

WRAS Wramblings



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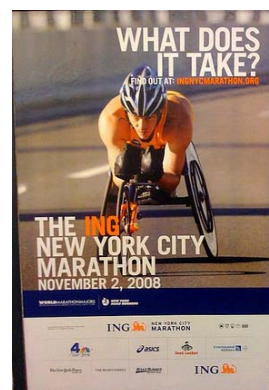


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Kurt Fearnley nominated for Young Australian of the Year



WRAS 2007 Hall of Fame inductee, Kurt Fearnley, added more honours to his overflowing trophy cabinet on Thursday night when he won the New South Wales 'Young Australian of the Year' Award. He will now become a finalist in the 2009 national awards. Kurt took up wheelchair racing at the age of 14 and is currently world champion in all five distances above 800 metres. At Beijing he took home one gold, two silver and a bronze medal. Fearnley, from Blayney, says he is thrilled to be honoured. "It's nice to be thought of as representing your home town, but to be thought of as a good representative for Australia, for NSW. To represent what it is to be Australian, is about as high as I can hope for," he said. On the same night Kurt was nominated for four awards at the NSW Institute of Sport annual awards ceremony and was announced as joint winner (along with diver, Matthew Mitcham) of the Ian Thorpe/Grand Slam International, Outstanding Achievement – Male award. Ian was on hand to present the trophy to Kurt.



Grants Available

The Australian Sports Commission has announced details of a grant program to assist athletes and teams. The **Local Sporting Champions Program** is an Australian initiative designed to provide financial assistance for junior sportsmen and women towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing at an official national sporting organisation (NSO) endorsed state or national sporting competition. To be eligible applicants need to be –

- ▲ between 12 and 18 years of age (inclusive) at the time of the nominated sporting event
 - ▲ participating as an athlete in an official state or national sporting competition which is endorsed by the relevant national sporting organisation (NSO), or national school sport competition. This does not include coaching or officiating at such competitions
 - ▲ required to travel greater than 250km return to participate in the nominated NSO endorsed state or national sporting competition, or national school sport competition an Australian citizen
 - ▲ not have been the recipient of a Local Sporting Champions grant, either as an individual or a member of a team, within the year ending 30 June 2009
 - ▲ not have received funding from other government sources for the nominated NSO endorsed state or national sporting competition, or national school sport competition
 - ▲ not be participating in a professional competition that involves prize money
- Academy athletes (and teams they participate in) are encouraged to apply

More details can be found on the Australian Sports Commission website at -
http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/schools_and_juniors/juniors/get_involved/local_sporting_champions



Representative Honours

2004 & 05 basketball squad athlete Luke Griffiths of Dubbo has been selected in the NSW Basketball U20 men's Squad
 Rachel Murray of the High Performance Squad has been selected in the NSW U20 women's squad



NSW Hockey – Indoor Teams
 (U14 girls) Allie McGarity, Zoe Watts (U14 Blues) Kate Brown
 (U14 Blues – Shadows) Tim Eslick, Jacob Townsend
 (U18boys) David Reid, Dylan Smith
 (U18 girls) Molly Bright, Clare McGarity
 (U19 Development Squad) Aaron Reid – 2007



WRAS will be well represented at the Pacific Schools Games being held in Canberra during the next week. Recently 'retired' Head coach of the Basketball squad, Katrina Ferris is Head Coach of the NSW All Schools team, with Rachel Murray and Haylee Lepaio both participating in that team. Jo Café is the U14 wheelchair basketball coach, Mitch Mavrak is in the 18years SID team and Jade Warrender is in the NSW All Schools Hockey team. Good luck to all – to keep up to date with the results, go to the website - <http://www.pacificschoolgames.edu.au/>



As a component of his 'Jump Start to London 2012 selection, Lone star athlete Adam Safaric of Oberon has been invited to compete in Hobart in January 2009

Upcoming Activities

Date	Squad	Details	Venue	Time
28 November 2008	Basketball	Satellite training	Young	6-7.30pm
28 November 2008	Hockey	Satellite training	Dubbo HC	4.30-6pm
1 December 2008	Basketball	Satellite training	Bathurst Stadium	4.30-6.30pm
1 December 2008	Hockey	Satellite training	Bathurst HC	5-6.30pm
1 December 2008	Hockey	Satellite training	Orange HC	4.15-6pm
2 December 2008	Board	Board Meeting	Bathurst	6pm
2 December 2008	Lawn Bowls	Home training	Own club	Afternoon
3 December 2008	Basketball	Satellite training	Gilgandra	4.30-6.30
3 December 2008	Hockey	Satellite training	Lithgow HC	5.30-7pm
3 December 2008	Hockey	Satellite training	Parkes HC	5-6.30pm
5 December 2008	Basketball	Satellite training	Young	6-7.30pm
5 December 2008	Hockey	Satellite training	Dubbo HC	4.30-6pm
6 December 2008	Lawn Bowls	Training day	Parkes	9am-4pm
7 December 2008	Hockey	Training day	Lithgow	8am-2pm
7 December 2008	Triathlon	Mudgee or Lithgow Triathlon	Mudgee/Lithgow	TBA
8 December 2008	Basketball	Satellite training	Bathurst Stadium	4.30-6.30pm
9 December 2008	Lawn Bowls	Home training	Own club	Afternoon
10 December 2008	Basketball	Satellite training	Gilgandra	4.30-6.30pm
10 December 2008	HP Hockey	Training	Lithgow HC	5.30-7pm
13 & 14 December 2008	Basketball	Training weekend	Bathurst	TBA
14 December 2008	Netball	Training day	CSU, Bathurst	10am-4pm
15 December 2008	Basketball	Satellite training	Bx Pool recovery	4.30-6.30pm
16 December 2008	Lawn Bowls	Home training	Own club	Afternoon
17 December 2008	Basketball	Satellite training	Gilgandra	4.30-6.30pm
19 December 2008	Basketball	Satellite training	Young	6-7.30pm
23 December 2008	Lawn Bowls	Home training	Own club	Afternoon

WRAS Birthdays



Laura Kable, Netball – 30 November – turning 14
Dakota Brown, Lone Star – 1 December – turning 17
Felicity James – 25 November