assistance at the processing sessions, please contact Games Coordinator Natalie Jenkins (natalie.jenkins@paralympic.org.au) for an 'expression of interest' form.

THE TOYOTA PARALYMPIC TALENT SEARCH PROGRAM

This year will see a total of 19 Talent Search days in addition to a number of sport specific Talent Search days held across the country. The first Northern Territory Talent Search day was held in Darwin last month with a number of participants progressing rapidly and competing at the Arafura Games.



THE TELSTRA PARALYMPIC EDUCATION PROGRAM (TPEP)

The Telstra Paralympic Education Program (TPEP) is underway with successful launches in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane and Canberra throughout February and March. We have already welcomed 30 schools to the TPEP, with this number expected to increase significantly following an upcoming mailout to all Australian primary schools. More than 50 current PPP squad members have confirmed their involvement in the Athlete Correspondence Program, with invitations to Paralympians who are not currently in PPP squads about to be extended.

To find out more on the program, go to www.paralympiceducation.org.au.

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR ALL THE LATEST NEWS AND RESULTS! www.paralympic.org.au

Yes! I would like to support our Australian Paralympians.

I would like to make an ongoing gift each month of:

\$35 or my choice of \$ _____
In support of our Australian Paralympians **OR**

Please accept my one-off gift of
 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$150 \$250 My choice

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Tel: () _____ (in case we need to clarify your details)

DONATION DETAILS

Please deduct my gift from my:

Bankcard Mastercard Visa American Express

□□□□ □□□□ □□□□ □□□□

Expiry Date: □□ □□ Signature: _____

Name on card: _____

My cheque for a gift of \$ _____ is enclosed, made payable to the Australian Paralympic Committee.

For credit card gifts call our donation hotline on 1300 88 99 48. If you do not want to receive any further information from us please call (02) 9704 0500 or fax (02) 9746 0189.



INSPIRING SPORTING SUCCESS

APC SPONSOR FAMILY

PRINCIPAL PARTNER



Australian Government
Australian Sports Commission

MAJOR SPONSORS



OFFICIAL SPONSORS



OFFICIAL SUPPLIERS

CLAYTON UTZ



SUPPORTERS



Desert Duel



SPONSOR PROFILE

Telstra

Q&A with Lisa Gardner
General Manager, Sponsorship

How long has the Telstra been supporting the APC?

This is our eleventh year as sponsor of the Australian Paralympic Committee. Over this time, we have supported the development of athletes through fundraising initiatives and education programs and helped them achieve their dream of representing Australia at a Paralympic event.

Why do you believe people and organisations should support the APC?

It's really important that Australians and Australian organisations support the development of all sports. The Australian Paralympic team was the number one team at the Sydney Paralympic Games and continued funding and support is crucial for success at future international events.

What is your most memorable Paralympic experience?

It would have to be watching Louise Sauvage win her ninth gold medal at the Sydney Paralympics. She is an amazing athlete.

What is your favourite Paralympic sport to watch and why?

My favourites are the basketball and swimming. Watching swimmers such as Matt Cowdrey winning events at times rivalling the able bodied events is really inspiring. The basketball is really fast paced and exciting to watch.

Other than the APC what other sporting and community organizations does Telstra support?

Telstra has a strong tradition of sponsoring Australian sport including Swimming Australia, Australian Paralympic and Olympic Committees, Surf Life Saving Australia, National Rugby League (NRL), Football Federation Australia, the AFL and V8 Supercars.

Our leverage programs focus on developing sport at both the grassroots and elite levels. Our support of these sports has allowed Australians from across the country to see their heroes live in action either by attending the events, or through BigPond Mobile and Broadband content.

What new exciting products is Telstra launching this year?

There are quite a few exciting products being launched in 2007. Keep an eye out for the new Samsung "Blackjack" handset which allows you to access email and mobile internet at broadband speeds on Telstra's Next GTM Network.

The Next GTM Network is the fastest network of its kind in Australia and delivers voice and broadband services to 98% of the population. In an Australian first, the NEXT G network allows you to watch up to 16 FOXTEL channels on your mobile, access BigPond movie and music downloads, AFL, NRL and V8 content, and Sensis services such as City Search, WhereIs, and Trading Post.

Australian Paralympic Committee Inc.
ABN 41810234213

Building A
1 Herb Elliott Drive
Sydney Olympic Park
NSW 2127 Australia

PO Box 596
Sydney Markets
NSW 2129 Australia
Telephone: +61 2 9704 0500

Facsimile: +61 2 9746 0189
auspara@paralympic.org.au
www.paralympic.org.au

