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2004 AIS Athlete and Coach Awards

OVER 300 ATHLETES, COACHES AND STAFF ATTENDED THE AIS ATHLETE AND COACH AWARDS IN THE AIS THEATRETTA IN CANBERRA ON 9 MARCH 2005.

The awards recognise outstanding achievements by AIS athletes during 2004. The Minister for the Arts and Sport, Senator the Hon. Rod Kemp, announced and presented the 2004 AIS Athlete of the Year Award.

Many of the athletes who received awards were nominated for their outstanding performances at the Athens 2004 Olympic and Paralympic Games, which were highlighted in the previous edition of *AIS Alumni News*.

AIS ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Athens 2004 Olympic gold medallists, track cyclist **Ryan Bayley** (AIS/WAIS) and swimmer **Petria Thomas**, were named joint winners of the 2004 AIS Athlete of the Year Award.



Nathan Baggaley (Sprint Canoe) was the Athlete of the Year 2003 and, with Senator Rod Kemp, presented the 2004 Athlete of the Year Award to joint winners, Ryan Bayley (Cycling) and Petria Thomas (Swimming)

Ryan won gold medals in the men's sprint and keirin in Athens. He also won the bronze medal in the sprint at the 2004 World Track Cycling Championships.

Petria won the 100-metre butterfly at the Athens Games and was a member of the winning women's 4 x 100-metre freestyle

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and 4 x 100-metre medley relay teams, which both set world records. She also won a silver medal in the 200-metre butterfly.

This was Petria's third AIS Athlete of the Year Award. She previously won in 2001 and 2002.

AIS JUNIOR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Junior Athlete of the Year for 2004 was archer **Tim Cuddihy**, who capped off an outstanding year by winning a bronze medal in the men's individual event at the Athens 2004 Olympic Games. At the 2004 Junior Outdoor Target Archery World Championships he won the individual event, as well as a bronze medal in the team competition.



Tim Cuddihy with Mark Peters, CEO, Australian Sports Commission

AIS TEAM OF THE YEAR

The **Australian men's hockey team** was named 2004 Team of the Year after Australia won its first-ever Olympic men's hockey gold medal in Athens. Prior to Athens, Australia had made eight semifinal appearances at the Olympics for three silver and three bronze medals. All the team members were AIS scholarship holders.

The team members were: Michael Brennan (AIS/QAS), Travis Brooks (AIS/VIS), Dean Butler (AIS/QAS), Liam De Young (AIS/QAS), Jamie Dwyer



Mathew Wells (Men's Hockey) and Brent Espeland, Director, Australian Sports Commission Sport Performance and Development

(AIS/QAS/NSWIS), Nathan Eglington (AIS/QAS), Troy Elder (AIS/QAS), Bevan George (AIS/WAIS), Robert Hammond (AIS/QAS), Mark Hickman (AIS/NTIS), Mark Knowles (AIS/QAS), Brent Livermore (AIS/NSWIS), Michael McCann (AIS/NSWIS), Stephen Mowlam (AIS/VIS), Grant Schubert (AIS/SASI) and Matthew Wells (AIS/TIS).

COACH OF THE YEAR

AIS Track Cycling coach **Martin Barras** was named 2004 Coach of the Year following outstanding results in Athens, where Australia won five gold, two silver and two bronze medals — Australia's greatest track cycling result in an Olympic Games. All medal winners were current or former AIS scholarship holders.

Martin also won this award in 2002.



Lois Fordham, Director, Australian Sports Commission Business Operations, and Martin Barras

PROGRAM OF THE YEAR

AIS Diving was named 2004 Program of the Year. In Australia's most outstanding diving performance at an Olympic Games, five AIS scholarship holders won one gold, one silver and four bronze medals. Chantelle Newbery's (AIS/VIS) gold medal was only Australia's second gold medal in Olympic diving.

The Diving program also won this award in 2003.



Chantelle Newbery with Bob Murphy, Assistant Director, AIS



John Waser, Manager, National Athlete Career and Education and Shermin Oksuz (Athletics)

VOCATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Shermin Oksuz, from the AIS Athletics program (Track and Field), worked in the AIS Nutrition department throughout 2004. In this role, she was called on to dispense products to other athletes, often a difficult task for athletes as they need to maintain a professional distance between themselves and their peers. In this task, Shermin maintained the utmost integrity and represented the department well, consistently demonstrating her work ethic and attention to detail.

During 2004, Shermin also completed a chemistry course, which enabled her to gain entry into a university degree course in human nutrition commencing in 2006.

Fiona Crawford (AIS/NSWIS), from Softball, successfully worked full time and also represented Australia at the Athens 2004 Olympic Games, where she won a silver medal. Fiona managed to achieve a balance by developing excellent time-management skills and working efficiently when she was in the office. Because of her great work ethic, her employer was happy to support a reduction in her hours when she was selected in the Athens Olympics team.

Fiona regularly speaks at functions on behalf of the NSW Institute of Sport, has acted as MC at a number of athlete welcome ceremonies, is a sought-after motivational speaker, and has been a role model to other AIS athletes.

EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Oenone Wood (AIS/ACTAS), Cycling, has achieved excellent results in her electrical engineering degree, which she is completing by correspondence through Deakin University. This is a difficult degree to complete at the best of times, but being able to pursue it while touring overseas is quite an achievement and demonstrates Oenone's commitment and dedication to her studies.

Oenone also has a very strong sense of community, and despite a heavy training schedule and university studies, she also completed a Certificate III in Disability Care, while at the same time working as a disability worker with Disability ACT.

Ben Ient, Men's Water Polo, graduated from Lake Ginninderra College in 2004 with the highest University Admissions Index score by an AIS scholarship holder. He received an academic excellence award in information technology systems. During his final year at school, he participated in the ACT Robocup Junior Competition and the University of NSW High Schools Programming Competition, in which he achieved a credit. Throughout his two years at the AIS, Ben has been working on developing his own web-design company.

Ben has been an exemplary student and positive role model for other AIS athletes. As well as competing for the AIS in the National Water Polo League, he also competed in the under-20 national tournament.

AIS SPORT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

In all, 84 athletes, including the recipients of the major awards, received 2004 Sport Achievement Awards. The other Sport Achievement Award winners were:

Alisa Camplin (AIS/VIS) (*Winter Sports — Alpine Skiing*)

In the 2003–04 season, Alisa produced the best-ever World Cup performance by an athlete in her sport. Alisa won her second straight World Cup title, winning seven times and mounting the podium in ten out of 12 events.

Michael Milton (AIS/NSWIS) (*APC Skiing*)

Michael won gold medals in the slalom and giant slalom, and silver medals in the super giant slalom and downhill events at the 2004 IPC Alpine Skiing World Championships. He also set a world record of 198.68 kilometres per hour for speed skiing on one leg and outriggers, and became the first skier with a disability to complete an endurance race when he captained the Australian's men's team to fifth place at the Coronet Peak ski endurance race in New Zealand.

Cameron Rahles–Rahbula (AIS/VIS) (*APC Skiing*)

Cameron won the LW2 class downhill and super giant slalom events, beating Michael Milton in each event, at the 2004 IPC Alpine Skiing World Championships.

Amy Winters (*APC Athletics*)

Amy won gold medals in the 100 metres and 200 metres, setting a new world record in the 200 metres, at the Athens 2004 Paralympic Games.

Heath Francis (*APC Athletics*)

Heath won silver medals in the 100 metres, 400 metres and 4 x 400-metre relay — in which he ran his leg in under world-record time —

and bronze medals in the 200 metres and the 4 x 100-metre relay at the 2004 Paralympic Games.

Amanda Fraser (*APC Athletics*)

Amanda won the silver medal in the discus event at the 2004 Paralympic Games. Amanda had previously set a new world record in the discus at the 2004 Australian Championships.

Hamish MacDonald (*APC Athletics*)

Hamish won a silver medal in the shot-put at the 2004 Paralympic Games, setting a new world record for his competition class.

Roy Daniell (*APC Athletics*)

Roy won a silver medal in the marathon at the 2004 Paralympic Games.

Lisa McIntosh (*APC Athletics*)

Lisa won a silver medal in the 200 metres and a bronze medal in the 100 metres at the 2004 Paralympic Games.

Matthew Cowdrey (AIS/SASI) (*APC Swimming*)

Matthew won seven medals at the Athens 2004 Paralympic Games — three gold (100-metre freestyle, 200-metre individual medley and 4 x 100-metre medley relay, including a world record in the 200-metre individual medley), two silver (100-metre butterfly and 4 x 100-metre freestyle relay) and two bronze (50-metre freestyle and 400-metre freestyle).

Chantel Wolfenden (AIS/QAS) (*APC Swimming*)

Chantel won a gold medal in the 400-metre freestyle, as well as a silver medal and four bronze medals at the 2004 Paralympic Games.

Prue Watt (AIS/NSWIS) (*APC Swimming*)

Prue won five silver medals and one bronze medal at the 2004 Paralympic Games.

Kate Bailey (AIS/NSWIS) (*APC Swimming*)
Kate won two bronze medals at the 2004 Paralympic Games.

Sarah Bowen (AIS/VIS) (*APC Swimming*)

Sarah won a gold medal in the 100-metre breaststroke at the 2004 Paralympic Games.

Lichelle Clarke (AIS/VIS) (*APC Swimming*)

Lichelle won a silver and a bronze medal at the 2004 Paralympic Games.

Marayke Jonkers (AIS/QAS) (*APC Swimming*)

Marayke won two bronze medals at the 2004 Paralympic Games.

Daniel Bell (AIS/VIS) (*APC Swimming*)

Daniel won two silver medals at the 2004 Paralympic Games.

Katrina Lewis (AIS/ACTAS) (*APC Swimming*)

Katrina won a bronze medal in the 4 x 100-metre freestyle relay at the 2004 Paralympic Games.

Sarah Rose (*APC Swimming*)

Sarah won a bronze medal in the 50-metre butterfly at the 2004 Paralympic Games.

Rick Pendleton (*APC Swimming*)

Rick won a gold medal in the 4 x 100-metre medley relay at the 2004 Paralympic Games.

Nathan Deakes (*Track and Field*)

Nathan won a bronze medal in the 20-kilometre walk at the Athens 2004 Olympic Games.

Nathan Baggaley (AIS/NSWIS) (*Sprint Canoe*)

Nathan won two silver medals at the 2004 Olympic Games — in the K1 500 metres, and in the K2 500 metres with Clint Robinson.

Clint Robinson (AIS/QAS) (*Sprint Canoe*)

Clint, with Nathan Baggaley, won a silver medal in the K2 500 metres at the 2004 Olympic Games.

Anna Meares (AIS/QAS) (*Track Cycling*)

Anna won the 500-metre time trial gold medal, in world-record time, and the sprint bronze medal at the 2004 Olympic Games. At the 2004 World Track Cycling Championships she won the 500-metre time trial and placed second in the sprint.

Luke Roberts (AIS/SASI) (*Track Cycling*)

Luke was a member of the men's pursuit team that won the gold medal at the Athens 2004 Olympic Games in world-record time, and was also in the winning pursuit team at the 2004 World Track Cycling Championships.

Oenone Wood (AIS/ACTAS) (*Women's Road Cycling*)

Oenone was the 2004 road cycling World Cup champion, and finished fourth in the road race and sixth in the time trial at the Athens Olympic Games.

Sara Carrigan (AIS/QAS) (*Women's Road Cycling*)

Sara won the women's road race at the 2004 Olympic Games.

Peter Dawson (AIS/WAIS) (*Track Cycling*)

Peter was a member of the pursuit teams that won gold medals at the 2004 World Track Cycling Championships and the Athens 2004 Olympic Games.

Stephen Wooldridge (AIS/NSWIS) (*Track Cycling*)

Stephen was a member of the pursuit teams that won gold medals at the 2004 World Track Cycling Championships and the Athens 2004 Olympic Games.

Ashley Hutchinson (AIS/QAS) (*Track Cycling*)

Ashley was a member of the pursuit team that won the gold medal at the 2004 World Track Cycling Championships.

Katie Mactier (AIS/VIS) (*Track Cycling*)

Katie won the silver medal in the 3000-metre individual pursuit at both the Athens 2004 Olympic Games and the 2004 World Track Cycling Championships.

Shane Kelly (AIS/VIS) (*Track Cycling*)

Shane won the bronze medal in the keirin at the Athens 2004 Olympic Games.

Chantelle Newbery (AIS/VIS) (*Diving*)

Chantelle won the women's ten-metre platform competition at the Athens 2004 Olympic Games — Australia's second Olympic diving gold medal. She also won a bronze medal in the women's three-metre synchronised event.

Mathew Helm (*Diving*)

Mathew won a silver medal in the ten-metre platform competition and a bronze medal in the ten-metre platform synchronised event at the Athens 2004 Olympic Games.

Robert Newbery (*Diving*)

Robert won bronze medals in the three-metre springboard synchronised and ten-metre platform synchronised events at the Athens 2004 Olympic Games.

Steven Barnett (*Diving*)

Steven won a bronze medal in the three-metre springboard synchronised dive at the Athens 2004 Olympic Games.

Loudy Tourky (AIS/NSWIS) (*Diving*)

Loudy won a bronze medal in the ten-metre platform competition at the Athens 2004 Olympic Games.

Amber Bradley, Kerry Hore, Dana Faletic and Rebecca Sattin (*Rowing*)

The women's quad scull won a bronze medal at the Athens 2004 Olympic Games.

Malcolm Page (AIS/NSWIS) and **Nathan Wilmot** (AIS/NSWIS) (*Sailing*)

Malcolm and Nathan won the 470 Class World Championship in 2004.

Michael Blackburn (AIS/NSWIS) (*Sailing*)

Michael finished third in the 2004 Laser Class World Championships.

Natalie Grinham (*Squash*)

Natalie, with fellow AIS scholarship holder Amelia Pittock, and former scholarship holders Rachael Grinham and Melissa Martin, won the 2004 Women's World Team Squash Championship. Natalie and her sister Rachael also won the world doubles championship.

Amelia Pittock (*Squash*)

Amelia, with Natalie and Rachael Grinham and Melissa Martin, won the 2004 Women's World Team Squash Championship.

Sarah Ryan (*Swimming*)

Sarah won a gold medal for her heat swim in the women's 4 x 100-metre freestyle relay at the Athens Olympics.

Craig Stevens (*Swimming*)

Craig won a silver medal for his heat swim in the men's 4 x 200-metre freestyle relay at the Athens Olympics.

Antony Matkovich (*Swimming*)

Antony won a silver medal for his heat swim in the men's 4 x 200-metre freestyle relay at the Athens Olympics.

Annabel Luxford (AIS/QAS) (*Triathlon*)

Annabel won the Under-23 Women's World Triathlon Championship and also placed second overall in the 2004 World Cup rankings with four podium finishes, including one win.

Sandra Allen (AIS/QAS), **Marissa Carpadios** (AIS/NSWIS), **Fiona Crawford** (AIS/NSWIS), **Amanda Doman** (AIS/QAS), **Peta Edebone** (AIS/VIS), **Tanya Harding** (AIS/QAS), **Natalie Hodgskin** (AIS/QAS), **Simmone Morrow** (AIS/TIS), **Tracey Mosley** (AIS/SASI), **Stacey Porter**

(AIS/NSWIS), **Melanie Roche** (AIS/NSWIS), **Natalie Tittume** (AIS/VIS), **Natalie Ward** (AIS/NSWIS), **Brooke Wilkins** (AIS/QAS) and **Kerry Wyborn** (AIS/NSWIS) (*Softball*)

These players were members of the silver-medal winning Australian softball team at the Athens 2004 Olympic Games.

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Ross Herbert Memorial Scholarship Award for Golf — **Andrew Martin**

Brent Harding Memorial Scholarship Award for Swimming — **Linda MacKenzie**

Nathan Meade Memorial Scholarship Award for Diving — **Loudy Tourky** (AIS/NSWIS)

Darren Smith Memorial Scholarship Award for Road Cycling — **Chris Sutton** (AIS/NSWIS)

Professor Peter Fricker appointed new AIS Director

It was announced on 11 May that Professor Peter Fricker has been appointed the seventh Director of the AIS.

Peter, who has been Acting Director since the departure of Michael Scott in February, is one of Australia's pre-eminent sports scientists. Awarded the Order of Australia in 1993, he is a well-known and highly respected figure, both in Australian sport and internationally. He joined the AIS as its first medical officer in 1981 and became Assistant Director (Technical) in 2001. He served as Medical Director for the 2004 Australian Olympic team in Athens and the Australian Commonwealth Games team in Manchester in 2002. He was the Deputy Medical Director for the Australian Olympic team at Seoul, Barcelona, Atlanta and Sydney.

In announcing the appointment, Australian Sports Commission CEO, Mark Peters, said: 'Professor Fricker has served the AIS and sport in general in this country with distinction, and has played a critical role in the remarkable success of the AIS since its inception in 1981 and the consequent resurgence of Australia as a sporting power'.

In his long career at the AIS, Peter has overseen many aspects of the innovative application of technology and breakthroughs in medicine and science to better prepare AIS and



Australian athletes to reach their potential.

After four years as AIS Director, Michael Scott announced his resignation in December 2004 to take up the position of CEO of the 2007 FINA World Swimming Championships, to be staged in Melbourne. Michael's decision to leave was motivated by family and lifestyle reasons.

Mark Peters paid tribute to Michael's enormous contribution to Australian sport over the past four years. 'Following Australia's success at the 2000 Sydney Games we needed to keep our focus moving towards Athens. Through Michael's leadership and strategic approach to sporting excellence, the AIS has further enhanced its international reputation as a world-leading institution.' Mark also acknowledged Michael's family for their understanding and support for Michael in what was a demanding role.

Coaching changes

After 20 years and over 300 games with the AIS Women's Basketball program, Head Coach Phil Brown will leave the AIS after the Junior World Championships. Phil had the honour of guiding the AIS to its first-ever Women's National Basketball League title in 1998–99. He coached, as AIS scholarship holders, 11 of the 12 Australian players who won the silver medal in the Athens Olympics women's basketball tournament. He has also been Assistant National Coach. Since announcing his departure from the AIS, Phil has accepted the position of Associate Head Coach with the University of Oregon women's basketball program.

Replacing Phil as Head Coach of the AIS Women's Basketball program is Dean Kinsman. Kinsman has been the South Australian Country Development Officer and South Australia National ITC Program Country Head Coach for the past five years. He was also the Australian National Junior Women's Assistant Coach (2003–05) and Assistant Coach to the Adelaide Quit Lightning when they won WNBL championships in 1995 and 1996.

Under the new arrangements for the AIS Gymnastics program, current AIS men's coach Vladimir Vatkin has been appointed Men's Senior Coach, and Valery Kaladzinski Senior Coach of the women's program. Valery had been the head coach of the Belarus women's artistic gymnastics team since 1993. Lisa Gowthorp, who has spent the last four years as NSW Institute of Sport Swimming Program Manager, has been appointed to the new position of AIS Gymnastics Program Manager. As mentioned in the previous edition of *AIS Alumni News*, the Head Coach of AIS Men's Gymnastics, Warwick Forbes, has taken up the position of Group Sport Manager in AIS administration, and Head Coach of AIS Women's Gymnastics, Tian Ju Ping, has been appointed Women's National Junior Development Coach, based in Canberra.

There have also been significant coaching changes in the AIS Swimming program. Head Coach Pierre Lafontaine has returned home to become CEO of Swimming Canada. Barry Prime has left the AIS after 12 years and Glenn Beringen has returned to Adelaide. Vince Raleigh, Shannon Rollason and Doug Frost have joined the program as senior coaches. Doug has coached Olympic, world championship and Commonwealth Games gold-medal winners. He coached Ian Thorpe to three gold medals at the

Sydney 2000 Olympics and was a coach on most Australian teams from 1997 to 2002. Shannon coaches Athens 2004 gold medallists Jodie Henry and Alice Mills, who have taken up AIS scholarships. The fourth member of the coaching team is Assistant Coach John Fowlie.

Russell Borgeaud has been appointed Head Coach of the AIS and Australian Men's indoor volleyball programs. He replaces Jon Uriarte, who has returned to Argentina. Russell has been Assistant Coach in the AIS men's program since 2002. He represented Australia 153 times as a player and was captain in 1991. Following the closure of the Women's Volleyball program, Head Coach Mark Barnard has been appointed General Manager of ACT Volleyball, and Assistant Coach Sue Jenkins has joined the Australian Sports Commission's Sport Innovation and Best Practice section as a sports consultant.

Brian Richardson, Head Coach of the Australian national rowing team from 1997 to 2000, has been appointed as Senior Men's Coach in the AIS Rowing program and National Men's Technical Coordinator. Regarded as one of the world's leading coaches, he has coached rowing crews to more than 60 world championship and Olympic medals, and has been Head Coach of the Canadian national team since 2001. Brian replaces Bob Bleakley, who has retired.

After five years as Head Coach of the Australian Football program — the AIS/AFL Academy — Terry Wheeler has been appointed to the position of High Performance Coaching Consultant, in the Australian Sports Commission Coaching and Officiating unit. Former Fitzroy Coach



Phil Brown with the AIS Women's Basketball team

Alan McConnell has been appointed AIS/AFL Academy Head Coach. Alan has had a 15-year professional career coaching at AFL level, most recently as Assistant Coach at the Geelong Football Club.

Tom Sermanni has been appointed AIS Women's Football (formerly Soccer) Head Coach, and National Coach of the Australian Matildas. He was previously National Women's Coach from 1994 to 1997, and Assistant Coach in the AIS men's program in 1993 and 1994. In recent years, Tom has coached in the US Women's Professional Soccer League and then served as Director of Soccer Development in the Malaysian state of Sarawak.

Greg McFadden is the new AIS Women's Water Polo Head Coach and Australian National Coach. Greg moved from the AIS Men's Water Polo program, where he was Head Coach. He was a Barcelona Olympian and Assistant Coach of the Australian women's team that finished fourth at the Athens Olympic Games.



Shannon Rollason coaching at the AIS

Former AIS scholarship holder and Australian water polo captain John Fox has taken over from Greg McFadden as AIS Men's Water Polo Head Coach. The focus of the program is preparation for the junior world championships in Argentina in October. AIS Men's Water Polo Assistant Coach Mark Hubbard has moved to the NSW Institute of Sport as Men's Water Polo Coach.

Frank Murray has been named as the new AIS Head Coach for Women's Hockey, replacing David Bell who has become Coaching Manager for Hockey Australia. Frank was Head Coach of the AIS men's program from 1994 to 1996.

AIS Netball has appointed a new Assistant Coach, former AIS scholarship holder Roselee Jencke. Roselee was a member of the Australian team from 1983 to 1992. She was Defence Coach for the Melbourne Phoenix in 1999 and 2000 and Assistant Coach of the Melbourne Kestrels in 2003. Outgoing Assistant Coach Rebecca Oakman has returned to Tasmania.

Fabian Barlow, previously Head Coach of the Victorian Institute of Sport and

Victorian women's team, has been appointed Head Coach of AIS Softball and Australian Women's National Coach.

Tim Nielsen has replaced Bennett King as Head Coach of the AIS Men's Cricket program at the Commonwealth Bank Centre of Excellence in Brisbane. Tim played 101 first-class games for South Australia as a wicketkeeper/batsman and his 316 dismissals are a state record. He has been an Assistant Coach with the Australian team since 2002. Bennett King resigned to take up an appointment as Coach of the West Indies.

Tim Rogers has joined the Strength and Conditioning department as a Strength and Conditioning Coordinator.

Mike Druce has replaced Richard Fox as the Head Coach of the AIS Slalom Course Program. Richard Fox has taken the position of National Performance Director — responsible for both Flatwater and Slalom Canoe National Programs.

Gareth Jones, Assistant Coach in the AIS Golf program, has left to start a golf coaching business, 'In Full Swing', at Patterson River Country Club in Melbourne.

The AIS Alumni Association thanks all the departing coaches for their commitment to their AIS athletes and wishes them every success for the future.

Program changes

After a review of AIS scholarship programs, the Australian Sports Commission Board has decided to discontinue the Women's Volleyball and Men's Water Polo programs. Women's Volleyball has already finished up and Men's Water Polo will be phased out after the junior world championships in Argentina in October.

Following the Football Federation of Australia official name change earlier this year, the AIS Soccer program will now be known as AIS Men's Football and AIS Women's Football.

Petria Thomas wins the Sport Australia Hall of Fame 'The Don' Award

Athens 2004 Olympic Games triple gold medallist Petria Thomas won the 2004 Sport Australia Hall of Fame 'The Don' Award, announced in December 2004.

The award, named after Australian sporting legend and first inductee to the Sport Australia Hall of Fame, Sir Donald Bradman, honours the current Australian athlete deemed by the members of the Sport Australia Hall of Fame to have most inspired the nation by their performance and example in sport during the preceding 12 months.

The award citation stated that:

Great determination and perseverance by Petria saw her overcome severe injuries over the last few years to win three gold medals — in the 100-metre butterfly, 4 x 100-metre freestyle relay and 4 x 100-metre medley relay at Athens. Her experience in the relays with younger swimmers proved invaluable.

Accepting the award, Petria said she was proud but surprised to have even

been considered for the award. 'I'm a little overwhelmed to have won this award, particularly in the company of the other top athletes nominated. The award represents what is best about sport in this country and the values I hold dear.

'There's a lot of people who should share this honour with me and I'd like in particular to thank the support staff at the AIS who have put me back together after each of my shoulder operations. Knowing I had achieved some great results in my career without having swum that perfect race was what helped me keep going through the pain and putting in the hours to achieve what I did in Athens.'

Her swimming peers also recently recognised her performance in and out of the pool when she was awarded the 2004 Swimmers' Swimmer Award by Swimming Australia.

Of the six new members inducted into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame, four were former AIS scholarship athletes — netballer Vicki Wilson, skier Zali Steggall, rower Megan Marcks (Still) and rugby union captain John Eales.

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■ TRACK AND FIELD

Athens Olympics bronze medallist Nathan Deakes won the opening race of the IAAF Race Walking Challenge, over 20 kilometres, in Tijuana, Mexico in March. He followed up with a second to the Olympic silver medallist three weeks later in Portugal, and then recorded another win in the third race of the series in China. In the race in China, Nathan's fellow AIS walker, Luke Adams, achieved a personal-best time and a world championships 'A' qualifier.

Former AIS walker and Athens bronze medallist, Jane Saville, was second in the women's event in Mexico.

■ APC SKIING

Michael Milton (AIS/NSWIS) broke his own world record for speed skiing on one leg and outriggers, when he clocked a time of 210.04 kilometres per hour.

■ AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL (AIS/AFL ACADEMY)

Fifteen AIS/AFL Academy graduates were selected in the 2004 AFL draft in November. The first five players selected in the draft were Academy scholarship holders Brett Deledio (Richmond), Jarryd Roughhead (Hawthorn), Ryan Griffen (Western Bulldogs), Richard Tambling (Richmond) and Lance Franklin (Hawthorn). All five have already played senior football in 2005.

The other AIS/AFL Academy scholarship holders drafted were Angus Monfries (Essendon), Andrew McQualter (St Kilda), Cameron Wood (Brisbane), Pat Garner (Brisbane), Chad Gibson (Adelaide), Fabian Deluca (Port Adelaide), Mitch Morton (West Coast), Justin Sherman (Brisbane), Benet Copping (Fremantle) and Toby Stribling (Fremantle).

AFL clubs selected a further four scholarship players in the rookie draft: Ben Davies (Collingwood), Ben Sharp (West Coast), Heath Grundy (Sydney) and Stefan Garrubba (Sydney).

■ BASKETBALL

Of the 18 players in the first squad named for the 2005 FIBA World Championships for Young Men, to be played in Argentina in August, 17 are current or former AIS players. The current scholarship holders named are Ben Allen, Jeffrey Dowdell, Adam Gibson and Brad Hill, while the past scholarship holders are Andrew Bogut, Aaron Bruce, Sam Harris, Carlin Hughes, Blagoj Janev, Matthew Knight, Aleksandar

Maric, Steven Markovic, Damian Martin, Brad Newley, Mitch Selwood, Gregory Vanderjagt and Lucas Walker.

The Australian Gems squad for the 2005 FIBA World Championships for Junior Women in Tunisia in July includes ten AIS athletes on scholarship in 2004 and 2005: Abby Bishop, Renae Camino, Caitlin Cunningham, Mikaela Dombkins, Rebecca Duke, Christina Fox, Rachel Herrick, Kathleen MacLeod, Jenna O'Hea and Melissa Smith.

Of the initial Opals national senior women's squad named for 2005, 27 of the 30 players are either current or former AIS scholarship holders.

Renae Camino, a 2004 scholarship holder, was named 2004–05 WNBL Rookie of the Year.

Following the 2004–05 NBL season, AIS 2003 and 2004 scholarship holder Brad Newley, of the Townsville Crocodiles, became the first player in NBL history to win both the Rookie of the Year and Best Sixth Man awards.

■ BOXING

After the Australian championships, a number of AIS and former AIS boxers were selected, along with AIS and National Head Coach, Bodo Andreass, for a training camp and competition in the Czech Republic. They then travelled to Germany for further competition.

2005 scholarship holders Jarrod Fletcher and Michael Hatwell won medals in Usti in the Czech Republic. Jarrod won a silver medal, losing the gold medal bout to a Cuban boxer, while Michael won a bronze medal. In Halle, Germany, AIS scholarship boxer Adam Forsyth and former AIS boxer Erle Wiltshire each won a bronze medal.

■ CRICKET (MEN)

Of the 26 scholarship holders in 2004, 17 received either full or rookie contracts with their state associations. A number of players made their debut for their state in the 2004–05 season. They were Tom Plant and Dan Cullen for South Australia, Jason Krejza for New South Wales and Adam Voges for Western Australia.

Two 2004 scholarship holders also entered the record books for Australian domestic limited-overs matches. Adam Voges scored the fastest hundred ever in the competition, while Travis Birt teamed with former AIS scholarship holder

Michael Bevan to put on the highest one-day domestic cricket partnership for Tasmania of 145 runs.

Former AIS Cricket scholarship holder Brian McFadyen coached Tasmania to win only its second domestic one-day championship. Tasmania's previous win was in 1979.

■ CYCLING

Chris Sutton (AIS/NSWIS) made a solo sprint to the finish to win the Under-23 GP Liberazione road race, a highlight of early season European road cycling, in Italy in April. He crossed the line eight seconds ahead of his nearest rival. This was a huge achievement for someone so new to the European circuit.

■ FOOTBALL (MEN)

The AIS competed in the Adelaide International Soccer Challenge in January against Aston Villa (England), Verdi (Japan), AC Milan (Italy) and Barcelona (Spain). The AIS lost to Aston Villa (0–2) and Barcelona (0–3) but drew 3–3 with Verdi (Verdi won the penalty shootout 4–2) and 1–1 with AC Milan (AIS defeated AC Milan 17–16 in a marathon penalty shootout).

With the demise of the National Youth League following the restructure of football (soccer) in Australia, the AIS joined the NSW Premier League Under-20 competition. After 16 matches in the competition, the AIS had won 12 games and lost four, which included three consecutive losses in January.

■ FOOTBALL (WOMEN)

The Australian Matildas, under new coach Tom Sermanni, came close to pulling off a surprise tournament win at the Four Nations Tournament held in China in February. The Matildas defeated current world champions Germany 1–0 in their opening match, before going down 3–0 to hosts China. After Australia thrashed Russia 5–0 in its final match, and Germany defeated China, Australia and China were equal on both competition points and goals-for-and-against for the tournament. However, China won the championship as it had defeated Australia.

Captain Cheryl Salisbury set an appearance record for the women's national team when she played her 103rd game. Of the 18-member team, 13 were 2005 AIS scholarship holders and four were former scholarship holders.



The Matildas drew a two-match series against Japan in Australia in March, losing the first 2–0 but coming back to beat the visitors 2–1 in the second.

■ GYMNASTICS

In Brisbane in April, AIS women gymnasts competed for Australia against Ukraine and AIS male gymnasts against Great Britain. Australia won both competitions.

Hollie Dykes (AIS) won the women's all-around competition with Monette Russo (AIS/VIS) third.

■ GOLF

Kurt Barnes (AIS 2000) won his first professional title in the Toyota Queensland PGA Championship, with a four-round total of 259, 29 under par.

Brendan Jones (AIS 1993–94) and Euan Walters (AIS 1996) have gained their US PGA Tour cards.

■ HOCKEY

At the 2004 Australian Sports Awards in Sydney in March, the Australian Kookaburras were named 2004 Team of the Year, and AIS and Australian Head Coach Barry Dancer the 2004 Australian Coach of the Year. All team members were AIS scholarship holders.

Kookaburras Mark Hickman, Adam Commens and Michael Brennan, and Hockeyroos Bianca Netzler, Louise Dobson and captain Katrina Powell have announced their retirements since Athens. Katrina has taken up a new appointment as Scholarship Coach with the Hockey program in Perth.

NETBALL

In April, the AIS Canberra Darters competed in the annual pre-season tournament, the Sydney Olympic Park Netball Cup, against the Sydney Swifts, the England national team, Fuji Film Fighters (New Zealand), Hunter Jaegers, Adelaide Thunderbirds, Southern Sting and Queensland Firebirds.

The Darters reached the semifinals, losing to the Hunter Jaegers in the play-off for third and fourth places.

ROWING

The AIS Rowing team of 12 athletes won seven national titles, eight silver medals and eight bronze medals at the national championships in Penrith in March, which was also a national team selection regatta. The outstanding performer was women's sculler Sally Kehoe (AIS/QAS),

the 2004 Junior World Champion and Rowing Australia 2004 Women's Rower of the Year, who won four national titles. Sculler Amber Bradley (AIS/WAIS) won five medals, Sonia Mills (AIS/ACTAS) four medals and Alister Taylor (AIS/VIS), in his first year in an elite program, won three medals.

In her first year as a senior, Sally Kehoe won the women's single scull national title, the women's interstate sculling championship, teamed with Amber Bradley to win the women's national double scull championship, and with Amber, Sonia Mills and Robyn Selby Smith (AIS/VIS) also won the national quad scull title.

The men's quad scull — Henry Gundry, Craig Jones, Alister Taylor and Ben Southwell — also won the national championship, while Robyn Selby Smith was a member of the winning women's eight and women's interstate eight crews.

SQUASH

AIS scholarship holder Stewart Boswell made a successful return to international squash after 18 months on the sidelines with a crippling back injury, when he won the South Island Championships in Christchurch, New Zealand. Stewart was formerly ranked fourth in the world.

SWIMMING

AIS swimmers won eight gold, 11 silver and eight bronze medals, and set one Commonwealth and four Australian records at the Australian Swimming Championships in Sydney in March, which also served as the world championships selection trials.

Ten AIS swimmers — Jade Edmestone, Felicity Galvez, Jodie Henry, Brendon Hughes, Linda MacKenzie, Alice Mills, Sarah Paton, Andrew Richards, Brenton Rickard and Mark Riley — were selected in the world championships team.

Alice set a Commonwealth and Australian record in the 50-metre freestyle, Brenton set Australian records in both the 50-metre and 100-metre breaststroke, and Jade set an Australian record in the heat of the 50-metre breaststroke, which she then lowered in the semifinal.

AIS gold medallists at the national championships were:

- Brenton Rickard, 50-metre breaststroke, 100-metre breaststroke
- Alice Mills, 50-metre freestyle, 100-metre freestyle

- Linda MacKenzie, 200-metre freestyle, 400-metre freestyle
- Jade Edmestone, 50-metre breaststroke
- Sarah Paton, 1500-metre freestyle.

■ TENNIS

Former AIS Tennis scholarship holders achieved excellent results at the Australian Open in January.

Alicia Molik, with Russian Svetlana Kuznetsova, won the women's doubles, defeating Americans Lindsay Davenport and Corina Morariu in straight sets in the final. In the women's singles, Alicia defeated Venus Williams in the fourth round before losing to Lindsay Davenport 9–7 in the third set in the quarter-finals.

Lleyton Hewitt was runner-up to Russian Marat Safin in the men's singles.

Samantha Stosur won the mixed doubles title with Scott Draper, after receiving a wildcard entry into the competition. Sam's victory followed on from her excellent singles performances leading into the Open, when she was runner-up in the Sydney International and Gold Coast tournaments.

Current scholarship holder Chris Guccione beat Lars Uebel of Germany to win the \$25 000 Australian Men's Claycourt Challenger in Canberra in April. He also combined with AIS Men's Coach Richard Fromberg to win the doubles. Chris's victory followed wins in the Challenger singles and doubles in Burnie in February and in the South Australian Men's Future event.

Chris made his Davis Cup debut for Australia against Austria in March, beating Alexander Peya 6–3, 6–4 in a dead singles rubber. He also progressed through the qualifying tournament and won his first round singles at the French Open.

Dubravka Cupac won her first professional title, the US\$10 000 Dublin Open in Ireland.

Daniella Dominikovic won three US\$25 000 Challenger women's doubles titles.

Shayna McDowell (AIS) defeated Lu-Lung Chen of Taipei, 6–1, 6–0, in the girls' final of the International Tennis Federation junior event held in Taipei in April. Patrick Nicholls (AIS/VIS) defeated Andrew Coelho (AIS/VIS) in the semifinals of the boys' event,

before losing to Chu-Haun Yi of Taipei, ranked sixth in the world, 6–7, 6–2, 2–6 in the final.

■ TRIATHLON

AIS and former AIS triathletes have performed strongly in recent Triathlon World Cup events over the Olympic distance.

In April, former scholarship holder Emma Snowsill won the women's World Cup race in Honolulu, with Annabel Luxford third.

At Mooloolaba in May, AIS scholarship holder Simon Thompson won the men's event, while in the women's race, Emma Snowsill and Annabel Luxford finished second and third, respectively.

At the Australian Triathlon Championships in Geelong in March, AIS athlete Annabel Luxford finished a very strong second behind 2003 world champion and former AIS scholarship holder, Emma Snowsill, in the women's open event. Former scholarship holder Felicity Abram was third, just ahead of AIS athlete Nicole Hackett. Annabel won the under-23 title and, with Emma, secured her place in the Australian elite team for the 2005 Triathlon World Championships.

In a very strong men's field, three AIS triathletes finished ahead of 2004 world champion and Olympic silver medallist Beven Docherty of New Zealand. AIS athletes Peter Robertson, Brad Kahlefeldt and Christopher Hill finished second, third and fifth, respectively.

■ VOLLEYBALL (MEN)

In July 2005, the Volleyball Team Australia Men's Team (all AIS scholarship holders) qualified for the Men's World Championship to be held in Japan in 2006.

■ VOLLEYBALL (WOMEN)

In December, the AIS women's team won the Australian Volleyball League final, defeating Sydney University in five hard-fought sets.

■ WATER POLO (MEN)

The AIS Finns, an under-18 development team, exceeded all expectations when they finished seventh, narrowly missing the National Water Polo League playoffs for the first time. The AIS and the University of Western Australia Torpedoes both finished with 50 points at the end of the season. However, University of Western Australia edged out the AIS on the basis of a superior head-to-head record over the AIS during the season.

In an exciting drive to the finals, the AIS defeated three-time national league champions, the Victorian Tigers, beat the Hobart Hammerheads 38–6, the highest score recorded by a team in the league's 16-year history, and on the final weekend of competition drew with the second-placed Fremantle Mariners and defeated the sixth-placed University of Western Australia.

■ WINTER SPORTS

AIS aerial skier Lydia Ierodiaconou had won three times in this season's World Cup before she suffered concussion in February, which caused her to miss two competitions. She nevertheless finished second overall in the World Cup.

Dale Begg-Smith, a 2004–05 scholarship holder, earned Australia's second-ever World Cup moguls silver medal in the dual moguls at Deer Valley in Utah in January, beating the Olympic champion in the semifinal. He then became the first Australian to win a World Cup medal in single moguls when he won a silver medal in Japan in February.

Snowboarder Torah Bright won a silver medal at the 2005 US Open in March.

World championships results

Cricket (Women)

The Australian women's cricket team won the 2005 World Cup in South Africa in April, defeating India by 98 runs in the final. This was Australia's fifth World Cup win in eight tournaments. Karen Rolton played a match-winning innings of 107 not out, only the second century in a women's World Cup final. Karen was named player of the match and the tournament.

Thirteen of the 14 team members — Belinda Clark, Karen Rolton, Alex Blackwell, Kate Blackwell, Louise Broadfoot, Cathryn Fitzpatrick, Julie Hayes, Melanie Jones, Lisa Keightley, Shelley Nitschke, Julia Price, Clea Smith and Lisa Sthalekar — were AIS scholarship holders.

Cycling

At the 2005 Track Cycling World Championships in Los Angeles in

March, the Australian Cyclones topped the medal tally with nine medals — one gold, three silver and five bronze.

Katie Mactier (AIS/VIS) was the 3000-metre individual pursuit gold medallist. Katie was the silver medallist at the 2003 and 2004 world championships and again at the Athens Olympic Games, and beat Kate Bates in an all-Australian final.

The other AIS medal winners were:

- Kate Bates (AIS/NSWIS), silver medal in both the women's individual pursuit and women's scratch race
- Anna Meares (AIS/QAS), silver medal, women's 500-metre time trial
- Jobie Dajka (former AIS/SASI), bronze medal, men's sprint
- Matthew Goss (AIS/TIS), Ashley Hutchinson (AIS/QAS), Mark Jamieson

(AIS/TIS) and Stephen Wooldridge (AIS/NSWIS), bronze medal, men's 4000-metre team pursuit

- Shane Kelly (AIS/VIS), bronze medal, men's keirin
- Kate Bates (AIS/NSWIS), bronze medal, women's points race
- Anna Meares (AIS/QAS), bronze medal, women's sprint.

Shane Kelly's medal was his thirteenth (four gold, five silver and four bronze) at 12 world championships since 1991. In the women's sprint Anna Meares raced off against her sister Kerrie for the bronze medal. Kerrie won the first heat before Anna won the next two heats to secure the bronze medal. Ben Kersten (former AIS/NSWIS) was fourth in the one-kilometre time trial.

AIS 25th birthday: 2006

The AIS celebrates 25 years in 2006!

A range of activities is being planned, both at the AIS in Canberra and nationally, to mark this significant milestone. Activities will include a mid-year gala dinner to which past and present athletes and staff will be invited.

To register your interest in attending the gala dinner, or to receive more information once it becomes available, please email ais25birthday@ausport.gov.au.

Missing Alumni

We have lost touch with some of our Alumni members. We have posted a list of 'missing' Alumni on our web site at www.ais.org.au/alumni/news.asp.

We would ask you to take a few moments to look at the list, and if you know the whereabouts of any of the people on the list, ask them to register with us again.

Please help!

The Alumni Association operates on a limited budget, and as the number of members has increased, mailing out copies of *AIS Alumni News* has become more costly and labour intensive. If you are still receiving your newsletter by mail, but have an email address, we would really appreciate it if you would send it through to us.

Simply complete an Alumni Association registration form at www.ais.org.au/alumni/registration.asp (even if you have already done so), giving us your email address.

If we have managed to reach you through your club, we would like to update our address listings with your personal mailing address. Why not send it to us, and if you have an email address, include that too.

AIS Alumni News and the Alumni database will be two of the main sources for distribution of information about planning for celebrating the AIS 25th birthday.

Athlete search

If you know the postal address, email address, telephone number or any other contact details (such as a club the athlete is connected with) for any other former AIS athletes, you could help us by asking them to send their contact information to:

Wanda Sipa, AIS Alumni, PO Box 176, Belconnen ACT 2616, or complete a registration form at www.ais.org.au/alumni/registration.asp.

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Obituary — Denes Pocsik

Former AIS Men's Water Polo Coach Denes Pocsik died in November while on a trip to his native Hungary to visit his daughters.

Denes arrived in Australia in 1995 to become the Western Australian Institute of Sport Men's Water Polo Coach and had coached in Australia for the past nine years. He was AIS and National Men's Assistant Coach from 1998 until 2000, including the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.

Denes was one of a handful of athletes to win medals at three successive Olympic Games, winning a gold medal in Tokyo in 1964, bronze in Mexico in 1968 and silver in Munich in 1972. He was a legend among legends in water polo-mad Hungary.

Former AIS Men's Water Polo and Sydney Olympics Head Coach, Don Cameron, who saw Denes play in Hungary in 1974 when he was still at the height of his powers, remembers that he had tremendously strong legs and an amazingly powerful shot.

Don said, 'Denes will be missed by the countless water polo people in Australia touched by a kind and gentle man. Players in particular recognised a kindred spirit who had a love affair with the game and who always had their best interests at heart.'



'When players forgot to give of their best, Denes could be tough, but he preferred to reinforce good performance as a way of building confidence for the battles to come.'

'When players and colleagues talk of Denes in times to come, the words gentleman and friend will always be used about this giant of a man in every sense,' Don said.

Denes moved to Melbourne in 2001 to take up a position as the Victorian National Training Centre coach, but fell ill in 2003. Unfortunately both he and his wife Judit were hospitalised within three weeks of each other and his wife died soon after Denes underwent a successful operation to treat a mild form of brain cancer. He leaves two daughters, Anita and Judit, both living in Hungary.

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QUESTIONNAIRE



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The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) would appreciate it if you could take the time to complete this questionnaire. Our aim is to identify ways in which we can better service the AIS Alumni.

Name:

Sport (while at the AIS):

1 In what year(s) were you an AIS scholarship holder?

2 If AIS Alumni services were expanded, which of the following benefits would you find valuable?
(please tick one box per line)

	1 Not at all valuable	2 Not valuable	3 Neutral	4 Valuable	5 Very valuable
Discount at the AIS Shop/online shop					
Copy of the ASC's quarterly magazine <i>Ausport</i>					
Invitation to milestone events, reunions, yearly meetings or social functions (discounted cost would apply)					
Discount for ASC corporate publications such as <i>Excellence</i> and the <i>Survival</i> cookbooks					
Access to AIS training facilities					

Other, please specify:

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3 Would you be interested in purchasing AIS Alumni merchandise such as caps, jumpers and sports accessories?
(please tick one box only)

Yes No Maybe/unsure

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Quarterly Twice yearly Other.....

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 Yes No Maybe/unsure
- 8 If a 'Friends of the AIS' donations program was developed, would you consider donating to or supporting the program? (please tick one box only)
 Yes No Maybe/unsure
- 9 Would you be interested in being involved in the following Australian Sports Commission/AIS programs? (please tick one box per line only)
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| AIS speakers' bureau | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Athlete mentoring | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| AIS fundraising activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Alumni-sponsored scholarship positions | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Traineeships/employing AIS athletes | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| AIS Ambassador | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Your feedback is valuable to us.

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