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Facilitate success by athletes in Paralympic Games and other elite international events (sanctioned by the International Paralympic Committee). Encourage participation in sport by people with disabilities.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This has been an extraordinary year by any measure. The challenge now is to ensure that the hard-won successes of the Australian Paralympic movement, both on and off the field of competition, continue.

Everyone involved with the APC has a right to feel a great sense of pride and satisfaction in having been a part of a movement that delivered so much during 2000. To be ranked the number one Paralympic nation is, in itself, a marvellous achievement that will be difficult, but not impossible, to repeat. But to reach this height while also tackling ambitious expansionary plans for the organisation is a credit to the APC staff, Board and membership.

A great deal has been recorded about the feats of our athletes at the "Best-Ever" Games. Their performances are well documented in this report and serve as a lasting reminder of an unprecedented period in the history of the APC. I would like to place on the record - my appreciation of the outstanding job done by our Chef de Mission, Paul Bird, and all the Team2000 staff for their work "beyond the call of duty". This dedication, along with the outstanding work of the APC executive staff and Board, provided the foundation for the Australian athletes to produce their best results.

I also record my thanks for the invaluable work of Vice President, Ken Brown, and his staff of volunteers who made the APC VIP programme work so smoothly during the Games. This programme has produced a lasting legacy by expanding the APC supporter base among politicians and sponsors, the results of which will be felt well into the future.

But the greatest legacy from the Games surely must be the thousands of people who, probably for the first time, experienced Paralympic competition at its finest. What they witnessed was elite sporting competition - and they loved it! The more than 1.1 million spectators who watched Paralympic events live cannot be wrong! It was fantastic to attend events which were packed to the rafters. The Games went a long way to changing attitudes and mindsets and justified the APC's long-held position that at all times our athletes are regarded as elite and are required to conduct themselves as such.

During the course of the Games we were given wonderful

support from our Patron, the Governor General, Sir William Dean, and Lady Dean. We were also supported by politicians across the political spectrum, including the Prime Minister, Mr John Howard, the Opposition Leader, Mr Kim Beazley, and the Democrats Leader, Meg Lees. Such bipartisan support we hope and expect will continue into the future. At the conclusion of the Games, the APC immediately entered into discussions with the Federal Government, including the Australian Sports Commission, on the level of funding the APC would require to support its ambitious targets for the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City and all the international commitments leading to, and including, the 2004 Summer Games in Athens. While the APC recognises all requests for financial assistance must be measured against competing budgetary priorities and the overall availability of funds, we are satisfied that the Committee, and Paralympic Sport, are regarded as serious and respected players on the Australian sports scene.

The Games were a spectacular success and, on behalf of the APC, I extend my congratulations to the Minister for the Olympics and Paralympics, Mr Michael Knight, the Chair of the Sydney Paralympic Organising Committee, Dr John Grant, the Chief Executive, Lois Appleby, and all the staff involved. However, the very success of the Games has put the spotlight on some areas that will need to be closely monitored. For instance, it was disturbing that the Games saw 11 positive drug tests, one aspect we did not want to see. And there were the well documented concerns about classifications and pre-Games deletion of events which affected the APC's athletes and coaches. It is recognised that the Paralympic movement is in the early part of its growth and development and such issues can perhaps be expected. However, the APC is confident that with the involvement and goodwill of the wider Paralympic community, these issues will be resolved for future Games.

During the Games, the APC met with colleagues from all other affiliated International Paralympic Committee nations within the South Pacific region. The countries agreed unanimously to form a Regional Committee to occupy its full role within the constitution of the IPC. This group will meet again early in 2001 to formalise its future development plans. The group has been supported in its efforts to bring the Region together by the International President, Dr Bob Steadward, and has received the

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encouragement and financial backing of the Australian Government. The development of a South Pacific regional base will be another lasting legacy of the Games. Of course, the emergence of the South Pacific Region will in no way impair Australia's involvement in the FESPIC Games, and the APC fully intends to play its role in ensuring the FESPIC Games continue to hold a significant place in the development of its emerging athletes.

While the APC hopes to play a positive and constructive role internationally as a successful National Paralympic Committee, the Board is mindful of the need to continue to look closely at the domestic structure to ensure that the APC's constitution enables the movement to continue its growth. For this reason, the APC has recommended that its member's consideration be given to amendments to the constitution to recognise the role undertaken by key able-bodied national sporting organisations in delivering programmes and opportunities for the athletes. The best way to ensure this development is recognised, and enhanced even further, is to permit qualified NSOs to apply for membership of the APC.

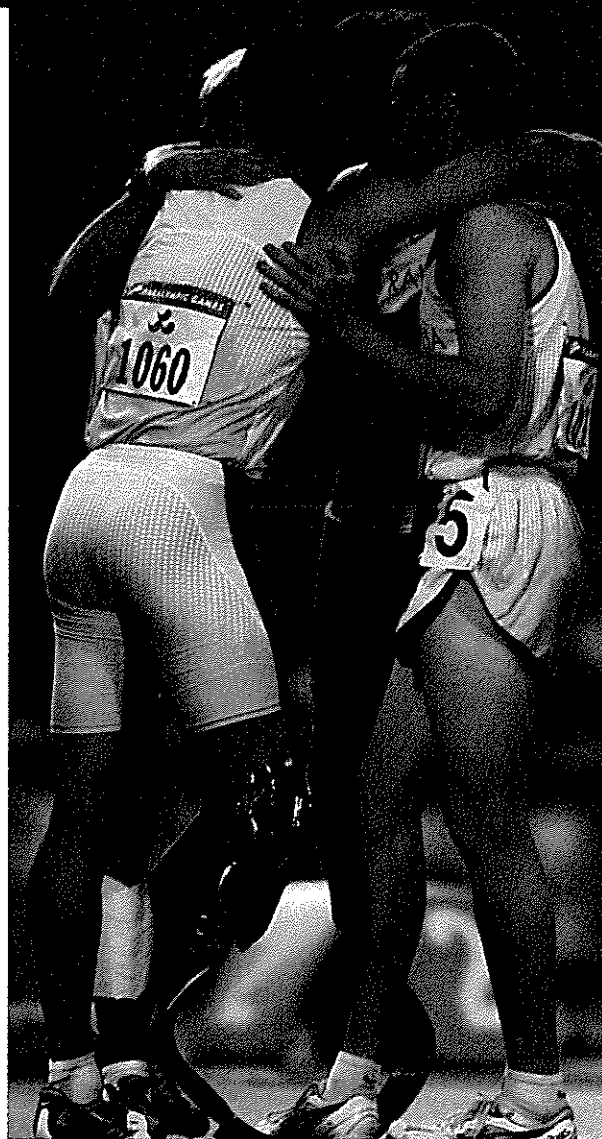
It has been a momentous year for the APC - the memories will remain for a long time. It is of fundamental importance that the momentum is not lost and that the energy and enthusiasm that characterised the Games period is harnessed and redirected to tackle the challenges ahead.

I wish to acknowledge and place on the record my thanks to the APC's Chief Executive, Brendan Flynn, for his tireless efforts in leading his equally tireless team of committed staff. I hope the year's results have provided each and every one with the great sense of satisfaction and fulfilment that comes from a difficult job well done.

To my Board colleagues and to all our State Committees and Members, I express my thanks and appreciation for your support and work during the past year.

Congratulations to you all!

Greg Hartung
PRESIDENT



CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

After a three-year build up, the Australian Paralympic Committee (APC) and its Team2000 finally crossed the finish line with an unbelievable performance at the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games.

During this final 12-month period the APC focussed on giving the athletes every opportunity to make the Australian Paralympic Team2000 the best in the world and the results justify the approach taken.

With the PPP funding provided by the Federal Government, through the Australian Sports Commission (ASC), the APC endeavoured to have the best proactive programmes for all the athletes, whether it was training camps, or domestic or international competition.

The APC has built a flexible, comprehensive, diverse organisation employing a totally committed and professional team that was driven to ensure goals were met effectively and efficiently. To my staff at the APC, "thank you" for helping to fulfil the Australian athletes' dreams.

Looking back at the year, the Games brought to an end the first phase of the APC's organisational life. In a short period of time, the APC has cemented its position as a leading, professional sporting organisation. The APC now faces another phase to ensure that Paralympic sport continues its successful development and maintains its momentum towards the 2002 Winter Paralympic Games and the 2004 Summer Paralympic Games.

As the Winter Games draw closer, the preparation of that tight-knit group of athletes has already reaped promising results at world championships and international competitions. The APC will now turn full attention to ensuring that the high standards of preparation and team building established in 2000 is carried through to the Winter Team 2002.

In the international arena, the APC is strengthening the South Pacific and playing an instrumental role in the solidarity of this region and its representation on a global level. As a leading nation in Paralympic sport, it is vitally important for Australia to assist its neighbours in their quest for Paralympic glory. Australia must also ensure that the region has input into the future of the international

movement and assists in the growth of the sport around the globe.

It took a mammoth team effort to succeed in 2000 and to the APC's State committees and their management teams, "congratulations for your commitment to our goals and objectives". Thanks is also extended to the NSODs for their support and commitment to the future. Other organisations that must be noted in this report for their assistance, include State Institutes and Academies, the Australian Sports Commission, the Australian Institute of Sport, the National Sporting Organisations, the Australian Olympic Committee and the APC's many sponsors.

With the support of these groups, the APC will move into the new millennium well prepared to meet and accept all challenges. It is important to state that the APC's achievements and future endeavours would not be possible without the unwavering support of Australia's Prime Minister, John Howard, and Federal Minister for Sport, Jackie Kelly.

The APC must record its deepest gratitude to the Team2000 staff, magnificently led by the Chef de Mission, Paul Bird, and the people who are the unsung heroes, the coaches, and managers. Their professional work is quoted as follows: 63 gold medals, 38 silver medals and 46 bronze medals for a total of 149 Paralympic medals - number one Paralympic Team in the world.

In closing, to our dedicated Board and Chairman Greg Hartung, a sincere thank you for this unbelievable and inspirational year.

Brendan Flynn
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

FINANCE REPORT



It is difficult to concentrate on the events to 30 June 2000, after the fantastic (sporting) achievements in the past six months!

The year ended 30 June 2000 finished (financially) with a deficit of some \$158,000, reflecting the APC's commitment to the Australian Paralympic Team 2000 performing to its best at the Games.

In Finance and Administration, the continuing concern is, of course, the raising of adequate finance, or, alternatively (and less palatable), the containment of costs and expenses to keep within available funds.

In 1999/2000, compared with the previous year, additional funds were raised from sponsors and fundraising, which partially covered the increased costs of our athletes, and administration. The increase in administration costs was principally from increased personnel and related expenses involved in delivering the PPP, and in preparation for October 2000. A summarised Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 30 June 2000, together with a Balance Sheet at 30 June 2000 is given here.

Detailed financial statements, together with the report of our auditors, Ernst & Young, are available from the APC office.

Doug Denby
FINANCE DIRECTOR

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT (in \$000's)

| | 2000 | 1999 |
|--|--------------|-----------|
| Income | | |
| Australian Sports Commission | 1,987 | 1,975 |
| Sale of certain marketing rights to SPOC | 1,294 | 1,294 |
| Fundraising and sponsors | 1,947 | 790 |
| Investment income | 19 | 50 |
| Other | 5 | 5 |
| | 5,252 | 4,114 |
| Expenditure | | |
| Athletes and international competition | 3,129 | 2,518 |
| Promotions, marketing and media | 557 | 388 |
| Administration | 1,724 | 1,192 |
| | 5,410 | 4,098 |
| (Deficit)/surplus for the year | (158) | 16 |

BALANCE SHEET (in \$000's)

| | | |
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| Assets | | |
| Cash and investments | 2,521 | 2,199 |
| Other (receivables, etc.) | 408 | 1,586 |
| | 2,929 | 3,785 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Creditors and provisions | 482 | 135 |
| Deferred revenue/grants | 747 | 1,792 |
| | 1,229 | 1,927 |
| Net assets | 1,700 | 1,858 |



The past 12 months have generated record results from a Marketing and Communications perspective.

In terms of revenue yielded from Sponsor, Fundraising and State Committee activities, the Australian Paralympic Committee (APC) has exceeded forecasted revenues and established valuable partnerships going forward for the next Quadrennia.

The APC has also firmly set in place the values and elements necessary for the on-going development of the Paralympic Brand in the eyes of the Australian public and the corporate community. The Committee has established itself as a world leader in marketing initiatives, sponsorships and support programmes for Paralympic sport.

However, it was the Games that gave Australian Paralympism its most definitive boost. With the largest attendances ever, most comprehensive media coverage and the best-performed Paralympic Team in history, the

APC is now poised to take great advantage of the current mood and trends.

Much credit must go to the Sydney Paralympic Organising Committee for the spectacular job of promoting the games, especially to school children via the Link Elite Athlete Programme - one of the SPOC initiatives that the APC will continue to operate and administer as part of our legacy to the future. The attendance at the Games together with the excellent ratings of the TV coverage proved, once and for all, that the Australian public has embraced Paralympic Sport.

So too have the sponsors, with the final sponsorship figures for the APC being in excess of \$4 million - in a market and environment where it was nearly impossible to generate revenue. Our sponsors were all pleasantly surprised at the results of the games and, in conversations since the event, have all said that it is a shame that more focus could not have been given. Those that did commit

resources and focus to the event and the team have returned excellent results.

Happily, the APC is now seeing a large number of the Games' sponsors discussing future partnership opportunities with the Committee.

Those sponsors who were new to the APC for 1999/2000 included BHP with a major cash injection and support for the Cycling, Soccer and Rugby teams, and WorkCover Victoria who are a past Sponsor from the 1996 Games.

WorkCover's "Accidental Heroes" programme features athletes who were injured in the workplace, talking about safety and returning to work after an injury. It is the model for the NSW WorkCover programme and other similar programmes nationally. It is also indicative of the kind of approaches APC sponsors are taking.

Recognising that the athletes are a core asset of the APC, many of the programmes currently in train, and those proposed for the future, feature the athletes themselves and capitalise on their personality, tenacity and achievement.

There were many success stories in the lead up to and during the games, and the APC would especially like to thank Ansett, Telstra, The Australian College for Physical Education and Australia Post for their invaluable support of Team2000.

From a communications perspective, this has been an enormous year quite apart from the Games. Highlights have been: The launch of the formal uniforms at the Museum of Contemporary Art; the Nike Launch where Olympic and Paralympic athletes modeled side-by-side; and, the Team Launch (nationally simulcast to each State) during Paralympic Week. Each of these events received sensational media coverage and undoubtedly boosted the positive image of Paralympism in Australia.

The highlights though were the "Paralympian of the Year" Awards Dinner and the Telstra Post Games Celebrations. In excess of 300,000 people turned out to cheer the Paralympic Gold medallists and Team at parades in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Canberra, Perth, Darwin, Brisbane

and Hobart - the first time that the team has been presented nationally. The "Paralympian of the Year" Dinner attracted some 1500 people who were treated to an absolute gala extravaganza - a fitting testament to the past four year's hard work!

As for the future, the prime goal of the APC now is to capitalise on the sensational results of the past few years. The keys to this are:

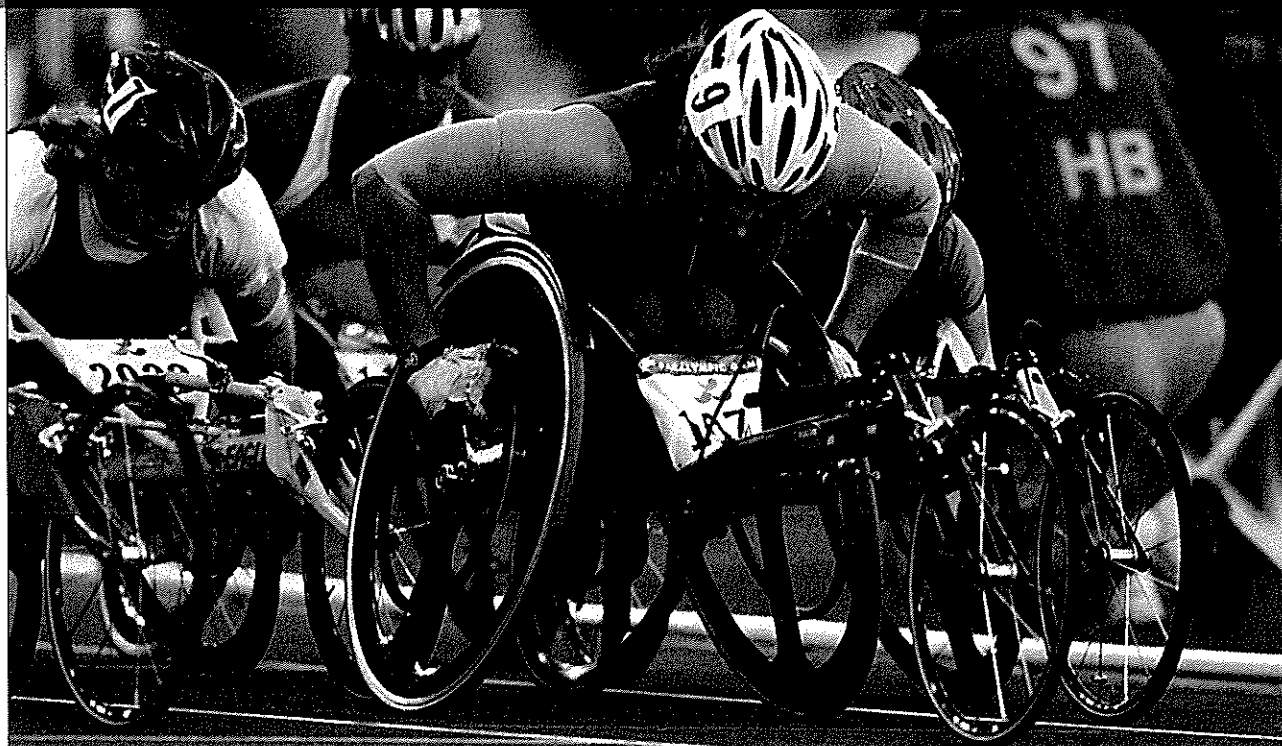
Cultivate the already-successful programmes developed during the lead up to the Games by SPOC and the APC, including LEAP, Heroes, PEP and Million Smiles; Develop ongoing sponsorship opportunities that give sponsors tangible returns for their investment; Research the market and ensure that the results we have gained to-date are not lost, but are built up on; Develop long-term fundraising strategies; Present greater opportunities for the State committees to actively promote Paralympic Sport on a local level.

The APC has had a sensational year and is now looking forward to building on that success for the 2002 Winter Team and then on to Athens!

Simon Reffold
GENERAL MANAGER - MARKETING



CHEF DE MISSION'S REPORT



With the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games now a distant but indelible memory, I would like to reflect on the special two weeks in October that saw Paralympic sport in Australia come of age and become an international benchmark of achievement for our future athletes to aspire to.

The honour of being the number one nation in Paralympic Sport now sits proudly on the shoulders of all Team2000 members. And around a large proportion of our athletes' necks hang the 63 Gold, 39 Silver and 47 Bronze medals that make up the 149 medals won by our athletes during the 2000 Games. The result justifies the Australian Paralympic Committee's enormous commitment to the meticulous preparation of our athletes through the PPP and in turn, reflects an incredible return on investment for our sponsors and the Australian Sports Commission.

The success of Team2000 was euphoric at the time, but on reflection appears quite overwhelming, considering the sheer weight of the overall medal count and particularly

the Gold medal tally in relation to our event spread. To say that we over-achieved is an understatement but, a deeper analysis certainly shows that we actually underachieved in a number of sports and deserve to be slightly disappointed considering the rankings attained at a consistent level in lead up events post-1996.

Of the 18 sports Team2000 contested, 10 sports - athletics, basketball (wheelchair women), cycling, equestrian, powerlifting, rugby, sailing, shooting, swimming and tennis - were successful in the medal count. Athletics, swimming and cycling proved to be our core medal sports and carried the weight of expectations leading into the Games. Their programmes are considered "World's Best Practice" and have been the target of close scrutiny from our major competitors. Both our athletics and cycling teams dominated the competition to emerge as number one teams, maintaining the mantle established at the 1998 World Championships. The competition of rugby dominated both public and media attention with the gladiatorial contests played out at The Dome, and the

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performance of our rugby team was sensational, rising from last in 1996 to a closely contested Silver medal in Sydney.

Equally satisfying was the outstanding performance of our swimming team against incredible competition and a dramatic increase in World standards. Of great importance to our future depth was the success of our equestrian, tennis and sailing teams. The tennis team also finished in the number one ranking, fulfilling the enormous potential demonstrated so consistently since Atlanta, while equestrian and sailing lived up to our quiet expectations. The new team sports of football, volleyball and basketball (for athletes with an intellectual disability) performed credibly against seasoned competition and the faith placed in the NSOD's and staff to prepare these new sports for Sydney and future Paralympic competition was justly rewarded.

A team of 436 athletes and officials represented Team2000 in Sydney and what a spectacle they presented to the world as they took centre stage during the Opening Ceremony. Of significant importance to this team, and those that follow, was the pride displayed in our uniform. This uniform sets the standard for future Australian Paralympic Teams and was the envy of all competing nations in Sydney, proving to be a great motivating tool for the team. My sincere thanks are extended to Yakka, Woolmark and Nike for their outstanding efforts in getting it right for our athletes.

My congratulations are also extended to the 158 staff and 278 athletes of Team2000 for their outstanding achievements and personal sacrifices in light of the amazing standards set by the international competition. In particular I would like to make special mention of my four Assistant Chef's de Mission: Keith Gilbert, Robyn Smith, Tony Naar and Greg Campbell who so decisively led by example and significantly contributed to the success of Team2000.

This was truly a team effort. Never before has such a meticulous and all-consuming preparation of athletes for a Paralympic Games been conducted by the APC. I am extremely indebted to the APC's Chief Executive, Brendan Flynn, his staff and the Board, as well as staff from the State Committees, NSODs, Australian Sports Commission, Institutes, Academies and National Sports Organisations

who contributed to the preparation of Team2000 and the success of our athletes during the Games.

The 2000 Paralympic Games proved to be a unique catalyst for social change within Australia and enabled the APC to realise its true potential and capacity to be a leader in the international arena of Paralympic sport. I am also extremely grateful and proud to have played such a significant role in the Team credited to be Australia's best.

Paul Bird
CHEF DE MISSION
Australian Paralympic Team2000



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| Athletics | | | | | |
| Kieran Ault-Connell (Vic) | Men's 4x100m relay T38 | Gold WR | Timothy Sullivan (Vic) | Men's 100m T38 | Gold WR |
| Fabian Blattman (NSW) | Men's 4x400m relay T38 | Gold WR | | Men's 200m T38 | Gold WR |
| | Men's 400m T51 | Gold | | Men's 400m T38 | Gold WR |
| | Men's 1500m T51 | Silver | | Men's 4x100m relay T38 | Gold WR |
| | Men's 800m T51 | Bronze | | Men's 4x400m relay T38 | Gold WR |
| Joanne Bradshaw (Vic) | Women's Shot Put F37 | Gold PR | Darren Thrupp (Qld) | Men's 4x400m relay T38 | Gold WR |
| Lee Cox (NSW) | Men's Pentathlon P13 | Silver | | Men's 4x100m relay T38 | Gold WR |
| Roy Daniel (ACT) | Men's Marathon T13 | Bronze | Geoff Trappett (Qld) | Men's 100m T54 | Gold |
| Stephen Eaton (ACT) | Men's Discus Throw F34 | Gold WR | | Men's 4x100m relay T54 | Silver |
| Don Elgin (Vic) | Men's Pentathlon P44 | Bronze | Bruce Wallrodt (WA) | Men's Shot Put T54 | Silver |
| Kurt Fearnley (NSW) | Men's 4x100m relay T54 | Silver | Katrina Webb (SA) | Women's 100m T38 | Silver |
| | Men's 800m T54 | Silver | | Women's 400m T38 | Silver |
| Rebecca Feldman (Vic) | Women's 400m T34 | Gold | Jodi Willis-Roberts (Vic) | Women's 200m T38 | Bronze |
| | Women's 100m T34 | Silver | | Women's Shot Put F12 | Gold |
| | Women's 200m T34 | Bronze | Stephen Wilson (NSW) | Women's Discus Throw F12 | Bronze |
| Anton Flavell (ACT) | Men's Javelin Throw F20 | Gold PR | | Men's 4x100m relay T46 | Gold WR |
| Patricia Flavell (ACT) | Women's 800m T20 | Bronze | | Men's 4x400m relay T46 | Gold WR |
| Heath Francis (NSW) | Men's 400m T46 | Gold | Amy Winters (NSW) | Women's 100m T46 | Gold |
| | Men's 4x100m relay T46 | Gold WR | | Women's 200m T46 | Gold |
| | Men's 4x400m relay T46 | Gold WR | | Women's 400m T46 | Bronze |
| | Men's 200m T46 | Silver | | | |
| Neil Fuller (SA) | Men's 200m T44 | Gold | Basketball - Wheelchair | | |
| | Men's 400m T44 | Gold PR | Julianne Adams (Vic) | Women's Team | Silver |
| | Men's 4x100m relay T46 | Gold WR | Amanda Carter (Vic) | Women's Team | Silver |
| | Men's 4x400m relay T46 | Gold WR | Paula Coghlan (Vic) | Women's Team | Silver |
| | Men's 100m T44 | Bronze | Melissa Dunn (NT) | Women's Team | Silver |
| Murray Goldfinch (ACT) | Men's Shot Put F20 | Bronze | Karen Farrell (NSW) | Women's Team | Silver |
| Adrian Grogan (NSW) | Men's 4x100m relay T38 | Gold WR | Alison Mosely (Qld) | Women's Team | Silver |
| | Men's 4x400m relay T38 | Gold WR | Lisa O'Nion (NSW) | Women's Team | Silver |
| Brian Harvey (Qld) | Men's Discus Throw F38 | Bronze | Donna Ritchie (NSW) | Women's Team | Silver |
| Lynda Holt (WA) | Women's Shot Put F55 | Silver | Nadya Romeo (NT) | Women's Team | Silver |
| Norma Koplick (Qld) | Women's Javelin Throw F20 | Silver | Sharon Slann (Vic) | Women's Team | Silver |
| John Lindsay (Vic) | Men's 100m T53 | Gold | Liesl Tesch (NSW) | Women's Team | Silver |
| | Men's 4x100m relay T54 | Silver | Jane Webb (NSW) | Women's Team | Silver |
| | Men's 200m T53 | Bronze | | | |
| Lisa Llorens (ACT) | Women's Long Jump F20 | Gold WR | Cycling | | |
| | Women's High Jump F20 | Gold | Greg Ball (Qld) | Mixed Olympic Sprint LC1-LC3 | Gold |
| | Women's 200m T20 | Gold | Paul Clohessy (WA) | Men's Tandem Sprint Open | Gold |
| | Women's 100m T20 | Silver | | Men's T'dem 1km Time Trial Open | Bronze |
| Lisa McIntosh (Vic) | Women's 100m T37 | Gold WR | Matthew Gray (WA) | Mixed 1km Time Trial LC1 | Gold WR |
| | Women's 400m T38 | Gold WR | | Mixed Olympic Sprint LC1-LC3 | Gold |
| | Women's 200m T38 | Gold | Darren Harry (WA) | Men's Tandem Sprint Open | Gold |
| Tim Matthews (Vic) | Men's 4x100m relay T46 | Gold WR | Eddy Hollands (WA) | Men's T'dem 1km Time Trial Open | Bronze |
| | Men's 4x400m relay T46 | Gold WR | Peter Homann (Vic) | Mixed Bicycle Road Race Div 4 | Gold |
| | Men's 100m T46 | Bronze | | Mixed Bicycle Time Trial Div 4 | Bronze |
| | Men's 200m T46 | Bronze | Paul Lake (Vic) | Mixed Olympic Sprint LC1-LC3 | Gold |
| Paul Mitchell (WA) | Men's 1500m T20 | Gold PR | | Mixed Individual Pursuit LC2 | Silver |
| Andrew Newell (NSW) | Men's 100m T20 | Bronze | | Mixed 1km Time Trial LC2 | Bronze |
| | Men's 400m T20 | Bronze | Mark Le Flohic (WA) | Mixed Tricycle Time Trial Div 2 | Gold |
| Paul Nunnari (NSW) | Men's 4x100m relay T54 | Silver | | Mixed Tricycle Time Trial Div 2 | Bronze |
| Alison Quinn (NSW) | Women's 100m T38 | Gold WR | Lyn Lepore (WA) | Women's T'dem Road Race Open | Gold |
| | Women's 200m T38 | Silver | | Women's T'dem 1km Time Trial Open | Silver |
| Sharon Rackham (ACT) | Women's 200m T20 | Silver | Tania Modra (SA) | Women's T'dem Individ. Pursuit Open | Bronze |
| Louise Sauvage (NSW) | Women's 5000m T54 | Gold | | Women's T'dem 1km Time Trial Open | Gold WR |
| | Women's 1500m T54 | Gold | Lynnette Nixon (WA) | Women's T'dem Individ. Pursuit Open | Gold |
| | Women's 800m T54 | Silver | | Women's T'dem Road Race Open | Gold |
| Russell Short (Vic) | Men's Discus Throw F12 | Gold WR | | Women's T'dem 1km Time Trial Open | Silver |
| | Men's Shot Put F12 | Gold PR | Paul O'Neill (WA) | Women's T'dem Individ. Pursuit Open | Bronze |
| Greg Smith (Vic) | Men's 800m T52 | Gold | | Mixed Bicycle Road Race LC1 | Silver |
| | Men's 1500m T52 | Gold | | Mixed 1km Time Trial LC1 | Bronze |
| | Men's 5000m T52 | Gold | | Mixed Individual Pursuit LC1 | Bronze |
| | | | Sarnya Parker (SA) | Women's T'dem 1km Time Trial Open | Gold WR |

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| Sarnya Parker (SA) | Women's T'dem Indiv. Pursuit Open | Gold |
| Daniel Polson (SA) | Mixed Bicycle Road Race LC2 | Gold |
| Chris Scott (Qld) | Mixed Bicycle Time Trial Div 4 | Gold |
| | Mixed Bicycle Road Race Div 4 | Bronze |
| Equestrian | | |
| Rosalie Fahey (Vic) | Individual Dressage Grade I (CH) | Bronze |
| Julie Higgins (NSW) | Individual Dressage Grade III (CH) | Gold |
| | Individual Dressage Grade III (FS) | Gold |
| Marita Hird (Qld) | Individual Dressage Grade III (FS) | Bronze |
| Powerlifting | | |
| Richard Nicholson (ACT) | 60kg Men | Silver |
| Rugby | | |
| Bryce Alman (Vic) | Mixed Team | Silver |
| Brett Boylan (NSW) | Mixed Team | Silver |
| Cliff Clarke (Vic) | Mixed Team | Silver |
| Garry Croker (ACT) | Mixed Team | Silver |
| Brad Dubberley (NSW) | Mixed Team | Silver |
| Nazim Erdem (Vic) | Mixed Team | Silver |
| Pete Harding (SA) | Mixed Team | Silver |
| George Hucks (SA) | Mixed Team | Silver |
| Tom Kennedy (NSW) | Mixed Team | Silver |
| Craig Parsons (WA) | Mixed Team | Silver |
| Steve Porter (SA) | Mixed Team | Silver |
| Patrick Ryan (Qld) | Mixed Team | Silver |
| Shooting | | |
| Peter Tait (Vic) | Sport Pistol Mixed SH1 | Silver |
| Sailing | | |
| Jamie Dunross (WA) | Three Person Sonar | Gold |
| Graeme Martin (WA) | Three Person Sonar | Gold |
| Noel Robins (WA) | Three Person Sonar | Gold |
| Swimming | | |
| Alicia Aberley (NSW) | Women's 100m Freestyle S14 | Silver |
| | Women's 200m Individual Medley SM14 | Silver |
| | Women's 50m Breaststroke SB14 | Bronze |
| | Women's 200m Freestyle S14 | Bronze |
| Mark Altmann (NSW) | Men's 50m Butterfly S7 | Bronze |
| Ben Austin (NSW) | Men's 200m Individual Medley SM8 | Silver |
| | Men's 4x100m Freestyle relay Max 34 pts | Silver |
| | Men's 100m Butterfly S8 | Bronze |
| Kate Bailey (NSW) | Women's 100m Butterfly S9 | Bronze |
| | Women's 4x100m Medley relay Max 34pts | Bronze |
| Paul Barnett (WA) | Men's 100m Breaststroke SB9 | Gold |
| | Men's 4x100m Medley relay Max 34 pts | Bronze |
| Denise Beckwith (NSW) | Women's 4x50m Freestyle relay Max 20 pts | Bronze |
| Scott Brockenshire (NSW) | Men's 4x100m Freestyle relay Max 34 pts | Silver |
| | Men's 100m Butterfly S10 | Bronze |
| | Men's 100m Freestyle S10 | Bronze |
| Kingsley Bugarin (WA) | Men's 100m Breaststroke SB12 | Gold WR |
| | Men's 200m Individual Medley SM12 | Gold |
| | Men's 400m Freestyle S12 | Silver |
| Melissa Carlton (Tas) | Women's 100m Freestyle S9 | Silver |
| | Women's 400m Freestyle S9 | Silver |
| | Women's 4x100m Medley relay Max 34pts | Bronze |
| | Women's 4x100m Freestyle relay Max 34pts | Bronze |
| Priya Cooper (NSW) | Women's 400m Freestyle S8 | Gold |
| | Women's 100m Freestyle S8 | Bronze |



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|------------------------|---|----------------|
| Priya Cooper (NSW) | Women's 4x100m Medley relay Max 34 pts | Bronze |
| | Women's 4x100m Freestyle relay Max 34 pts | Bronze |
| Paul Cross (Qld) | Men's 4x100m Freestyle relay S14 | Gold WR |
| Tracey Cross (WA) | Women's 100m Freestyle S11 | Silver |
| | Women's 400m Freestyle S11 | Silver |
| | Women's 50m Freestyle S11 | Bronze |
| Gemma Dashwood (NSW) | Women's 400m Freestyle S10 | Gold |
| | Women's 200m Individual Medley SM10 | Silver |
| | Women's 4x100m Freestyle relay Max 34 pts | Bronze |
| Cameron de Burgh (Qld) | Men's 100m Freestyle S9 | Silver |
| | Men's 4x100m Freestyle relay Max 34pts | Silver |
| | Men's 4x100m Medley relay Max 34 pts | Bronze |
| Patrick Donachie (NSW) | Men's 4x100m Freestyle relay S14 | Gold WR |
| Amanda Fraser (Qld) | Women's 4x100m Freestyle relay Max 34pts | Bronze |
| | Women's 50m Freestyle S7 | Bronze |
| Judith Green (NT) | Women's 100m Breaststroke SB6 | Gold |
| Jeff Hardy (Qld) | Men's 400m Freestyle S12 | Gold |
| Alex Harris (Vic) | Men's 100m Freestyle S7 | Silver |
| | Men's 4x100m Freestyle relay Max 34 pts | Silver |
| | Men's 50m Freestyle S7 | Bronze |
| | Men's 4x100m Medley relay Max 34 pts | Bronze |
| Dianna Ley (Vic) | Women's 400m Freestyle S9 | Bronze |
| Karni Liddell (Qld) | Women's 4x50m Freestyle relay Max 20pts | Bronze |
| Tamara Nowitzki (Qld) | Women's 100m Breaststroke SB7 | Silver |
| Siobhan Paton (ACT) | Women's 50m Backstroke | Gold WR |
| | Women's 50m Butterfly S14 | Gold WR |
| | Women's 50m Freestyle S14 | Gold PR |
| | Women's 100m Freestyle S14 | Gold PR |
| | Women's 200m Freestyle S14 | Gold WR |
| | Women's 200m Individual Medley SM14 | Gold |
| Stewart Pike (NSW) | Men's 4x100m Freestyle relay S14 | Gold WR |
| | Men's 200m Individual Medley SM14 | Silver |
| Casey Redford (Vic) | Women's 100m Backstroke S9 | Bronze |
| Brett Reid (Vic) | Men's 4x100m Freestyle relay S14 | Gold WR |
| David Rolfe (NSW) | Men's 4x100m Medley relay Max 34pts | Bronze |
| Brooke Stockham (Qld) | Women's 100m Breaststroke SB8 | Bronze |
| | Women's 200m Individual Medley SM8 | Bronze |
| | Women's 4x100m Medley relay Max 34 pts | Bronze |
| Lucy Williams (NSW) | Women's 100m Breaststroke SB6 | Bronze |
| Stacey Williams (WA) | Women's 100m Breaststroke SB7 | Bronze |
| Melissa Willson (NSW) | Women's 4x50m Freestyle relay Max 20 pts | Bronze |
| Elizabeth Wright (NSW) | Women's 400m Freestyle S6 | Silver |
| | Women's 4x50m Freestyle relay Max 20 pts | Bronze |
| Tennis | | |
| Daniela di Toro (Vic) | Women's Doubles | Silver |
| David Hall (NSW) | Men's Singles | Gold |
| | Men's Doubles | Silver |
| David Johnson (Qld) | Men's Doubles | Silver |
| Branka Pupovac (NSW) | Women's Doubles | Silver |

SYDNEY 2000 PARALYMPIC GAMES

MEDAL TABLE

| Rank | | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
|------|----------------------------|------|--------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Australia | 63 | 39 | 47 | 149 |
| 2 | Great Britain | 41 | 43 | 47 | 131 |
| 3 | Spain | 39 | 30 | 38 | 107 |
| 4 | Canada | 38 | 33 | 26 | 96 |
| 5 | United States of America | 36 | 39 | 34 | 109 |
| 6 | People's Republic of China | 34 | 22 | 17 | 73 |
| 7 | France | 30 | 28 | 28 | 86 |
| 8 | Poland | 19 | 22 | 12 | 53 |
| 9 | Korea | 18 | 7 | 7 | 32 |
| 10 | Germany | 16 | 41 | 38 | 95 |
| 11 | Czech Republic | 15 | 15 | 13 | 43 |
| 12 | Japan | 13 | 17 | 11 | 41 |
| 13 | South Africa | 13 | 12 | 13 | 38 |
| 14 | Russian Federation | 12 | 11 | 12 | 35 |
| 15 | Netherlands | 12 | 9 | 9 | 30 |
| 16 | Islamic Republic of Iran | 12 | 4 | 7 | 23 |
| 17 | Mexico | 10 | 12 | 12 | 34 |
| 18 | Italy | 9 | 8 | 10 | 27 |
| 19 | Denmark | 8 | 8 | 14 | 30 |
| 20 | Switzerland | 8 | 4 | 8 | 20 |
| 21 | Hong Kong, China | 8 | 3 | 7 | 18 |
| 22 | Nigeria | 7 | 1 | 5 | 13 |
| 23 | Egypt | 6 | 12 | 10 | 28 |
| 24 | Brazil | 6 | 10 | 6 | 22 |
| 25 | New Zealand | 6 | 8 | 4 | 18 |
| 26 | Portugal | 6 | 5 | 4 | 15 |
| 27 | Tunisia | 6 | 4 | 1 | 11 |
| 28 | Belarus | 5 | 8 | 10 | 23 |
| 29 | Sweden | 5 | 6 | 10 | 21 |
| 30 | Thailand | 5 | 4 | 2 | 11 |
| 31 | Ireland | 5 | 3 | 1 | 9 |
| 32 | Hungary | 4 | 5 | 14 | 23 |
| 33 | Greece | 4 | 4 | 3 | 11 |
| 34 | Cuba | 4 | 2 | 2 | 8 |

| Rank | | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
|------|------------------------|------|--------|--------|-------|
| 35 | Ukraine | 3 | 20 | 14 | 37 |
| 36 | Slovakia | 3 | 5 | 5 | 13 |
| 37 | Israel | 3 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| 38 | Algeria | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 39 | Austria | 2 | 7 | 6 | 15 |
| 40 | Norway | 2 | 6 | 7 | 15 |
| | Iceland | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| | Belgium | 1 | 4 | 4 | 9 |
| | Finland | 1 | 3 | 6 | 10 |
| | Chinese Taipei | 1 | 2 | 4 | 7 |
| | Estonia | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| | Kenya | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| | Peru | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| | Cote d'Ivoire | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| | Bulgaria | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | Jordan | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | Zimbabwe | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | Faroe Islands | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| | United Arab Emirates | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| | Argentina | 0 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| | Slovenia | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| | Lithuania | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| | Kuwait | 0 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| | Bahrain | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| | Panama | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| | Azerbaijan | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| | Bosnia & Herzegovina | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| | Yugoslavia | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| | Latvia | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| | Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | Philippines | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | Palestine | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | Puerto Rico | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | Venezuela | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

128 countries competed at the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games. Table as supplied by the International Paralympic Committee as at February 2001.

ARCHERY

The PPP archery squad began a solid preparation for the 2000 Games by competing in two major international events at the end of 1999. In September, the APC was invited to enter a team in the Sydney International Golden Arrow – the official test event for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. The PPP squad also flagged its potential at the World Qualifying Championships in New Zealand, where Australia finished fourth in the team event.

With the appointment of a Head Coach in January 2000, the programme moved to a new level of professionalism, which resulted in higher standards, expectations and interest in Paralympic archery. For the first time, selection events were held to determine who would represent Australia at the 2000 Paralympic Games. One of the selection events was the Archery Australia National Championships in Adelaide, where the Paralympic squad defeated National Team Matchplay Champions, Victoria. As the number one ranked target archer (both able-bodied and disabled) in NSW between May 1999 and May 2000, PPP squad member Arthur Fisk was selected in the NSW team for the National Team Matchplay.

Australia entered the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games with three male archers and one female archer. The results were mixed, with some archers shooting above expectations and others shooting below expectations.

An important outcome from the IPC General Assembly at the 2000 Games was the election of Australian Jim Larven to the position of IPC Archery Chairman. This is a great development for Australia and will ensure that communication and direction on an international level is improved.

Head Coach: Robert de Bondt

Assistant Coach: Hans Klar

High Performance Manager: Ross Boyd



ATHLETICS



The athletics PPP squad activity has focused on event-group specific and full-squad training camps, along with access to appropriate domestic competitions. These competitions have been able-bodied and disabled and included Athletics Australia (AA) Grand Prix series, the AA Track and Field National Championships (February and April 2000) and the International Selection Meet in August 2000.

Two of these competitions – the AA able-bodied National Championships and the International Selection Meet provided prospective Paralympic team members with the invaluable opportunity to familiarise themselves with Stadium Australia, the Paralympic competition venue.

Wheelchair track and road athletes were also able to access a range of critical international competitions before the full athletics team went into its pre-Games training camp in Wollongong from October 4 to 7.

AMP's sponsorship of the athletics squad during this crucial period, along with AA's ability to provide access to able-bodied competitions, enabled the programme to meet the needs and requirements of the athletes.

APC and athletics staff were involved in continual dialogue with both the IPC and SPOC to ensure the inclusion of all warranted events in the Paralympic Games. Unfortunately, the inability of the IPC and SPOC to advise the full Paralympic athletics programme until the final lead-up to the Games caused considerable angst for athletes and staff alike.

The dedication and commitment of athletes and staff were rewarded at the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games when the athletics team achieved outstanding results. The team finished as the number one country in athletics with a total of 65 medals (35 gold, 15 silver, and 15 bronze). This result was 21 medals and 16 gold medals ahead of the second country, Great Britain, and was Australia's best-ever performance at Paralympic Games and at IPC-sanctioned international competitions.

Head Coach: Chris Nunn

Manager: Jason Hellwig

Assistant Coach: Brett Jones

Assistant Coach: Di Barnes

Assistant Coach: Andrew Dawes

Assistant Coach: Scott Goodman

Assistant Coach: Peter Negropontis

Assistant Coach: Lorraine Feddema

Assistant Coach: Phil Badman

Assistant Coach: Robyn Hansen

Assistant Coach: Rob Gorringer

Support Personnel: Hayden Clarke

Personal Carer: Jodie Worrall

High Performance Manager: Jenni Banks

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BASKETBALL (MEN'S)

The Boomerangs

The basketball competition for men with an intellectual disability was added to the Paralympic programme for the first time at the 2000 Games. The Australian team embarked on a very intensive camp programme that included games against mainstream basketball teams to try to ensure a good result at this inaugural event.

The opportunities for international competition were very limited outside of Europe. The APC invited Poland to come to Australia in June to play a five-game test series as part of the EnergyAustralia Slam Downunder tournament. Poland won the series three games to two and it gave Australia some very valuable international playing experience and highlighted areas that the coaches and players needed to do further work on.

The camp programme continued with an increased emphasis on the players' individual home programmes in the final build up to the Games.

The team goal for the games was initially to finish top two in its pool and advance to the semi-finals with a good position. The Boomerangs won the first game against Greece with relative ease. Unfortunately, the Australian team then suffered losses to both Russia and Poland, which resulted in the Boomerangs playing off for the fifth to eighth places. This was a disappointment to the team, however they re-grouped to beat Japan in their first crossover. The play-off for fifth place was against 1996 World Champions Brazil. In a game that many commented was the match of the tournament, the Boomerangs went down by one point. The Boomerangs finished in sixth place.



Head Coach: Tony Guihot

Assistant Coach: Ian MacLeod

Assistant Coach: Liz Fraser

Manager: Michael Hudson

High Performance Manager: Tracy Lawrence



The Rollers' Paralympic tournament included two pools of six teams each with quarter and semi finals. They finished third in their pool after beating Japan, Korea, Sweden and losing to France and the Netherlands. This resulted in a must-win quarter-final against USA. The Rollers were unable to secure the win, which meant they were not in the medal round and were to play off for fifth to eighth places. They regrouped to win both of these games, finishing in fifth place, ahead of France.

Head Coach: Bob Turner

Assistant Coach: Richard Oliver

Assistant Coach: Michael Walker

Manager: Fred Heidt

Mechanic: Graham Gould

High Performance Manager: Tracy Lawrence

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The Rollers

Throughout 1999 and 2000, the EnergyAustralia Rollers was a squad with a healthy mix of youth and experience as they continued the campaign to defend their Atlanta gold medal. The coaches had a very definite plan and playing style, which the team was starting to adopt and that suited the squad make up.

Where possible they used the international opportunities that presented themselves in 2000, which included a five-game test series at home as part of the EnergyAustralia Slam Downunder tournament against the World Championship silver medallists, the Netherlands. The Rollers then headed to the USA for the Roosevelt Cup. The Netherlands won four games to the Rollers one at Slam Downunder. This was followed up by the Australians putting in a very good performance at the Roosevelt Cup against the top eight teams in the world – the Rollers finished second. They beat the USA, Great Britain and the Netherlands during this international tournament.

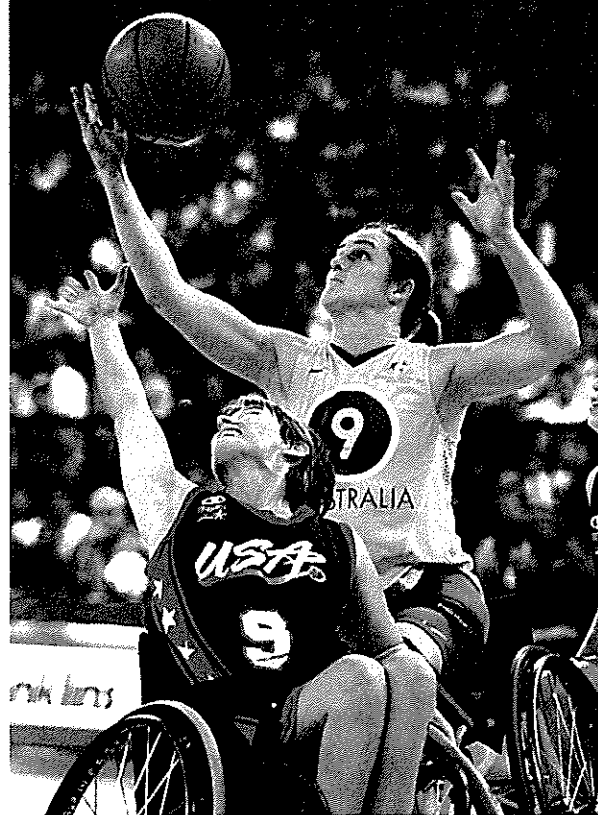
The Gliders

The women's programme in 1999 built solid foundations for a successful Paralympic campaign in 2000. The camp and competition schedule, combined with increased domestic competition through the development of the women's national league and club championships. The boost in activities and competition court time had the team well on track for a best-ever Paralympic Games performance.

In previous campaigns, the Gliders had suffered from a lack of international competition opportunities, however this was not the case in 2000. The highlight of the preparation was the team's involvement in the EnergyAustralia Slam Downunder tournament.

The Gliders played a five-game test series against the World and Paralympic Champions, Canada. They won this series three games to two – ending a seven-year winning streak for the Canadians. Following this, the Australians went to Warm Springs, USA, to compete in the women's inaugural Roosevelt Cup, which included the top six teams in the world. Following the "high" of beating the Canadians at home, the Gliders had an early wake up call losing by one point to Japan in overtime. Australia then recorded losses against Canada and the USA - this placed the Gliders fourth at the tournament.

The team's preparations were at the AIS immediately before they travelled to the village. At the Games, the team's first goal was to finish top two in their pool and this was achieved with relative ease following wins over Netherlands, Great Britain and the USA. This set up a semi-final clash against Japan, which had beaten Australia in their last clash. The Gliders put this loss behind them and won the game to set themselves up for their first appearance at a final of a World Championships or Paralympic Games. The Australians lost the final to a very disciplined Canadian team with the Gliders securing the silver medal at the Paralympic Games. This result capped off the most successful campaign ever for an Australian Women's Wheelchair Basketball team.



Head Coach: Peter Corr

Assistant Coach: Tracy York

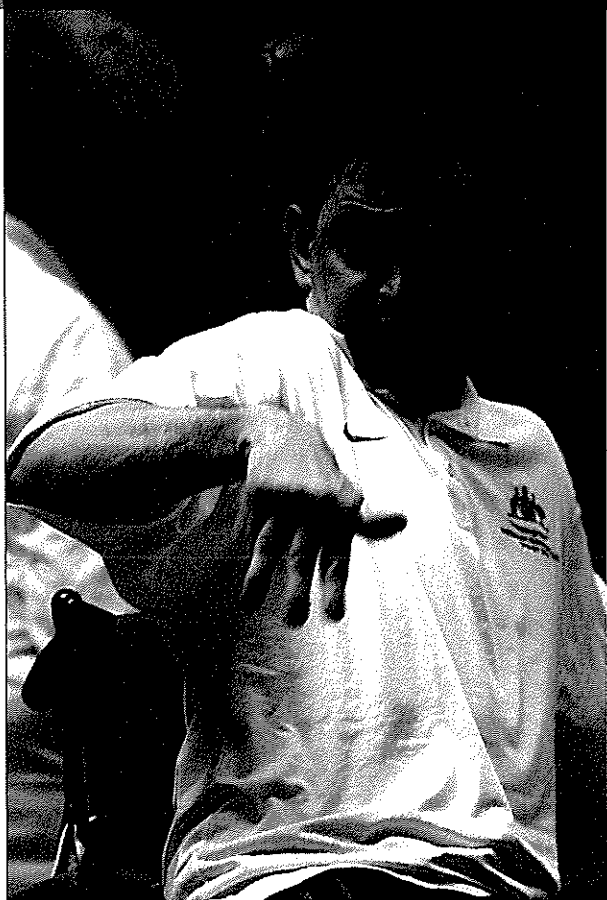
Assistant Coach: Rob Beveridge

Manager: Kevin Smith

High Performance Manager: Tracy Lawrence

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BOCCIA



Following the 1999 Southern Cross Multi-Disability Championships in October 1999, significant changes were made to the PPP squad involving athletes, coaches and carers. Former Assistant Coach Joan Stevens was appointed to the Head Coach position and West Australian coach Italo Vigolo was appointed as Assistant Coach. The new coaching partnership prepared and implemented a 10-month plan for the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games involving three training camps, the 2000 National Championships and the New Zealand National Championships in Dunedin.

Unfortunately, the lack of international competition and consistency was evident at the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games and most of the Australian athletes did not progress past the first round of pool games. The performance of Scott Elsworth was very encouraging, as he reached the quarter-finals (last 8) in a field of 26 athletes, losing narrowly in a tie-break. A summary of the results is below:

| | | |
|------------------|-------------|------------|
| Lyn Coleman | BC1 Class | 1st Round |
| John Richardson | BC1 Class | 1st Round |
| Scott Elsworth | BC2 Class | 1/4 Finals |
| Warren Brearley | BC2 Class | 1st Round |
| Angie McReynolds | BC3 Class | 1st Round |
| Karen Stewart | BC3 Class | 1st Round |
| Mixed Team | BC1 and BC2 | 1st Round |
| Pairs | BC3 Class | 1st Round |

Head Coach: Joan Stevens

Assistant Coach: Italo Vigolo

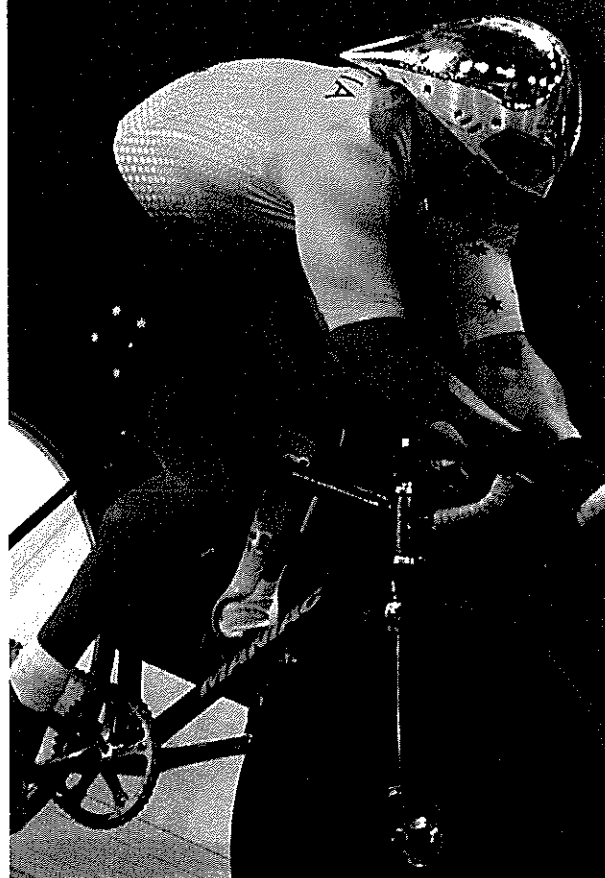
High Performance Manager: Ross Boyd

CYCLING

The major objective of the cycling programme was to maintain Australia's position as the world's number one country. In order to achieve this, cycling activities focused on the provision of world class coaching, both full and part-squad training camps, access to high level domestic and international competition and the purchase of top quality equipment. BHP's sponsorship of the women's tandem pairs (the Diamonds) and its assistance to the cycling team as a whole assisted the programme in meeting the needs of the athletes.

At the 1999 IPC European Championships (Open) in France the Australian team maintained its status as the world's number one country. Following the Europeans in August, the squad competed in the Southern Cross Multi-Disability Championships in Sydney before embarking on a series of able-bodied domestic competitions. Cycling Australia's decision to incorporate disabled events in the Track Nationals in March (the Olympic and Paralympic Selection Trials) provided a top quality competition opportunity, excellent exposure, and enabled all riders and staff to familiarise themselves with the Paralympic velodrome. A full-squad training camp in June and part-squad camps in the USA (July) and Adelaide (August) greatly enhanced the final preparation of the Australian cyclists. A final two-week, full-team camp in Perth immediately before the Games put the finishing touches on this tight-knit team's preparation for the Games.

The cycling team's results at the 2000 Games were outstanding. Finishing with ten gold, three silver, and eight bronze medals (double Australia's medal tally from Atlanta). In both track and road events, Australia finished as the number one country overall – making the Games the team's best ever performance in international cycling competition.



Head Coach: Kevin McIntosh

Manager: Elsa Lepore

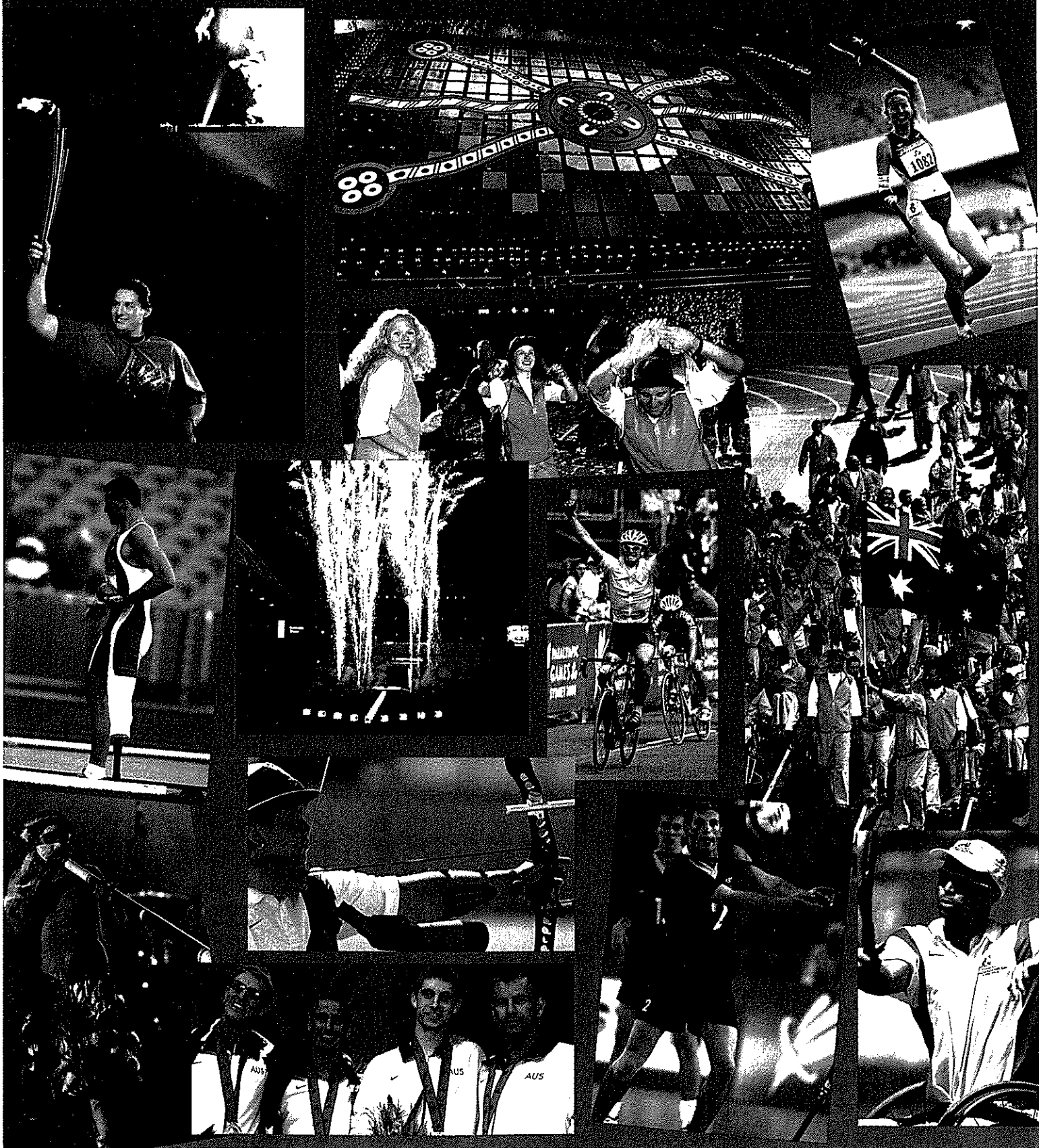
Assistant Coach: Darryl Benson

Assistant Coach: Radek Valenta

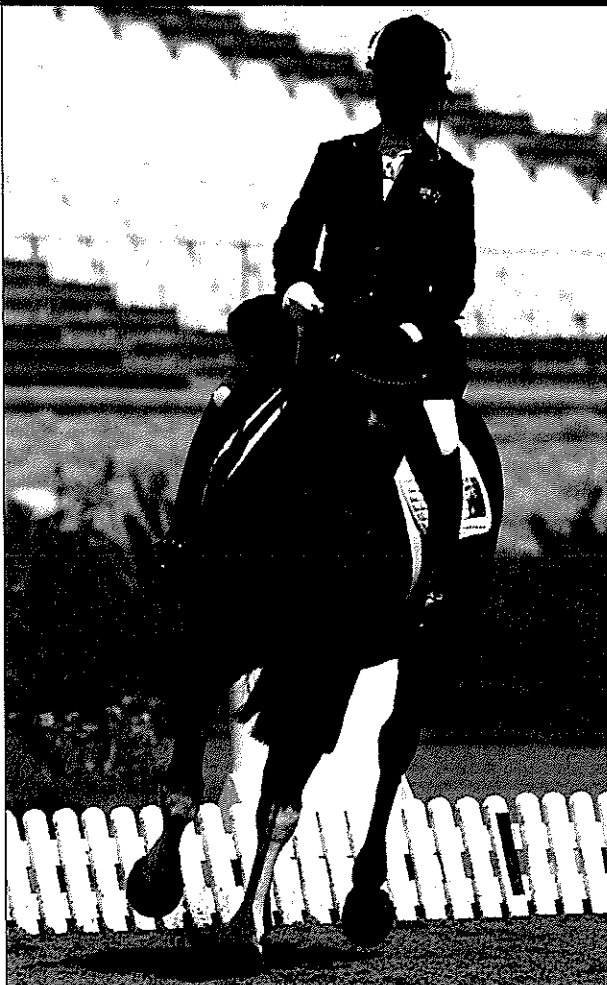
High Performance Manager: Jenni Banks

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PICTORIAL GAMES REVIEW



EQUESTRIAN



The equestrian team's results at the Games were outstanding. The team was successful in claiming four individual medals – two gold (Julie Higgins – Grade 3 Individual Test and Freestyle) and two bronze (Marita Hird – Grade 3 Freestyle, and Rosalie Fahey – Grade 1 Individual Test). A reversed poor judging decision in the Grade 1 Freestyle and/or a different selection of riders for the Teams Event could have yielded an additional individual bronze and a team bronze. The team finished second on the overall medal tally behind Great Britain – an outstanding effort for a team competing in only its second Paralympic Games.

In November, Head Coach Carolyn Lieutenant, on behalf of the team, was rewarded with the Australian Coaching Council's Female Coach of the Year Award.

Head Coach: Carolyn Lieutenant
Assistant Coach: Gillian Rickard
Chef d'Equipe: Judy Cubitt
Personal Carer: Dinah Barron
High Performance Manager: Jenni Banks

In the lead up to the Games, the equestrian squad continued to show outstanding progress, under the direction of Head Coach Carolyn Lieutenant, Assistant Coach Gill Rickard and Chef d'Equipe Judy Cubitt.

After finishing out of the medals in Atlanta, the squad was successful in winning two medals, an individual bronze (Julie Higgins) and a team bronze, at the 1999 International Paralympic Equestrian Committee World Dressage Championships in Denmark. Preparation between August 1999 and the Games included individual training, regular training camps and domestic competition focusing on successful performances on unfamiliar horses. Squad member, Julie Higgins, also competed very successfully in both the United Kingdom and Europe on a self-funded competition tour.

FENCING



The fencing squad's preparation for the Games included training camps and domestic and international competitions.

International competitions attended by Australian fencers in the 1999-2000 period included:

October 1999 - World Wheelchair Games in New Zealand

February 2000 - World Cup, Oviedo, Spain

May 2000 - World Cup, Lonato, Italy

July 2000 - World Cup, Budapest, Hungary

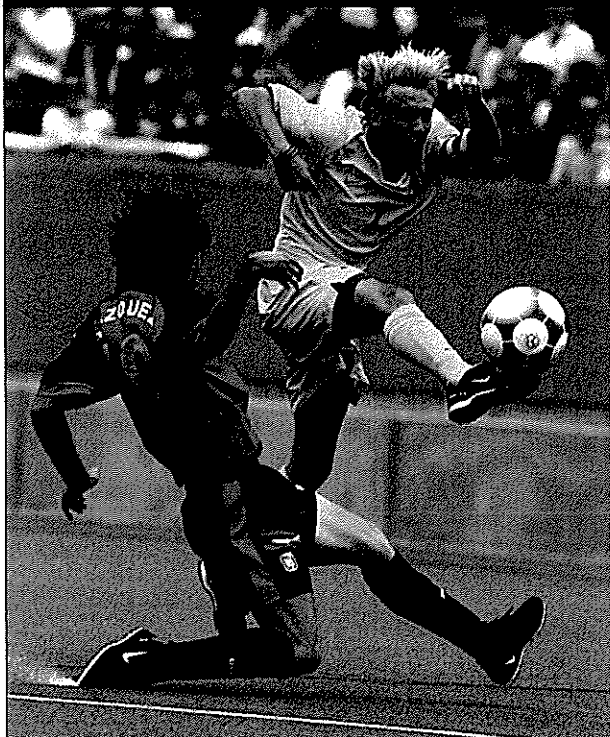
Australian fencers also competed in a demonstration event at the International Fencing Federation World Cup, called "Challenge Australia", which was held in Sydney in January 2000.

Two Australian athletes met the qualifying standards for the Paralympic Games. Head Coach Sally Kopiec outlined that the team goal for the 2000 Games was to get as high in the top 16 of each weapon as possible. Each athlete did indeed make the second round (top 16) in one of their weapons. The Australian athletes performed on par with their world rankings.

Head Coach: Sally Kopiec

High Performance Manager: Ross Boyd

FOOTBALL



The Drillers

Following their formation in March 1999, the PPP football squad embarked on an 18-month preparation for the 2000 Paralympic Games after qualifying automatically as host nation.

The first test was a debut international series against 1996 Paralympic Champions, The Netherlands, in October 1999. Australia drew the test match series 2-2, losing the first match 1-3, winning the next two matches 1-0 and 6-0 and losing the final match 1-2. The performance of the squad was very pleasing, flagging Australia's arrival in Paralympic football.

In April 2000, the Australian squad travelled to the Ukraine to compete in a Pre-Paralympic Tournament against Russia, Ukraine, Brazil and The Netherlands. The tournament provided the squad with invaluable competition experience and despite three losses and one draw, the staff were pleased with the progress and performance of the squad.

The football squad became known as the BHP Drillers in June 2000, when the APC forged a sponsorship agreement with BHP. The Drillers were excited about the new name and the additional funds, which assisted greatly with their preparation.

All training camps were held at the Sydney Academy of Sport in Narrabeen, which proved an ideal venue with a specially marked football field, an indoor hall, a pool, accommodation and meals all on-site. Another important development was the introduction of regular trial games against local club teams at the training camps, which provided the squad with vital match practice.

In Australia's first Paralympic Football Tournament, the team was very competitive at the 2000 Games, defeating the Netherlands 2-1 to finish in seventh place.

Head Coach: Russell Marriott

Assistant Coach: David Campbell

Team Manager: Cornelis Van Eldik

Physiotherapist: Mark MacDonald

High Performance Manager: Ross Boyd

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GOALBALL



Men

The men's squad prepared for the 2000 Games with regular training camps, held mainly in Queensland.

The main international competition opportunity was at the October 1999 Southern Cross Multi-Disability Championships, which was attended by Denmark (World No 4) and Canada (World No 6). Australia's PPP athletes competed for their State teams in a series, then for the national squad in a separate series. The notable achievement from the competition was the performance of the Queensland State team, which won a gold medal by defeating Denmark 4-2 in the grand final of the first series.

The Australian team qualified automatically for the 2000 Games as host nation. The team finished in ninth place (out of twelve).

Head Coach: Sam Theodore

Assistant Coach: Robert Apps

Osteopath: Dimitra Argyros

High Performance Manager: Ross Boyd

Women

As host nation, Australia was allocated a slot for women's goalball at the 2000 Games. The squad's preparation for this competition involved regular training camps and a couple of international tournaments.

In October 1999, Great Britain visited Australia to compete in the Southern Cross Multi-Disability Championships. The Australian squad won one game, lost three games and drew one game in an encouraging display. In May 2000, the squad competed at an international tournament in Sweden with a new member to the line up, Penny Bennett. The squad finished fifth out of seven teams in a field that included the national teams of Finland, USA, Sweden, Denmark, Great Britain, The Netherlands.

At the 2000 Games, Australia's four-member team was competitive, with most games decided by only small margins. Australia's results against gold medallists Canada (0-1 loss) and silver medallists Spain (0-1 loss) in the pool rounds indicated the closeness of the competition. Although the team finished eighth, the performances were a vast improvement on the 1998 World Championships and Head Coach Terry Kenaghan was pleased with the team's defence, cohesiveness and mental attitude for competition.

Head Coach: Terry Kenaghan

High Performance Manager: Ross Boyd



Australia's only PPP judo athlete, Anthony Clarke, underwent a comprehensive preparation for the 2000 Games. During the 1999-2000 period, Clarke participated in a number of domestic competitions for sighted athletes, including:

- Western Australian State Titles
- Kudo Kan Australian National Titles
- South Australian International Open
- Kudo Kan Southern Zone Titles
- New South Wales International Open
- Victorian International Judo Open
- ACT International
- National Championships, Tasmania

In addition to the domestic competitions, Head Coach Trevor Kschammer organised Clarke's participation in National Elite Training Camps run by the Judo Federation of Australia at the AIS in August 1999 and June 2000.

The PPP provided the opportunity for Kschammer and Clarke to gain international competition at the USA Open Judo Championships and Training Camp in October 1999

as well as other training camps at the Budo University in Katsura, Japan.

Unfortunately, Clarke's performances at the 2000 Games were not up to his high standard and he finished outside the medals in equal seventh place (out of 12 athletes), in the middleweight (90kg division).

Head Coach: Trevor Kschammer

High Performance Manager: Ross Boyd

POWERLIFTING



The powerlifting squad has continued to make good progress under the leadership and guidance of Head Coach Blagoi Blagoev and Assistant Coach Ray Epstein.

In November 1999, a team of eleven lifters attended the European Championships in Budapest (Hungary). The most notable performances included a silver medal for Melissa Trafela (-67.5kg), a silver medal for Julie Russell (82.5kg+), a bronze medal for Richard Nicholson (-60kg) and fourth place (missing a bronze medal on bodyweight to Darren Gardiner) (-100kg).

Domestic competitions included the Queensland Powerlifting Open in September 1999, the Queensland Invitational in February 2000, the NSW Powerlifting Championships in May 2000 and the Australian National Championships in August 2000. The Nationals were held in conjunction with the Australian Weightlifting Federation's (AWF) 2000 Telstra National Open and U20 Weightlifting Championships in Brisbane.

Training camps were conducted in conjunction with the September and February competitions, which proved to be very beneficial for coaching, programming and team building. Thanks go to SASI Sport Psychologist Steve Bannon, who assisted the squad during the 18-month period on an individual and group basis.

Australia qualified a team of thirteen athletes (six female and seven male) for the 2000 Games. The highlight was the silver medal for Richard Nicholson in the -60kg class. The other standout performance was that of ex-athletics and lawn bowls athlete Deahnne McIntyre. She lifted a personal best to finish in fifth place in her first international competition after committing to the sport in October 1999. Julie Russell competed in her last Paralympic Games and was elected to the IPC Powerlifting Committee.

Finally, Brian McNicholl retired from lifting in February 2000 due to injury, but will continue his association with the sport as a referee. In a career spanning more than 20 years, Brian won one gold, two silver and two bronze Paralympic medals and won the World Championships three times.

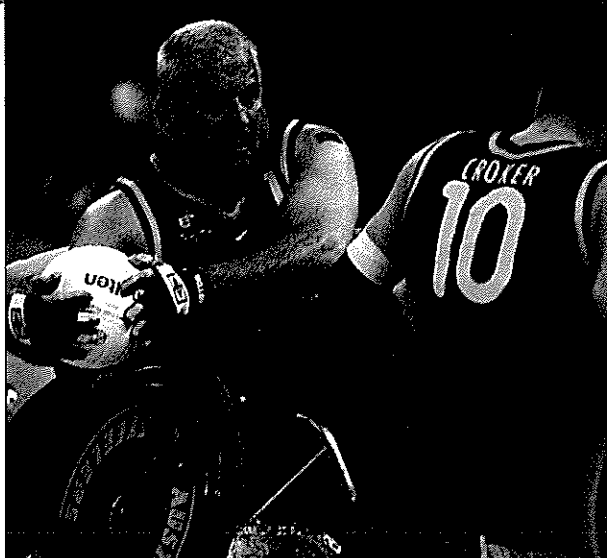
Head Coach: Blagoi Blagoev

Assistant Coach/Team Manager: Ray Epstein

Physiotherapist: Mark Stokes

High Performance Manager: Ross Boyd

RUGBY



The Steelers

The rugby team continued its intensive competition programme towards the end of 1999 with the World Wheelchair Games in Christchurch, New Zealand and a tour of the USA to play in 2 weekend league tournaments against the best club teams.

At that stage, participation in international tournaments was designed to maximise court time for all players and the squad was often split into two teams to achieve this. The Australia "A" team finished third at the World Wheelchair Games after a nail-biting semi-final against NZ, which won by one point in overtime. Previously, in the pool play, Australia played USA and became the first team to ever beat USA in wheelchair rugby when the Steelers won by one point in double overtime.

The tournaments in the USA provided the Steelers with valuable experience and court time with many games played over a short period. Following an extremely busy 1999, the 2000 programme focused on individual fitness and skill with a camp and competition schedule to monitor progress.

A test series win (three games to two games) against NZ as part of the EnergyAustralia Slam Downunder tournament indicated that the Steelers were on track to achieve the goal of making the medal round at the Paralympic Games. The launch

of the sponsorship of the team by BHP took place at the same time as this series and gave all team members a boost in confidence leading in to the Games.

The wheelchair rugby tournament did not start until the second week of the Paralympic Games, however the players stayed focused on the job at hand. Relatively comfortable wins against Sweden and Switzerland and a narrow loss to the USA in pool play set up a trans-Tasman semi-final with the Steelers vs NZ Wheelblacks. This game lived up to all expectations and was a closely fought battle with the Steelers getting over the line and winning by one point. This set up a gold medal game against the current World and Paralympic Champions, USA.

Another closely fought battle saw the USA win this game by one point. After initial disappointment, the players realised how remarkable their achievements had been during the past 18 months and were extremely proud of the silver medal performance. This result is a testament to the hard work and absolute commitment of the players and staff.

Head Coach: Terry Vinyard

Assistant Coach: Nicholas Bailey

Assistant Coach: Glenn Stephens

Team Manager: Kim Ellwood

Mechanic: David Bonavita

Personal Carer: Wendy Poole

High Performance Manager: Tracy Lawrence

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SAILING



The PPP sailing programme underwent some major changes in the 1999-2000 period off the water. In August 1999, the Australian Paralympic Committee handed the management of the programme to the Australian Yachting Federation's High Performance Unit, under the guidance of Tracey Johnstone.

International results in the 2.4mR class continued to be outstanding, particularly at the Open 2.4mR World Championships, as described below:

1999 - Martsrand, Sweden - Peter Thompson finished 22nd overall and 2nd in the disabled category ahead of Michael McLean's 39th overall and 7th in the disabled category; 2000 - Melbourne, Australia - Peter Thompson finished 10th overall and 1st in the disabled category with Michael McLean close behind in 13th place overall and 2nd in the disabled category; Following the selection regattas, Peter Thompson emerged as the clear winner and was selected as the Australian 2.4mR representative for the 2000 Games.

In the sonar class, a team from Western Australia began their Games campaign with the 1999 World Disabled Sailing Championships. While overseas, the team also purchased two sonar boats with the help of sponsors. Led by former America's Cup skipper, Noel Robbins, and crewed by Jamie Dunross and Graeme Martin, the team

was selected as the sonar representative for the 2000 Games by winning the selection regatta held on Sydney Harbour in July 2000.

With the sailing venue a long distance from the Olympic site at Homebush, the APC allowed the Australian Team to live outside the Paralympic Village during competition, which proved to be a prudent decision. After nine races in each class on Sydney Harbour, Australia won gold in the Sonar event and placed fourth in the 2.4mR event to finish as the second most successful country in sailing at the 2000 Paralympics.

Head Coach: Lachlan Gilbert

Sonar Coach: Paul Eldrid

Support Staff: John Whitfield

AYF High Performance Manager: Tracey Johnstone

APC High Performance Manager: Ross Boyd

SHOOTING



The Shooting Stars

The shooting squad's preparation for the 2000 Games included training camps at the Paralympic and Olympic shooting range at Cecil Park, as well as domestic and international competitions. These included the 1999 Oceania Championships in Sydney (Olympic and Paralympic test event), Hessenpokal 2000 (Germany), the 2000 Swiss Open, and the 2000 German National Championships. Highlights included:

Hessenpokal 2000 – medals for Ashley Adams, Libby Kosmala, Jim Nomarhas and newcomer, Jeff Lane; 2000 Swiss Open – medals for Adams, Kosmala, Worsley, Nomarhas and McCormack; and, selection of rifle shooter, Ashley Adams, in both the Australian able-bodied and disabled National Teams for the 1999 Oceania Championships.

All eleven shooting squad members met the qualifying standards for the Paralympics and persistent lobbying ensured that all gained selection. Results at the 2000 Games were less than expected in terms of medals won. Peter Tait won the shooting team's only medal (a silver in Pistol). Despite this, the shooting team exceeded the Australian Team's Atlanta performance with six finals appearances (double Atlanta) and six personal best

performances. A revised staffing structure and programme will be implemented in 2001.

Head Coach: Yvonne Hill

Assistant Coach: Lucky Anagastou

Assistant Coach: Anne Bugden

Personal Carer: Andre Juricich

High Performance Manager: Jenni Banks

SWIMMING

Members of the swimming squad competed in a number of international events throughout 1999 including BT Nationals, the German Nationals, the World Wheelchair Games (NZ) and the Southern Cross Multi-Disability Championships (Sydney). The results from these events and the high standard that swimmers were maintaining at club/State meets contributed to Australia being allocated 51 places for swimmers at the 2000 Games. This was the largest team that Australia had ever had in swimming at a Games.

The preparation of the squad included:

State-based camps (for testing and training) in conjunction with the State Institutes and Academies; Team camps; Regular testing of the swimmers; Increased contact with the home coaches and swimmers by the Head Coach/Assistant Coaches; Participation at the Australian Open Nationals, immediately followed by an international tour to compete in the 2000 BT Nationals and the Dutch Open.

The results from the Australian Open Nationals were used to select the team to compete at the Paralympic Games. The performances of the squad at the nationals and the following tours were excellent, with swimmers continuing to do personal bests and set World and Australian records at each of the events.

Australia continues to be one of the stronger nations in Paralympic swimming and went into the games expecting tough competition from Great Britain, Canada, USA and Spain. A number of the teams youngest members set the pace, starting the campaign on a very positive note. Australia finished with 14 gold medals, 15 silver medals and 21 bronze medals. On the gold medal tally we were placed fifth and on the overall medal tally we were placed second.

Other notable points from the Games are that 76% of the team set personal best times and 63% won medals along the way, breaking 42 Australian records, 14 Paralympic records and 7 World records.

The next 18 months will be focused on converting the large number of silver and bronze medals won into gold at the 2002 World Championships.



Head Coach: Matt Brown

Assistant Coach: David Orbell

Assistant Coach: Trent Patten

Assistant Coach: John Ornsby

Assistant Coach: Greg Rochowczyk

Assistant Coach: Wanda Smales

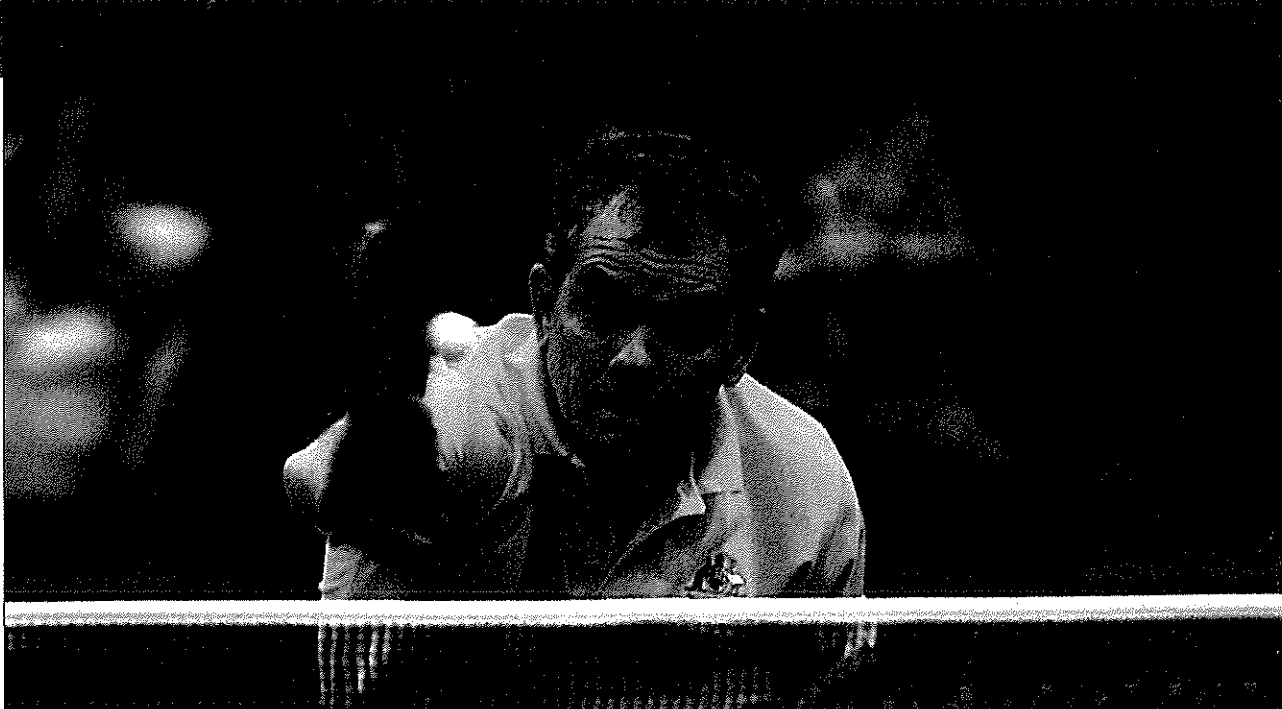
Assistant Coach: Frank Hohmann

Assistant Coach: Brendan Keogh

Team Manager: Michael Scott

Personal Carer: Jenny Lambert

High Performance Manager: Tracy Lawrence



The table tennis programme experienced a disappointing 1999-2000 period, with athletes unable to repeat the strong results achieved in 1998-1999.

Australian athletes competed in three international competitions between July and December 1999, including the FESPIC Table Tennis Championships in September, the World Wheelchair Games in October and the Southern Cross Multi-Disability Championships in October.

The International Table Tennis Committee (ITTC) issued Australia with two host nation wild cards for the 2000 Games. These slots were for Australia's highest ranked PPP athletes, Ross Schurgott (Male - Class 5) and Jeff Needham (Male - Class 1). Unfortunately, Jeff was forced to withdraw from the sport due to injury – his spot was filled by class 1 athlete Bill Medley.

Schurgott and Medley prepared for the 2000 Games with international competition at the 2000 Irish Nationals in Dublin and a solid Pre-Games training camp in Newcastle.

At the Games, both Australians were faced with a tough draw and did not progress past the first round.

Head Coach: Joe Hoad

High Performance Manager: Ross Boyd

Outstanding results and dedication to the task were the highlight of the tennis programme as the players prepared for the 2000 Games. The athletes' activity focused on the international tournament circuit with funding provided for them to compete in the major Australian tournaments (Sydney International and the Australian Open) and three major overseas tournaments (British Open, World Team Cup, and the US Open) in both 1999 and 2000.

In July 1999, Daniela Di Toro and Branka Pupovac won the World Team Cup (Women) for the first time breaking a thirteen-year domination by The Netherlands. Our men's team (David Hall and David Johnson) fought out a tough battle with the Germans to clinch the bronze medal for the second consecutive year. In the 2000 World Team Cup the positions were reversed with the men's team of Hall and Johnson defeating the Netherlands for Australia's first win in the World Team Cup (Men). In the women's event, Di Toro and Pupovac finished with the silver medal behind the Netherlands. In addition, both Hall and DiToro achieved world number one rankings in singles in both 1999 and 2000, and Hall and Johnson also achieved the world number one ranking in the men's doubles.

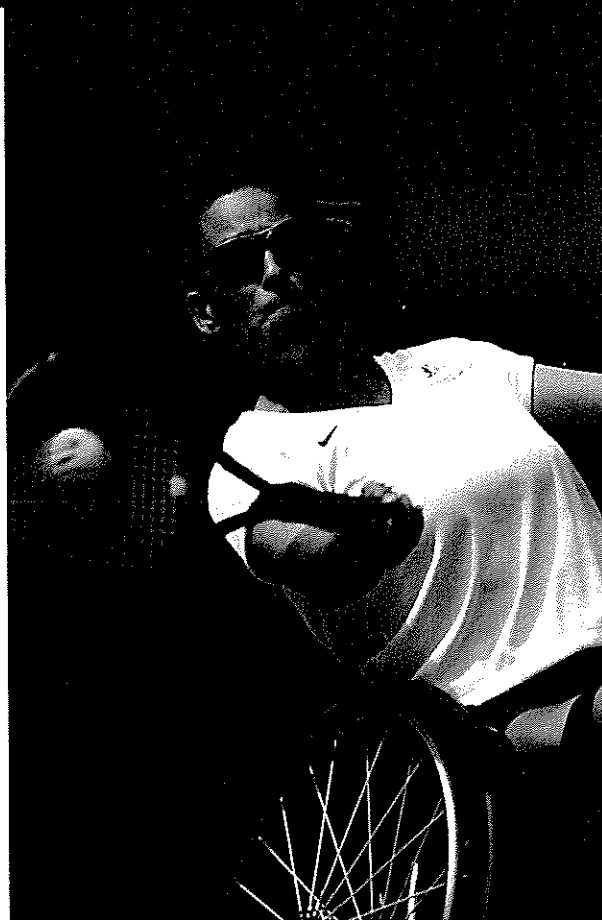
At the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games, the tennis team produced outstanding results, reaching three of the four finals and winning gold in the men's singles (David Hall) and silver in both the men's and women's doubles.

Head Coach: Greg Crump

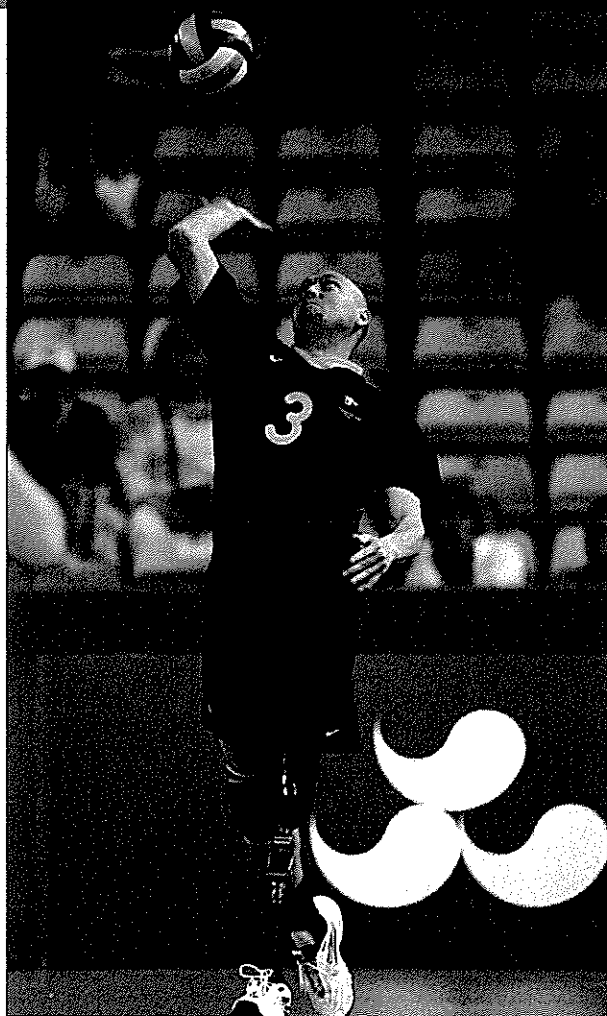
Administrative Assistant/Coordinator:

Sallee Caldwell

High Performance Manager: Jenni Banks



VOLLEYBALL (STANDING)



The Volleyroos

Standing volleyball was added to the PPP in July 1999 following the significant development of the sport in 1998 and the confirmation that Australia would receive a host nation slot at the 2000 Games.

The standing volleyball squad had monthly training camps throughout 1999 and 2000, in Sydney, Brisbane, Canberra and Melbourne. The squad competed in many able-bodied domestic competitions, most notably the annual Good Neighbour Tournament in Canberra.

Following the June 1999 Pan American Games in Canada, the Australian squad split into two teams to play World Champions Poland in Australia, as part of the Southern Cross Multi-Disability Championships in October 1999. The standard of the squad constantly increased as new players were recruited and existing players were challenged to improve.

At the 2000 Games, the standing volleyball team was very competitive and the final placing of eighth did not reflect some of the team's excellent performances. The Volleyroos had not won a set against another national team prior to the 2000 Games, however they took one set off World Champions Poland and one set off Paralympic Champions Germany (the only team to do so in the tournament).

Despite the success of the standing volleyball tournament, the major news to emerge from the 2000 Games was the IPC notification that the sport would not be included in the 2004 Paralympic Games. The IPC stated that the sport had not met the IPC criteria with the information provided from WOVD (World Organisation Volleyball for the Disabled).

Head Coach: Keiron Rochester

Assistant Coach: Gary Jenness

Team Manager: Graham Golley

Physiotherapist: Jenni Barron & Dimitria Argyros

High Performance Manager: Ross Boyd

VOLLEYBALL (SITTING)

The Crabs

Another new sport to join the APC programme, was sitting volleyball, with the squad being formed in July 1999. The major objective of the sitting volleyball programme was to build a competitive squad to compete at the 2000 Games and improve Australia's world ranking of 12th at the 1998 World Championships.

Despite qualifying for the 2000 Games as the host nation, Australia competed in the Pre-Paralympic qualifying event for the Asia/Oceania Zone against Korea, China and Japan. This event was held in Sydney as part of the Southern Cross Multi-Disability Championships and Australia demonstrated a marked improvement with some very close set scores.

The other major competition before the 2000 Games was a short tour of The Netherlands and an international event against club teams called the "Werner Von Siemens Cup" in Hamburg, Germany in May 2000.

The sitting volleyball squad had regular monthly training camps during 2000. Most camps were held in Sydney or Brisbane, but there were a few camps in other areas including Bowral, Kempsey, Port Macquarie and the Gold Coast.

The Crabs achieved their goal at the 2000 Games with competitive performances and their first victory at international level by defeating the USA to finish eleventh (out of twelve). In addition to beating the USA, the team took two sets off Libya and one set off Japan, something the Crabs had not previously done.

Head Coach: Weiping Tu

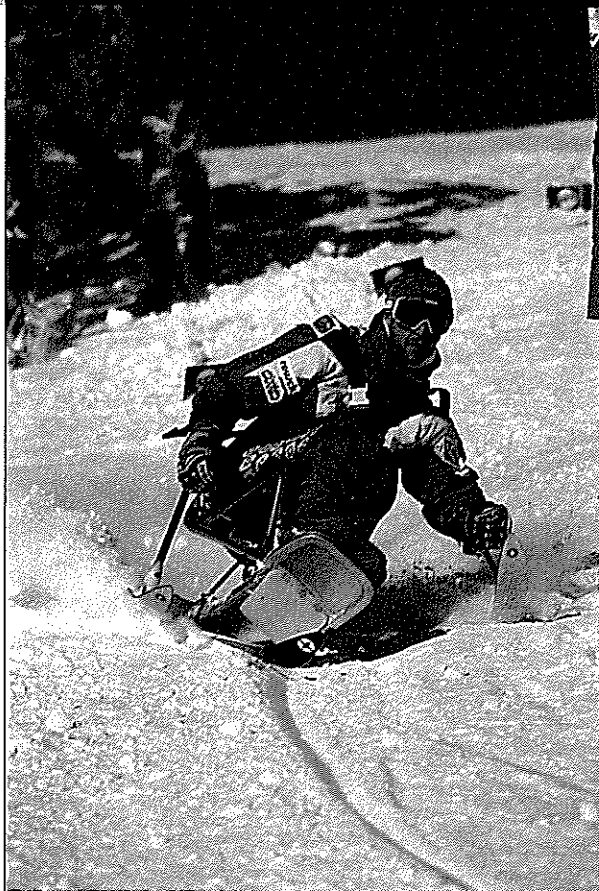
Assistant Coach: Glenn Stewart

Team Manager: Graham Golley

High Performance Manager: Ross Boyd



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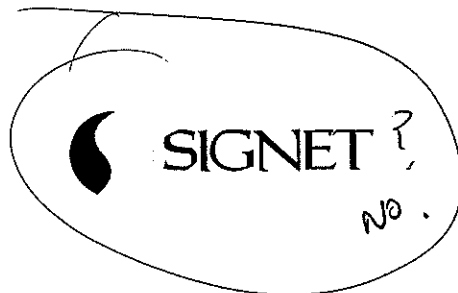
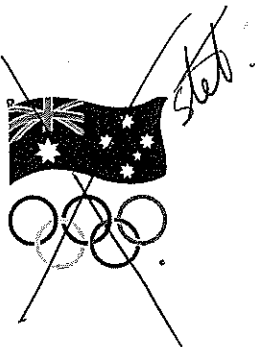
The alpine skiing programme, under the direction of Head Coach, Canadian Steve Bova, has continued to show rapid progress both in athlete performances and the depth of Australian talent.

From July to September 1999 alpine skiing PPP squad members participated in on-snow training camps in the Snowy Mountains, NSW, and the Australian Disabled Alpine Skiing Championships. After a period of dry-land training and testing, the APC National Team departed for overseas (Canada, the USA, and Europe) for two months on-snow training and racing in preparation for the 2000 World Alpine Skiing Championships for Disabled in Anzere, Switzerland. Although unlucky to lose double arm amputee skier, Mathew Nicholls with a broken collarbone the week prior to Worlds, the remaining team members, Bart Bunting, Nathan Chivers, Michael Milton, and James Paterson got the world talking about the performances of the Australian Ski Team. The athletes picked up 5 gold, 2 silver, and 2 bronze medals to finish fifth on the medal tally – in front of the more fancied alpine skiing nations of Austria, France, and Canada.

The alpine ski squad has continued its preparations for the 2002 Salt Lake Winter Paralympic Games with further on-snow training camps and racing in Australia and overseas.

Head Coach/Manager: Steve Bova
Assistant coach/Manager: Andrew Stainlay
Doctor: Kevin Boundy
Physiotherapist: Ben Siu
High Performance Manager: Jenni Banks

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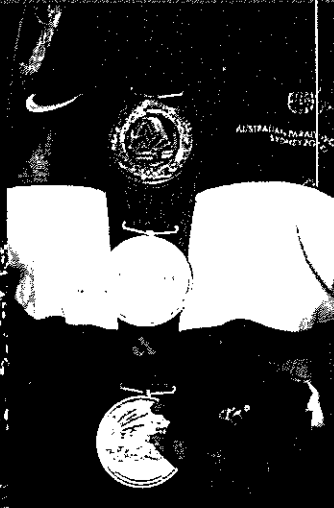




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