

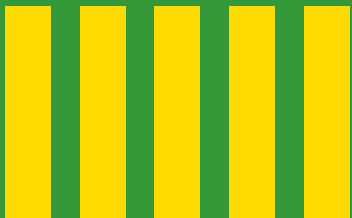
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PARIS 2024 PARALYMPIC BRIEF



Vanessa Low in action.

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WHEN TO WATCH

28 August – 8 September
Paris is 8 hours behind AEST

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PARALYMPICS LIVE

The newly reopened AIS Arena in Canberra will host **Paralympics Live** for the public to attend on August 31. Paralympics Live viewing events are happening right across Australia.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands where its offices are located, the Ngunnawal people and recognise any other people or families with connection to the lands of the ACT and region, the Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung people of the Kulin Nation, the people of the Yugambah Nation and the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation.

The ASC extends this acknowledgment to all the Traditional Custodians of the lands and First Nations Peoples throughout Australia and would like to pay its respects to all Elders past, present and future.

The ASC recognises the outstanding contribution that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples make to society and sport in Australia and celebrates the power of sport to promote reconciliation and reduce inequality.



THE

AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION

LEADING A COLLABORATIVE SPORT SECTOR

Australian Sports Commission [ASC]

The **ASC** is the Australian Government agency responsible for supporting and investing in sport at all levels. We play a unique role in the sport ecosystem, tackling the big challenges and opportunities with and for the sector.

One of the key roles of the ASC is to increase participation through ensuring sport has a place for all regardless of abilities, age, race, gender, cultural background or socio-economic status. Our **strategic vision** aims to bring out the best in everyone.

The ASC also provides targeted financial support to the sector, including nine recognised National Sporting Organisations for People with Disability (NSODs). The ASC works alongside these NSODs to improve their governance standards, enhance business strategies, recruit executives and strengthen stakeholder management.

Australian Institute of Sport [AIS]

The ASC operates the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS), comprising of physical facilities and the AIS Performance division. The main AIS Campus is in Canberra, with specialised facilities on the Gold Coast (Canoe National Training Centre) and in Varese, Italy (AIS European Training Centre).

The AIS campus in Canberra is known as “the home of sport in Australia”. It is a one-stop-shop with large-scale training facilities, a strength and conditioning gymnasium, accommodation, a nutritionally supported dining hall, physiology and biomechanics laboratories, a hematology laboratory, medical centre and a dedicated recovery centre.

In May 2024, the Australian Government announced a \$249.7 million investment to upgrade AIS facilities which includes creating a world-leading Paralympic performance centre ahead of Brisbane 2032. Paralympics Australia played a pivotal role during the review of the AIS campus, helping to ensure the facilities are inclusive and accessible for all para athletes.

AIS Performance division

Beyond campus, the AIS Performance division provides expertise in:

- > Engineering, machine learning, sport science, sport intelligence and analytics, research and development
- > Performance pathways to ensure ongoing development of our champions of the future
- > Mental health and wellbeing support and community engagement
- > Professional development of coaches, officials and leaders across the sport workforce
- > Sports medicine and recovery
- > Education and career planning to help athletes pursue ambitions beyond sport
- > **Evidence-based position statements and best practice guidelines**



World champion Lauren Parker working alongside AIS Engineering team.

A NEW ERA FOR OUR NATION'S PARALYMPIANS

The AIS has partnered with Paralympics Australia, national sporting organisations and the National Institute Network to focus on overcoming a range of barriers and building a sustainable future for para sport in Australia.

This action forms a key part of Australia's High Performance 2032+ Sport Strategy, a collaborative approach aimed at building success towards Brisbane 2032 and beyond.

The sector is united to ensure para athletes are integrated into broader sports planning and that the system evolves to meet their needs.

The AIS has led a major comprehensive review to better understand barriers to entry and progression for para athletes.

The review identified more than 140 barriers para athletes face, highlighting systematic, attitudinal, policy, environmental and technical obstacles.

A system-wide survey reinforced these findings and has led to several major initiatives being launched. These initiatives, guided by best practice principles, are world leading and focus on progressing current athletes, preparing new pathways and ensuring equitable support across all levels of para sport.

In addition to direct investment into para sport programs, partnerships with the states and territories will see multi-sport para hubs implemented in each state that will:

- > Provide better pathways for para athletes
- > Provide comprehensive support for athletes and coaches
- > Support a centrally led, coordinated and connected national classification system
- > Provide access to fit for purpose equipment
- > Support athletes with transitioning between sports

Access to classification for aspiring Paralympic athletes is imperative to the success of para sports. A world-leading centralised classification system will be unveiled in 2025 to support our athletes and benefit national sporting organisations ahead of LA 2028.

Strengthening the support offered to current para coaches and identifying and developing coaches of the future is another key focus of the project.

This is all made possible through the support of the Australian Government who has doubled federal investment into para sport over the next two years. This increase in funding is critical in laying the foundation for a robust world-class Paralympic system aimed at delivering exceptional results by Brisbane 2032.



Susan Seipel in action on the water. Credit Paralympics Australia.

WIN WELL AND PLAY WELL — SECTOR STRATEGIES



Erik Horrie shaking hands with Roman Polianskyi of Team Ukraine at Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.

Win Well Strategy

- > Australia's High Performance 2032+ Sport Strategy: Win Well was launched in December 2022.
- > For the first time, the high performance sector has collaborated on a united strategy aimed at building success towards Brisbane 2032 and beyond.
- > The Win Well pledge emphasises that “how we win is just as important as when we win,” where athletes and staff are supported to win in all areas of life.
- > A [Connection to Country Action Plan](#) has been developed as part of the strategy to begin a journey of opportunity and progress by enhancing meaningful connection with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, histories, communities, and culture.



Play Well Strategy

- > Australia's first co-designed National Sport Participation Strategy was launched in November 2023.
- > It aims to create safe, welcoming, inclusive and fun sporting environments and experiences to ensure everyone has a place in sport and calls on Australians to Play Well.
- > \$10.3 million in Play Well participation grants has been provided by the ASC to 69 projects across Australia to get more Aussies moving.
- > Similar to the Win Well Strategy, Australia's Sport Participation Strategy recognises the First Peoples of Australia and will explore the role culture plays in building quality sporting experiences and ensure that sport reflects the diversity of Australian society now, and into the future.



HOLISTIC ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT

Holistic athlete development is a national focus in the green and gold decade and beyond as Australia strives to win well. The AIS provides year-round athlete focused services which complement the expertise provided by others in the sector. This collaborative approach makes best use of Australia's available resources to achieve world-class outcomes.

Throughout the Games cycle, AIS staff routinely work alongside different sports and organisations in the following areas.

Wellbeing

Athlete Wellbeing and Engagement Managers are funded by the AIS and embedded into Paralympic and Olympic sports to provide athletes with holistic support and opportunities for personal and professional development.

The AIS Mental Health Referral Network is a group of expert psychologists and mental health clinicians who understand the pressures and complexity of life in a high performance setting. They provide free support to individuals within the sport system.

The Career Practitioner Referral Network is a national network of professional career practitioners servicing athletes. These career practitioners have expertise in working with high performance athletes and provide up-to-date knowledge about career development.

Rehabilitation and recovery

AIS Intensive Rehabilitation supports injured Australian athletes to return to performance through the delivery of intensive, integrated and complex rehabilitation solutions.

The AIS campus offers the unique ability to focus on the delivery of high impact, outcome driven rehabilitation for athletes, through the use of exceptional facilities and specialised sports expertise.

The **AIS REST Hub** provides specialised support across the areas of Recovery, Environment, Sleep, and Travel (REST) to optimise athlete preparation and performance. The REST Hub team has supported para athletes in the lead up to Paris with targeted education and individualised heat management, travel and

recovery plans as well as jet lag adaptation plans. The REST Hub team have also led the delivery of customised 'made-to-measure' compression garments for para athletes. Furthermore, through the support of the AIS Engineering team, the REST hub team have increased the accessibility of recovery methods for para athletes with customised recovery baths, transfer aids and bath seats.

Performance support

The AIS has ten National Network leads responsible for creating a united, collaborative network of experts within sport to enhance podium success. The AIS provides leadership in:

- > Biomechanics
- > Performance nutrition
- > Performance analysis
- > Performance psychology
- > Physical therapies (physiotherapy)
- > Physiology
- > Skill acquisition
- > Sports medicine
- > Strength and conditioning
- > Wellbeing and engagement

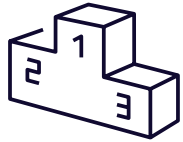
These leads are responsible for building connections in the system to share intelligence, reduce duplication and drive innovative practice. They develop and share performance solutions, guidelines and approaches. They also assist in developing individual practitioners.

The team drives initiatives that have a basis in Sports Science and Sports Medicine, such as the Female Performance & Health Initiative and the Disordered Eating project.



AIS REST Hub in Paris.

GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT



\$398.3 million

PARIS CYCLE FUNDING

The Australian Government is the major investor in high performance sport in Australia. During the three-year Paris cycle, which followed the delay of the Tokyo Games, the ASC directly invested \$398.3m in high performance funding towards Paralympic and Olympic sports.

This included a \$20 million injection in July 2023 through the Paris Preparation Fund. The ASC distributed \$15 million to 32 eligible sporting organisations to assist with the rising cost of travel to compete at critical qualification events; and the remaining \$5 million to 56 targeted projects across 26 sports to enhance medal potential.

Further details of funding to sports can be found [HERE](#)



\$47 million

DIRECT ATHLETE SUPPORT (dAIS)

To win medals in an increasingly competitive environment, most athletes must train full time- often forgoing paid work. The Commonwealth supplements the incomes of hard working athletes on their path to representing Australia through the longstanding direct athlete support (dAIS) grants.

The ASC has committed more than \$47 million across 36 sporting organisations in dAIS grants since the Tokyo Games. Eligible athletes training in Paralympic, Olympic and Commonwealth Games sports receive \$4,000 to \$37,500 per year.

Paralympians who have received this funding are listed in the [ATHLETE DIRECTORY](#)



\$489 million

LOS ANGELES 2028 CYCLE FUNDING

In June 2024, the Australian Government announced a record \$489 million will go towards high performance sport over the first two years of the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic and Paralympic cycle. This includes a record \$54.9 million in additional para sport funding, doubling the existing support.

Additionally, the Australian Government has injected \$249.7m to revitalise the AIS site in Canberra ahead of Brisbane 2032.

Further details of funding to sports can be found [HERE](#)



\$8.1 million

LOCAL PARA CHAMPIONS AND LOCAL SPORTING CHAMPIONS GRANTS

Money should not get in the way of a kid's sporting dream. That's why the Commonwealth provides direct financial support to help athletes aged 12-18 travel to state, national and international sporting events.

Over \$8.1 million in Local Para Champions (LPC) and Local Sporting Champions (LSC) grants are distributed by the ASC annually. Since 2008, 96,190 grants to the value of \$58.3 million have been provided to young athletes, coaches and match officials under the LSC and LPC grant program.

Paralympians who have received this funding are listed in the [ATHLETE DIRECTORY](#)

BY THE NUMBERS



16,941 km

CANBERRA TO PARIS

Distance between the AIS Campus in Canberra and the Paralympic host city.



3530

AIS STAYS

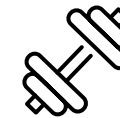
3530 athletes and support staff across 35 sports are forecast to attend camps at the AIS Campus, Canberra in 2024.



932

AIS ETC STAYS

932 athletes and support staff are forecast to attend camps at the AIS European Training Centre in Italy in 2024.



248

CUSTOM EQUIPMENT PROJECTS

The AIS Engineering Team completed a record 153 Paralympic and 95 Olympic projects in the lead up to Paris.



51

WIN WELL PLEDGES

51 organisations have made the Win Well Pledge through Australia's High Performance 2022+ Sport Strategy.



160

ATHLETES

Total Australian Paralympians across 17 sports.



15

YOUNGEST ATHLETE

Holly Warn, Para swimming.



69

OLDEST ATHLETE

Jimmy Huo, Para table tennis.



27

ATHLETES BORN OVERSEAS

27 team members were born overseas in eight different countries.



61

PARALYMPIC DEBUTS

61 athletes will make their Paralympic debut.



70/90

FEMALE/MALE

70 females and 90 males will represent Australia.



DAILY

HIGHLIGHTS

DAILY HIGHLIGHTS

DAY 0

The Paris Paralympic Games Opening Ceremony lights up the Place de la Concorde and the Champs-Élysées. Unlike past Opening Ceremonies held inside a ticketed stadium, it is open to everyone.

Opening Ceremony

Wednesday 28 August 8:00pm CEST
Thursday 29 August 4:00am AEST

DAY 1

The Aussies are out to defend their gold medals: Lakeisha Patterson [100m freestyle S9] and Rowan Crothers [50m freestyle S10].

Wheelchair Rugby: Steelers v Great Britain

Thursday 29 August 11:30am CEST
Thursday 29 August 7:30pm AEST

Para Cycling Track: Finals ●●●

Thursday 29 August 3:50pm CEST
Thursday 29 August 11:50pm AEST

Para Swimming: Finals ●●●

Thursday 29 August 5:30pm CEST
Friday 30 August 1:30am AEST

Wheelchair Basketball: Rollers v Netherlands

Thursday 29 August 9:30pm CEST
Friday 30 August 5:30am AEST

DAY 2

The Rollers are back in action and defending champion Emily Petricola competes in the 3000m individual pursuit MB3. Darren Hicks has his work cut out for him against French hero, Alexandre Leaute in the MC2 3000m individual pursuit.

Para Athletics: Finals ●●●

Friday 30 August 10am CEST
Friday 30 August 6pm AEST

Wheelchair Basketball: Rollers v Spain

Friday 30 August 12:45pm CEST
Friday 30 August 8:45pm AEST

Para Cycling Track: Finals ●●●

Friday 30 August 3:00pm CEST
Friday 30 August 11:00pm AEST

Para Swimming: Finals ●●●

Friday 30 August 5:30pm CEST
Saturday 31 August 1:30am AEST

Para Athletics: Finals ●●●

Friday 30 August 7pm CEST
Saturday 31 September 3am AEST

DAY 3

Tokyo gold medallist Amanda Reid leads Australia's track cycling hopes in the WC4 500m time trial, and Michael Roeger hits the track in the 1500m T46.

Para Athletics: Finals ●●●

Saturday 31 August 10am CEST
Saturday 31 August 6pm AEST

Wheelchair Rugby: Steelers v Denmark

Saturday 31 August 1:30pm CEST
Saturday 31 August 9:30pm AEST

Para Cycling Track: Finals ●●●

Saturday 31 August 1:40pm CEST
Saturday 31 August 9:40pm AEST

Para Swimming: Finals ●●●

Saturday 31 August 5:30pm CEST
Sunday 1 September 1:30am AEST

Para Athletics: Finals ●●●

Saturday 31 August 7pm CEST
Sunday 1 September 3am AEST

●●● Medal event

CEST Central European Summer Time (UTC+2)

AEST Australian Eastern Standard Time (UTC+10)

These are projected highlights subject to athletes qualifying and advancing through heats.

Session start times have been listed — key moments may fall later during each session.

Weather conditions may affect event start times and broadcast times may vary.

Check local guides and the Paris Daily Briefs for updates.

DAY 4

It's finals day at the rowing, with World Champions Erik Horrie (single scull) and Jed Altschwager/ Nikki Ayers (mixed PR3) set to fly. Ahmed Kelly has won the 150m individual medley SM3 World Title, but never Paralympic gold. Is it his day?

Para Triathlon: Men's & Women's PTS finals ●●●

Sunday 1 September 8:15am CEST
Sunday 1 September 4:15pm AEST

Para Rowing: Finals ●●●

Sunday 1 September 9:30am CEST
Sunday 1 September 5:30pm AEST

Para Athletics: Finals ●●●

Sunday 1 September 10am CEST
Sunday 1 September 6pm AEST

Wheelchair Basketball: Rollers v USA

Sunday 1 September 10:30am CEST
Sunday 1 September 6:30pm AEST

Wheelchair Rugby: Semifinals

Sunday 1 September 1:30pm & 7:30pm CEST
Sunday 1 September 9:30pm &
Monday 2 September 3:30am AEST

Para Cycling Track: Finals ●●●

Sunday 1 September 1:50pm CEST
Sunday 1 September 9:50pm CEST

Para Swimming: Finals ●●●

Sunday 1 September 5:30pm CEST
Monday 2 September 1:30am AEST

Para Athletics: Finals ●●●

Sunday 1 September 7pm CEST
Monday 2 September 3am AEST

DAY 5

World Champion Lauren Parker competes in the PTWC1 triathlon before taking on the road cycling later in the Games. Watch world record holder Katja Dedekind in the 50m freestyle S13, and can Dan Michel back up his Tokyo bronze with another boccia medal?

Para Triathlon: Men's & Women's PTWC & PTVI finals ●●●

Monday 2 September 8:15am CEST
Monday 2 September 4:15pm AEST

Para Athletics: Finals ●●●

Monday 2 September 10am CEST
Monday 2 September 6pm AEST

Wheelchair Rugby: Medal matches ●●●

Monday 2 September 1:30pm & 7:30pm CEST
Monday 2 September 9:30pm &
Tuesday 3 September 3:30am AEST

Para Swimming: Finals ●●●

Monday 2 September 5:30pm CEST
Tuesday 3 September 1:30am AEST

Para Athletics: Finals ●●●

Monday 2 September 7pm CEST
Tuesday 3 September 3am AEST

Boccia: Men's individual BC3 gold medal match ●●●

Monday 2 September 8pm CEST
Tuesday 3 September 4am AEST

DAY 6

All eyes are on the track as James Turner looks to keep the 400m T36 gold medal in Aussie hands and Tokyo silver medallist Jaryd Clifford aims to go one better after winning silver in the 1500m T13 in Tokyo.

Para Equestrian: Individual finals ●●●

Tuesday 3 September 9am CEST
Tuesday 3 September 5pm AEST

Para Athletics: Finals ●●●

Tuesday 3 September 10am CEST
Tuesday 3 September 6pm AEST

Para Swimming: Finals ●●●

Tuesday 3 September 5:30pm CEST
Wednesday 4 September 1:30am AEST

Para Athletics: Finals ●●●

Tuesday 3 September 7pm CEST
Wednesday 4 September 3am AEST

DAY 7

100m freestyle S9 world record holder Alexa Leary headlines an exciting night of swimming. Plus runner James Turner [400m T36], cyclist Darren Hicks [MC2 individual time trial] and table tennis' Qian Yang [women's singles class TT10] aim for back-to-back gold.

Para Cycling Road: Time trials ●●●

Wednesday 4 September 8am CEST
Wednesday 4 September 4pm AEST

Para Athletics: Finals ●●●

Wednesday 4 September 10am CEST
Wednesday 4 September 6pm AEST

Para Table Tennis: Gold medal match ●●●

Wednesday 4 September 1:45pm CEST
Wednesday 4 September 9:45pm AEST

Para Archery: Men's individual recurve finals ●●●

Wednesday 4 September 5:30pm CEST
Thursday 5 September 1:30am AEST

Para Swimming: Finals ●●●

Wednesday 4 September 5:30pm CEST
Thursday 5 September 1:30am AEST

Para Athletics: Finals ●●●

Wednesday 4 September 7pm CEST
Thursday 5 September 3am AEST

DAY 8

World record holder Vanessa Low flies in the long jump T61, triathlete Lauren Parker switches to the road cycling H3, and world number one duo Dan Michel and Jamieson Leeson chase a boccia mixed pairs BC3 medal.

Para Cycling Road: Road race ●●●

Thursday 5 September 9:30am CEST
Thursday 5 September 5:30pm CEST

Para Athletics: Finals ●●●

Thursday 5 September 10am CEST
Thursday 5 September 6pm AEST

Boccia: Mixed pairs - BC3 medal matches ●●●

Thursday 5 September 1:40pm & 9pm CEST
Thursday 5 September 9:40pm &
Friday 6 September 5am AEST

Wheelchair Basketball: Men's semifinals

Thursday 5 September 4pm & 9:30pm CEST
Friday 6 September 12am AEST &
5:30am AEST

Para Swimming: Finals ●●●

Thursday 5 September 5:30pm CEST
Friday 6 September 1:30am AEST

Para Athletics: Finals ●●●

Thursday 5 September 7pm CEST
Friday 6 September 3am AEST

DAY 9

Tokyo gold medallist Ben Hance [100m backstroke S14] will lead Australia's swimming hopes.

Para Cycling Road: Road race ●●●

Friday 6 September 9:30am CEST
Friday 6 September 5:30pm AEST

Para Athletics: Finals ●●●

Friday 6 September 10am CEST
Friday 6 September 6pm AEST

Para Canoe: Heats

Friday 6 September 10am CEST
Friday 6 September 6pm AEST

Para Swimming: Finals ●●●

Friday 6 September 5:30pm CEST
Saturday 7 September 1:30am AEST

Para Athletics: Finals ●●●

Friday 6 September 7pm CEST
Saturday 7 September 3am AEST

DAY 10

Kayaker Curtis McGrath looks to stand on the podium for the fourth time in the 200m KL2, with teammate Dylan Littlehales a chance in the KL3 200m. Table tennis sensation Lina Lei hopes to be in the women's singles class TT9 gold medal match chasing her seventh gold medal.

Para Cycling Road: Road race ●●●

Saturday 7 September 9:30am CEST
Saturday 7 September 5:30pm AEST

Para Athletics: Finals ●●●

Saturday 7 September 10am CEST
Saturday 7 September 6pm AEST

Para Canoe: Finals ●●●

Saturday 7 September 10am CEST
Saturday 7 September 6pm AEST

Para Table Tennis: Gold medal matches ●●●

Saturday 7 September 1pm CEST
Saturday 7 September 9pm AEST

Wheelchair Basketball: Men's medal matches ●●●

Saturday 7 September 4pm & 9:30pm CEST
Sunday 8 September 12am AEST &
5:30am AEST

Para Athletics: Finals ●●●

Saturday 7 September 7pm CEST
Sunday 8 September 3am AEST

DAY 11

Two legends of the team fly the Aussie flag. Madison de Rozario spearheads Australia's marathon T53 hopes, and Curtis McGrath has another shot at gold in the 200m VL3.

Para Athletics: Marathons ●●●

Sunday 8 September 8am CEST
Sunday 8 September 4pm AEST

Para Canoe: Finals ●●●

Sunday 8 September 10am CEST
Sunday 8 September 6pm AEST

Closing Ceremony

Sunday 8 September 8:30pm CEST
Monday 9 September 4:30am AEST



THE

SPORTS

BOCCIA



COMPETITION DATES
AUGUST 29–SEPTEMBER 5



**04 AUSSIE
ATHLETES**



**01 TOKYO
MEDAL**



Need to know

- > Boccia is one of the fastest growing and most inclusive Paralympic sports.
- > The game is played by athletes with a significant physical impairment that affects all four limbs. There are singles, pairs and teams events.
- > Boccia is played indoors and tests competitors' degree of muscle control and accuracy. Competing in wheelchairs, athletes throw, kick or use a ramp device to propel leather balls as close as possible to a white ball called the 'jack'.
- > World number one duo Daniel Michel and Jamieson Leeson will represent Australia in the mixed pairs BC3 alongside their ramp operators Ash Maddern and Jasmine Haydon.
- > Michel etched his name into Australian Paralympic history when he claimed the nation's first individual medal in boccia in 25 years, securing bronze in the individual BC3 in Tokyo.
- > Michel is the current world number one BC2 male athlete and current world champion after winning gold at the 2022 World Boccia Championships.



In the spotlight

- > The Aussie duo, who go by the nickname "Dan and Jam", along with their ramp operators were awarded Team of the Year at the 2023 AIS Sport Performance Awards – the first Paralympic team to ever with this award.
- > They attribute their success to having a strong relationship and connection, and a high level of trust within the team.

"I think about how lucky I've been to work with such special people, the appreciation I get, how rewarding it's been. I'm really pinching myself. I'm actually the head coach of a world champion team." Coach, Ken Halliday.



Creating friendships for life

- > Boccia Australia's mantra is: "I didn't know there was a sport for me - until I found boccia".
- > The organisation has worked hard to strengthen pathways ahead of Los Angeles 2028 and Brisbane 2032.

- > Rising star Dylan Schwarz is part of Boccia Australia's Pathway Program. He attended a three-day camp at the AIS last September as part of Boccia Australia's National Camp - alongside legends of the game such as Daniel Michel.
- > For Schwarz building friendships with fellow athletes, coaches and support staff has been lifechanging.

"Throughout my schooling, I never really made friends. And now with boccia, I've made friends." Dylan Schwarz.



Dylan Schwarz and coach Peter King at a training camp at the AIS. Credit AIS.

PARA ARCHERY



COMPETITION DATES
AUGUST 29–SEPTEMBER 5



**06 AUSSIE
ATHLETES**



Need to know

- > With six athletes competing, this is Australia's biggest archery team at the Paralympic Games in 40 years.
- > Jonathon Milne will compete at his third Paralympic Games in the open compound category. Milne won a bronze medal at Rio 2016 – Australia's only podium result in four decades.
- > Athletes compete in either the W1 class (for athletes competing in wheelchairs whose arms demonstrate some degree of loss of muscle strength, co-ordination or range of movement) or the open class (athletes can compete in a wheelchair, standing up or leaning on a stool).
- > Australia will also target success in the mixed team events in both recurve and compound categories.
- > Archery takes place at the stunning Esplanade des Invalides.



Squad goals

- > Rio 2016 Para-canoe silver medallist Amanda Jennings transitioned to archery after Tokyo 2020.
- > Melissa Tanner is also a former canoeist set to make her Paralympic debut.
- > Taymon Kenton-Smith will compete at his second Paralympic Games.
- > Ameera Lee, who narrowly missed selection for Tokyo 2020, will make her Paralympic debut in Paris.
- > Rising star Patrick French will also make his Paralympic debut.
- > The team had won seven quota spots, but sadly reigning W1 men's world champion Christopher Davis was forced to withdraw from the team due to injury.
- > Archery Australia received the inaugural Win Well Award at the 2023 AIS Sport Performance Awards (ASPAs) for implementing several changes to better support the wellbeing of their staff and athletes.



Innovative collaboration

- > The ASC's Paris Preparation Fund secured a Performance Analyst to work across two very different sports- para-archery and boccia.
- > By pooling resources, each sport could develop and maintain a sustainable data analytics program to guide training and in-competition performance.
- > This thrifty resourcing has improved medal prospects ahead of Paris. The sports have used performance metrics to inform and guide preparation and training and develop performance profiles of Aussie athletes and key competitors. It also funded analysis support at key international competitions.



Taymon Kenton-Smith. Credit Paralympics Australia.

PARA ATHLETICS



COMPETITION DATES
AUGUST 30–SEPTEMBER 8



34 AUSSIE
ATHLETES



19 TOKYO
MEDALS



Need to know

- > Para athletics is the largest sport at the Games with just over one thousand athletes competing across 164 medal events. Almost one quarter of Paralympians will compete in the sport.
- > Tokyo gold medallists Madison de Rozario (marathon T54/ 800m T53), James Turner (400m T36) and Vanessa Low (long jump T63) form the experienced nucleus of the squad.
- > Para athletics is one of the few events where athletes with all types of impairments can compete.
- > The prefix “T” refers to track events and “F” refers to field events. The number of the sport class depends on the impairment type and degree of activity limitation.



AIS ties

- > The AIS Engineering Team developed custom race chair knee support with ultra lightweight carbon fibre to enhance Madison de Rozario’s position in the chair. This allowed de Rozario and coach Louise Sauvage to find the optimal position for power delivery to the push-rims. AIS Engineering also developed custom made lightweight titanium axles for the race chair.



Madison de Rozario testing out her new equipment.
Credit AIS Engineering team.

- > Athletics coach Danny Kevan is part of the AIS National Generation 2032 Coach Program which aims to develop high performance coaches of the future through paid apprenticeships. Kevan has helped prepare Paralympians Ella Pardy and Rhiannon Clarke for their events in Paris.
- > Middle-distance star Michael Roeger (1500m T46) is set to contest his fifth Paralympic Games. Roeger works at the ASC as part of the Clearinghouse team – the information and knowledge sharing platform for Australian sport. AIS physiologists have conducted race analysis for Roeger to improve running mechanics and optimise his race strategy for the Games. This has been a collaborative project with the AIS Service Performance team and Athletics Australia.



Michael Roeger standing on podium alongside Prince Harry in 2019.

PARA ATHLETICS

- > Nicknamed 'The White Tiger', 100m sprinter Chad Perris (T13) relocated to Canberra to train with the best. He is part of Australia's High Performance 2032+ Sport Strategy Leadership Group, steering the Win Well intention of creating a more inclusive and sustainable sporting system.
- > AIS Physiologists have also worked on training periodisation to help distance runner Jaryd Clifford (T12) overcome a series of bone injuries and return to optimal fitness. This has involved work with the Victorian Institute of Sport, Clifford's support team and Athletics Australia.
- > Two-time Paralympic gold medallist and T63 long jump world record holder Vanessa Low also trains at the AIS in Canberra. When the AIS and Paralympics Australia launched world-first guidelines to help para athletes prevent skin pressure injuries in early 2024, Low was a spokesperson for the guidelines, knowing first-hand how pressure injuries can derail both an athlete's personal and professional life.
- > Low paired up with Olympic kayaker Alyce Wood for a special episode on the [Win Well Podcast](#). Both athletes became mums after the Tokyo Games and credit motherhood for their pre-Paris boost.



Jaryd Clifford. Credit Paralympics Australia.



Vanessa Low winning gold at the World Para Athletics Championships. Credit Paralympics Australia.

PARA BADMINTON



COMPETITION DATES
AUGUST 29–SEPTEMBER 2



02 AUSSIE ATHLETES



Need to know

- > Australia will be represented at the 2024 Paralympic Games by Céline Vinot and Mischa Ginns.
- > Vinot is classified as an SL3 player (standing lower athlete with a lower limb impairment or mild hemiplegia) and Ginns a WH2 (wheelchair user).
- > Tokyo was the first time Para badminton was included on the Paralympic Games program. Since then, there's been an influx of players taking up the sport in Australia.

WIN + WELL

Worlds collide

- > Céline Vinot is a 27-year-old twin who is fluent in French, works as a project officer and is an accomplished chorist and French horn player.

- > Mischa Ginns, who speaks Afrikaans, came to Australia from South Africa in 2008 to take up a job in accountancy. Four years later, she acquired her impairment- rupturing her cervical spine in a rowing competition. Complications during surgery left her unable to talk or swallow safely. Ginns spent four years in hospital undergoing treatment and rehabilitation. At one stage, her recovery hopes were so slim the hospital wanted to transfer her to an Aged Care Facility. Beating all the odds, Ginns took up Para badminton after attending a come-and-try day in 2022 and has made remarkable progress in the sport.

"My goal is not just about me but to have a wider impact on future para athletes who may not get a chance due to financial limitations in the sport. Getting back into sport has made a huge impact on my physical and mental health and I believe engaging more people who live with a disability into sport can be life changing. My aim along my journey is to create more awareness about engaging in sport with a disability and hopefully provide more opportunity for other potential young para athletes to fulfil their dreams." Mischa Ginns.



Céline Vinot and Mischa Ginns holding their tickets to Paris.
Credit Paralympics Australia.

PARA CANOE



COMPETITION DATES
SEPTEMBER 6-8



03 AUSSIE
ATHLETES



03 TOKYO
MEDALS



Need to know

- > Para canoe races are contested by two types of boat: the kayak [K] and va'a [V], meaning 'small boat' in Polynesian. Six kayak events [KL1, KL2 and KL3 for women and men] and four va'a events [VL2 and VL3 for women and men] will feature at the Paris Games.
- > All races are individual events raced over 200 metres.
- > Triple Paralympic gold medallist Curtis McGrath will return to the water ready to defend his KL2 and VL3 titles. McGrath recently won his 12th world championship following a tremendous performance in Hungary.
- > Joining McGrath is Dylan Littlehales and Susan Seipel who won bronze at Rio 2016 and silver at Tokyo 2020.
- > McGrath will co-captain the Australian Paralympic Team alongside Angie Ballard (Para athletics).



Home away from home

- > Curtis McGrath was serving as an Australian Army combat engineer in Afghanistan when he stepped on an improvised explosive device and lost his right leg above the knee and left leg below the knee. As he fought shock, blood loss and excruciating pain, McGrath vowed that when he recovered, he would represent his country at the Paralympic Games. That was in 2012. By 2014 he was a world champion.
- > McGrath has become a familiar face at the AIS European Training Centre (ETC) in Italy. The ETC provides Australian athletes with accommodation, training facilities, sports science and sports medicine support while travelling abroad.
- > The para canoe legend has been training at the ETC since 2014 and said it played a considerable role in his Paris preparations.

"It's a great opportunity to get an environment with warm weather and to get into time zones, but to also get the fresh water because we train on salt water on the Gold Coast and that changes the way the boat moves." Curtis McGrath.



Curtis McGrath cheering from canoe at the Tokyo Games.



Going the extra mile

- > Both Dylan Littlehales and Susan Seipel are recipients of the AIS Education Scholarship Program – an initiative set up to help athletes pursue further education, made possible through the John and Myriam Wylie Foundation.
- > Seipel is undertaking a Bachelor of Psychology (Hon) at Griffith University while Littlehales is studying psychological science at the University of Newcastle.

PARA CYCLING



COMPETITION DATES

AUGUST 29–SEPTEMBER 7

TRACK: AUGUST 29–SEPTEMBER 1

ROAD: SEPTEMBER 4–7



13 AUSSIE
ATHLETES



13 TOKYO
MEDALS



Need to know

- > Australia's star-studded team features Paralympic gold medallists Emily Petricola [C4], Amanda Reid [C3] Darren Hicks [C2] as well as multiple world champions including Alistair Donohoe [C5] and Lauren Parker [H3].
 - > The team also boasts several dual sport athletes. Jess Gallagher [B] has represented Australia in alpine skiing, athletics, rowing and track cycling. Lauren Parker will compete in both cycling and triathlon while Amanda Reid is a Paralympic swimmer and cyclist who's also claimed a world crown in para snowboarding.
 - > Reid is a proud Guringai and Wemba Wemba woman who became the first para cyclist and first Indigenous rider to win AusCycling's Cyclist of the Year Award in 2023.
 - > There are three different para cycling track events: time trial, individual pursuit and sprint [tandem and mixed team].
- > There are also three different para cycling road events: road race, time trial and mixed relay. Distances vary depending on athlete classifications.
 - > Each event features multiple classifications represented by letters and numbers. The letter C indicates riders who use a standard bicycle [C1 to C5], B or VI signifies blind or visually impaired—these athletes use a tandem bike; handcycles [H1 to H5] and tricycles [T1 to T2] are also used for the road events. The number 1 represents the greatest impairment, and 5 the mildest.
- > The AIS collaborated with AusCycling to conduct on-road aero (drag) and tyre pressure testing, as well as developed bike travel boxes to better protect the equipment while travelling.



Parker's double

- > Lauren Parker's two race bikes for cycling and triathlon will be second to none, thanks to the AIS Engineering team.
- > The bikes feature customised lightweight carbon fibre foot pods, 3D printed hand pedals with integrated electronic gear shift switches and a seat cushion developed by Paralympics Australia seating specialist Steven Wilson.



Lauren Parker works alongside the AIS Engineering team to perfect the handbike she uses for cycling and triathlon.

PARA CYCLING

WIN+
WELL

When life gives you lemons

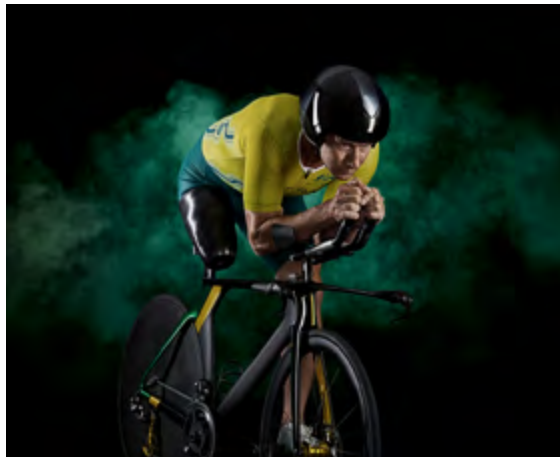
- > Before life as an athlete, Meg Lemon long had an interest in sport and healthy eating. Lemon used her degree in nutrition and dietetics to become a Clinical Dietitian serving in rural communities.
- > However life took a turn at age 25 when she was hit by a car while riding her bike to work. The accident left her with a permanent brain injury and significantly weakened the right side of her body.
- > During rehabilitation, Lemon found a new sense of purpose - para cycling - which led to her winning bronze in Tokyo.
- > In the lead up to Paris, Lemon re-sparked her passion in nutrition and worked as a sports dietitian at the South Australian Sports Institute through the support of the AIS Accelerate Immersion Grant.

"Being within the para cycling team, I was fascinated by the different factors affecting nutrition and performance and empowered by the ability of many para athletes to overcome obstacles and think outside the square."

Meg Lemon.



Meg Lemon competing. Credit AusCycling.



Darren Hicks on bike. Credit Paralympics Australia.

PARA EQUESTRIAN



COMPETITION DATES
SEPTEMBER 3-7



04 AUSSIE ATHLETES



Need to know

- > Australia's Para equestrian team features riders in four of the five Paralympic classifications who will be eager to return Australia to the medal dais for the first time since 2012.
- > Athletes are classified across five grades ranging from grade I for athletes whose impairment has the greatest impact on their ability to ride, through to grade V for athletes whose impairment has the least impact. Australia will be represented in all but grade III.
- > Following months of intensive qualifying events, riders Stella Barton, Dianne Barnes, Bridget Murphy and Lisa Martin have been selected to showcase their skills in Paris.
- > Riders will compete at the spectacular Chateau de Versailles, a formal royal residence.
- > Para equestrian is the only sport at the Paralympic Games with judges.



An extraordinary mission

- > The Para equestrian team attends off-horse training camps at the AIS in Canberra and the AIS European Training Centre (ETC) in Italy.
- > Reserve rider Emma Booth suffered a fall whilst training in Europe, resulting in a broken sacrum and other injuries. The AIS Medical team worked with Equestrian Australia and Paralympics Australia to have Booth spend 16 days undertaking intensive rehab at the ETC. With a dedicated team around her, Booth was back competing within five weeks of leaving the ETC.

"I had access to the doctors and physio every day, seven days a week. They went above and beyond to try and assist me in any way they could... I wouldn't have been able to get to this point without everyone involved in the journey over the last few months." Emma Booth.



Fleeting moments

- > Stella Barton will be the second Australian to ever compete in Grade I. Having ridden since the age of seven, Barton was ready to retire. However, in a sliding doors moment on her final 'farewell' ride, internationally renowned coach Mary Longden convinced Barton to team up with coach Sally Francis and chase national selection.
- > Grade II rider Bridget Murphy had been competing against able-bodied riders since childhood. Five years ago fellow Paralympian Sharon Jarvis convinced her to try Para equestrian and Murphy has thrived ever since.



Stella Barton, Dianne Barnes, Bridget Murphy and Lisa Martin with their tickets to Paris. Credit Paralympics Australia.

PARA JUDO



COMPETITION DATES
SEPTEMBER 5-7



**01 AUSSIE
ATHLETE**



Need to know

- > As Australia's only para judo representative, Taylor Gosens will become the second female judoka to represent Australia at a Paralympic Games.
- > Her debut comes after Tokyo 2020 judoka Wayne Phipps put the sport back in the limelight as Australia's first Paralympic judo representative since 2008.
- > Para judo is open to athletes with a vision impairment. In class J1, athletes may have varying degrees of vision impairment and wear a red circle to let others know they may need guided support. Class J2 athletes are partially sighted.
- > Judokas use their sense of touch to predict their opponent's intention. They gain points for throws, holds, armlocks and strangles in a bid to beat their opponent.
- > There are seven weight categories for men and six categories for women. Gosens will compete in the women's J2 70kg+ division.
- > The event will take place at the Champ-de-Mars Arena.



All in the genes

- > Gosens has just 4 per cent vision as a result of aniridia, a congenital condition she inherited from her dad. Fortunately, she also inherited his talent.
- > Her father, Gerrard Gosens OAM, is a vision-impaired three-time Paralympian who has represented Australia in multiple sports, including para triathlon.



Taylor Gosens holding her ticket to Paris. Credit Paralympics Australia.



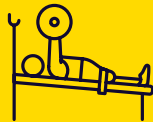
Pathway to performance

- > Judo Australia received funding from this AIS to help develop their National Para Pathways Program in preparation for Brisbane 2032.
- > In January this year, former British Paralympian and Tokyo medallist Elliot Stewart was appointed as Judo Australia's Para Pathways Lead with the aim of recruiting, developing and managing vision-impaired judo athletes towards podium success. Despite not working with him for long, Gosens says he's already made an impact on her preparation for Paris.
- > Stewart works alongside Olympian Maria Pekli, Judo Australia's General Manager of Performance and Pathways, who was part of the inaugural AIS Elevate Coach Program in 2020, which offers professional development for Performance Pathway Coaches.

PARA POWERLIFTING



COMPETITION DATES
SEPTEMBER 4-8



02 AUSSIE
ATHLETES



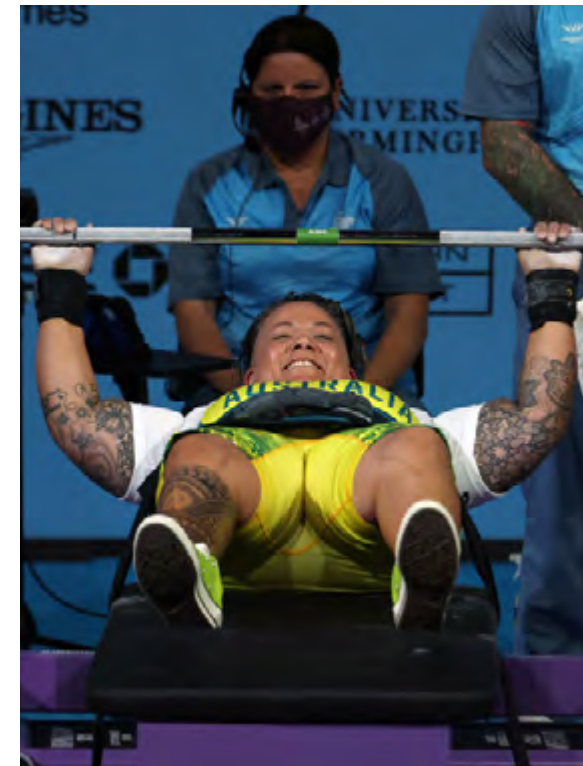
Need to know

- > Australia's 'superwoman of para powerlifting' Hani Watson and three-time Commonwealth Games representative Ben Wright will make their Paralympic Games debut.
- > At her second ever competition Watson set an Oceania record of 120 kilograms in the +86 category at the 2021 World Para Powerlifting Championships.
- > Australia won a medal at all but one Paralympic Games between 1964 and 2008 (Australia didn't medal in 1984).
- > Our greatest lifter was Vic Renalson who won four medals at four consecutive Games including three gold.
- > Australia didn't qualify any lifters for Rio 2016 or Tokyo 2020, making it extra special to have Australia represented once again on the international stage.
- > Para powerlifting is a bench press competition that tests upper body strength. There is only one sport discipline however there are 10 weight categories for both men and women.



Powering forward

- > In 2023 the AIS awarded \$500,000 to eleven leading research teams with a goal to help elite athletes optimise their performance. One of these projects saw a group of researchers identify athletes from other sports who could transition into para powerlifting. The data helped researchers gain a better understanding of the technical components needed to maximise bench press performance and whether it differs for athletes with a spinal cord lesion compared to athletes with a lower limb amputation.
- > In the lead up to the Birmingham Commonwealth Games the AIS Rest Hub team worked alongside Para Powerlifting Australia to create bespoke recovery plans for their athletes. The recovery efforts help reduce soreness and thermal strain by decreasing core body temperature. Furthermore it enhances athletes' physical and psychological recovery, allowing them to perform multiple times in a short timeframe.



Hani Watson of Team Australia competes during the Women's Para Powerlifting Heavyweight Final on day seven of the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.

PARA ROWING



COMPETITION DATES
AUGUST 30–SEPTEMBER 1



08 AUSSIE
ATHLETES



01 TOKYO
MEDAL



Need to know

- > Australia has three boats lining up to race in Paris- the PR1 men's single scull (PR1M1x), PR3 mixed double scull (PR3Mix2x) and PR3 mixed coxed four (PR3Mix4+).
- > Multiple world champion Erik Horrie leads the team in the men's single scull. Horrie is the first Australian to win three Paralympic medals.
- > World champion PR3 mixed double scull crew Nikki Ayers and Jed Altschwager enter the Paralympic regatta as favourites.
- > The pair were named the 2023 World Rowing Para Crew of the Year after a stunning 2023 season where they set a world best time of 7:07.02 seconds.



Power of sport

- > Erik Horrie is Australia's most successful para rower. On debut at London 2012, Horrie claimed a silver medal the day after suffering a seizure. He matched that performance with silver in the PR1 men's single sculls in Rio and Tokyo.
- > Horrie, who acquired paraplegia in a vehicle accident in 2001, understands the power of sport.

"Sport, in general, is an important part of life and keeping fit, for me, is a massive thing mentally as well, just keeping in a good headspace. It's made me a better person since the accident, it certainly changed my life and also changed things for my family."
Erik Horrie.

- > After making her mark with the AIS' Thrive with Pride program, para rower Nikki Ayers has been selected as an ambassador for Pride House-Paris 2024. Featured at all major international sporting events, Pride House is an inclusive venue that supports and celebrates the LGBTIQ+ community to create a welcoming and safe atmosphere for everyone.



Nikki Ayers posing alongside young rowers. Credit Nikki Ayers.

"For me, being part of the rainbow community, being female, being disabled and being visible just shows people that you can be your authentic self and achieve your goals. Being a Thrive with Pride ambassador made me realise that I wanted to be a positive, out role model to inspire the sporting rainbow community and their allies."
Nikki Ayers.

PARA SHOOTING



COMPETITION DATES
AUGUST 30–SEPTEMBER 5



**02 AUSSIE
ATHLETES**



Need to know

- > Para shooting has featured at the Paralympics since 1976 and Sweden tops the all-time medal table with more than 20 gold medals.
 - > The most successful female para shooter in the world is Australia's Elizabeth 'Libby' Kosmala who claimed nine gold medals and three silver medals across a record 12 Paralympic Games. Kosmala's last Paralympics was Rio 2016.
 - > Para shooting poses the ultimate test of accuracy and focus as athletes must control their breathing to reduce their heart rate and improve stability.
 - > Shooters compete in rifle or pistol events from 10, 25 and 50 metre distances.
 - > To win an athlete must shoot the most shots closest to the centre of a 10-ring target.
- > Three-time Paralympian and Aussie favourite Natalie Smith will be one to watch. Smith won Australia's first medal at the London Games, taking home bronze in the women's R2-10m air rifle standing SH1 class.
 - > Shooting is in Smith's family; her grandfather was on track to compete at the 1956 Olympics but fell ill before the Games. Smith started competing in 2010 shortly after she acquired paraplegia and made rapid progress.
- > Smith will be joined by two-time world champion and two-time Paralympian Anton Zappelli.
 - > Australia has won 15 gold medals in Paralympic shooting however hasn't medalled since 1988.
 - > The big showdown will take place at the Chateauroux Shooting Centre in central France.



Shooting for the stars

- > Shooting Australia's Para Technical Lead Catherine Berry was among 20 Performance Pathway Coaches to be appointed into the AIS Elevate Coach Program in 2022. The 14-week program helped coaches better identify and support their performance pathway athletes.



Natalie Smith holding rifle. Credit Shooting Australia.

PARA SWIMMING



COMPETITION DATES
AUGUST 29–SEPTEMBER 7



30 AUSSIE
ATHLETES



33 TOKYO
MEDALS



Need to know

- > Australia will be represented by 30 para swimmers – from debutant and youngest in the team 15-year-old Holly Warn, through to two-time Paralympic gold medallist Rowan Crothers.
 - > Three-time Paralympic gold medallist Brenden Hall will compete at his fifth Games - only the third Australian Paralympic swimmer in history to accomplish the feat along with Matthew Levy and Kingsley Bugarin.
 - > Great friends Ahmed Kelly and Grant “Scooter” Patterson will return for their fourth and third consecutive Games.
 - > Nine debutants are set to make a splash including freestyle sprinter Alexa Leary who holds the world record for the S9 100m.
 - > Paralympic swimming is the second largest sport at the Games with up to 600 swimmers competing across 141 medal events.
- > The sport is open to athletes with eligible physical, intellectual or vision impairments.
 - > For swimmers with a physical disability there are ten International Paralympic Committee recognised classification classes ranging from S1 to S10, while there are three classes for visually impaired swimmers [S11-S13] and one class for athletes with an intellectual disability [S14].
 - > In Tokyo the Australian Dolphins brought home 33 medals, including eight gold.



Rowan Crothers. Credit Paralympics Australia.



Building to 2032

- > Para swimming Assistant Coach Casey Atkins was appointed into the AIS National Generation 2032 Coach Program – an initiative that aims to fast-track developing coaches through giving them hands-on experience at the national level.
- > After claiming 12 Paralympic medals, setting 15 world records and 81 national records para swimmer Ben Austin now mentors emerging athletes through the AIS Share a Yarn Program – an initiative dedicated to helping athletes build meaningful connections with Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander communities.
- > Two-time Paralympic swimmer Rachael Watson played an integral role during the implementation of Australia’s High Performance 2032+ Sport Strategy, which aims to build an inclusive and sustainable sporting system ahead of the next home Games in Brisbane.

PARA SWIMMING



Aussies making a big splash

- > Alexa Leary was named Emerging Athlete of the Year at the 2023 AIS Sport Performance Awards for her gold medal performance at the 2023 Para World Swimming Championships in Manchester. It was a tremendous achievement after almost losing her life two years prior from a brain injury.



Alexa Leary of Queensland celebrates winning the Women's Multi-Class 50m Freestyle Final during the 2024 Australian Swimming Trials at Brisbane Aquatic Centre on June 11, 2024 in Brisbane, Australia.

- > Ahmed Kelly and brother Emmanuel were adopted by humanitarian worker Moira Kelly in 1998 from an orphanage in Baghdad, Iraq. Both were born with severely underdeveloped arms and legs. Kelly had surgery to remove both his legs below the knees and later discovered his two sporting passions: Aussie Rules Football and swimming. Kelly won his first world championship gold medal in 2023 in the 150m individual medley SM3.



Ahmed Kelly holding his silver medal at the Tokyo Games.



Classification and qualification

- > The Paris Preparation Fund helped classify/re-classify emerging athletes into the correct swim classes, enabling them to be eligible for world rankings points and help them qualify for Paris. With limited classification opportunities, this funding ensured medal potential athletes could make progress.

PARA TABLE TENNIS



COMPETITION DATES
AUGUST 29–SEPTEMBER 7



**12 AUSSIE
ATHLETES**



**06 TOKYO
MEDALS**



Need to know

- > The 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games marked Australia's most successful table tennis medal haul with two gold and four silver medals.
- > Heading into Paris, Australia's 12-player team is the largest since 1968. It features four debutants alongside the legendary Danni Di Toro who will be competing at her eighth Games and reigning gold medallists Qian Yang and Lina Lei.
- > Melissa (Milly) Tapper, who in Rio 2016 became the first Australian to compete at the Olympics and Paralympics, has been selected again for both Games, marking her fourth Paralympics.
- > Para table tennis has been part of the Paralympic program since the first Games in 1960 – 28 years before the sport made its Olympic debut.
- > There are 11 classifications: classes 1-5 are for athletes in wheelchairs, classes 6-10 are standing and class 11 is for players with an intellectual impairment. The lower number indicates a greater degree of impairment.



Athlete stories

- > Soon-to-be eight-time Paralympian Danni Di Toro is a member of the AIS Athlete Advisory Committee and the Paralympics Australia Athlete Commission, ensuring that athletes have a voice in shaping the future of high performance sport.
- > The multi-talented Milly Tapper was nominated for the Athlete Community Engagement award at the 2023 AIS Sports Performance Awards (ASPAs) for her work supporting Australia's next generation of players and improving the quality of life for children with disabilities throughout Victoria.
- > Listen to Di Toro and Tapper share stories on the [Win Well Podcast](#).



Danni Di Toro competing. Credit Table Tennis Australia.



Coach development

- > Para Table Tennis Head Coach Alois Rosario participated in the inaugural AIS Coach Summit Program, focused on enhancing professional connections and coaching abilities.
- > Australian Para Table Tennis Coach Maggie Meng has been a foundation member of the Women in High Performance Coaching (WiHPC) Project, which aims to achieve gender equity in HP coaching.
- > Table Tennis Australia is working with the AIS and Paralympics Australia to increase the number of athletes with disabilities entering and progressing through the Para Table Tennis Performance Pathway.

"We often get caught up in the bubble and the trials of our own sport. Speaking to other coaches can broaden our thinking and encourage us to think outside the box of our own coaching ideas. I've been able to implement some of the learnings from the sessions and have made some key changes to the national program." Alois Rosario.

PARA TRIATHLON



COMPETITION DATES
SEPTEMBER 1-2



13 AUSSIE
ATHLETES



01 TOKYO
MEDAL



Need to know

- > A record 12 para triathletes plus guide Aaron Royle will take centre stage in Paris, making it the nation's biggest ever squad to compete in the event.
- > In this endurance event para triathletes will race through the heart of Paris completing a 750m swim, 20km bike ride and 5km run.
- > Depending on an athlete's classification, they may use a handcycle and wheelchair, a tandem bike and sighted guide, or standard equipment. Prosthetics are also permitted, however not during the swim.
- > Four-time world champion Lauren Parker is out for gold after claiming a silver medal at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics. In 2023 she achieved the incredible feat of being crowned world champion in both para triathlon and para cycling. Parker lines up for both events in Paris.
- > Paralympians Nic Beveridge (PTWC1), David Bryant (PTS5) and Sam Harding (PTVI2) are also set to make their return.



Invest in the best

- > Australia's para triathlon team lands in Paris with enhanced equipment thanks to the ASC's Paris Preparation Fund. This includes the creation of wider/tubeless wheels and moulded pedals on hand bikes to maximise performance on Paris' cobblestone streets.
- > The AIS Engineering team also worked alongside champion, Lauren Parker, to improve her race bikes and race chairs. This included rebuilding Parker's race chair to better suit her fitting requirements. The wheels were rebuilt with low friction bearings and steering compensators were rebuilt with high strength studs.
- > Customised knee plates and seats, including cushioning, as well as custom pushrims and multiple sets of custom race gloves were also developed for Parker.
- > The AIS team collaborated with coach, Fred Periac to perfect the fit and conduct on-track performance testing at the Fearnley-Dawes test track in Newcastle, where Parker trains.



Lauren Parker testing her triathlon race chair at the AIS.

- > The AIS also developed custom training roller equipment, and upgraded Parker's travel boxes to ensure all equipment arrives in Paris in perfect condition.

PARA TRIATHLON



Unlocking podium potential

- > Sam Harding competed in Tokyo in athletics, racing in the visually impaired 1500m but did not reach his full potential.
- > AIS Physiologists helped him transition to triathlon where he has since reached the podium.
- > Collaborating with Triathlon Australia and the ACT Academy of Sport, the AIS worked on maximising Harding's race ability by helping him choose the right gear and ensuring he had the best gear for competitions.



Sam Harding (right) attended a Multi-Sport Day at the AIS in May 2023.
Credit Paralympics Australia.



Community initiatives

- > Striving to be a positive role model, Anu Francis has taken a lead ambassador role in the 2024 AIS Thrive with Pride program promoting LGBTQIA+ inclusion.



Anu Francis speaking at a Pride Brunch as part of her ambassador role.
Credit Adelaide Uni Sport.

- > Meanwhile triathlete Liam Twomey is a member of the Wellbeing Measures Advisory Group, established to support the system's commitment to Win Well.
- > Previously, Twomey was an ambassador for the AIS Mental Fitness Program and the AIS Good Village Problem Solvers Program which both focus on delivering health and wellbeing initiatives in schools.

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL (MEN'S)



COMPETITION DATES
AUGUST 29–SEPTEMBER 7



12 AUSSIE ATHLETES



Need to know

- > Australia will be represented in the men's competition by the Aussie Rollers after the Gliders (women) missed out on qualifying.
- > The Rollers last won Paralympic gold in 2008 and brought home silver in 2004 and 2012. They were knocked out of the Tokyo Games by hosts Japan in the quarterfinals.
- > Heading into the Paris Games, the squad is looking strong after going undefeated in the recent Asia Oceania Zone Championship and winning a record 18 out of 21 international games this year.
- > The team boasts an even mix of new and returning players with Tristan Knowles and Shaun Norris leading the charge for their sixth Paralympic Games.
- > Originally devised as a rehabilitation activity for injured WWII veterans, wheelchair basketball fuelled the growth of para sports worldwide.

- > The rules are similar to standing basketball with slight variations to dribbling. Players must either pass or bounce the ball after every two pushes of their wheelchairs to avoid being penalised for travelling.
- > Players are classified on a point system according to the degree of their impairment. Points range from 1 to 4.5, with 1 representing the most severe impairment. At the Paralympic Games the sum of points for the five players on the court for each team must not exceed 14.



Aussie Rollers in competition. Credit Aussie Rollers.



Custom tech, camps and coaching

- > In partnership with Paralympics Australia and Basketball Australia, AIS engineers worked on developing custom-made wheelchairs for the team. The equipment featured carbon-fibre seats that mould to an individual's body in order to increase their speed, agility and support. This is the same material used in Formula 1 race cars.
- > The Rollers hosted a seven-day training camp at the AIS in February 2024, providing an opportunity for continued talent identification as the team faced off in a series of friendlies against Japan.
- > Five-time Paralympian Brad Ness took on the role of Head Coach in December 2023, following six years as Assistant Coach. Prior to stepping up, Ness joined the 2022-23 AIS Coach Summit Program which sees coaches from different sports come together and share insights, strategies and ideas. [READ MORE](#)

WHEELCHAIR RUGBY



COMPETITION DATES
AUGUST 29–SEPTEMBER 2



12 AUSSIE ATHLETES



Need to know

- > The Australian Steelers will be chasing their third Paralympic gold medal. The team won gold in 2012 and 2016, before finishing fourth in Tokyo.
- > The fierce Steelers lineup will be led by three-time Paralympian, Chris Bond and star playmaker, Ryley Batt.
- > A record three female athletes will supercharge the Steelers including Shae Graham, Emilie Miller and Ella Sabljak.
- > Wheelchair rugby is a mixed team sport played by athletes with some degree of paralysis to all four limbs.
- > Athletes are classified using a point system ranging from 0.5 to 3.5 based on their physical function. A team can have a maximum point score of 8.0 plus an additional 0.5 point for every woman on the court.



Paving the way

- > Shae Graham was the first female to represent Australia in wheelchair rugby at the Paralympics in 2021. She has paved the way for more athletes to enter the sport.
- > In September 2023, the Steelers' development squad fielded an Australian first – an all-female and non-binary line-up.

*"We knew it was going to be groundbreaking for our sport and for our own athletes. Having the female athletes involved now, it's helping bring more players to the sport."
Head Coach, Brad Dubberley.*



Australian Steelers holding their tickets to Paris. Credit Paralympics Australia.



Paying it forward

- > Wheelchair rugby benefited from the ASC's Paris Preparation Fund. The funding went towards game-changing initiatives including additional custom-built chairs for priority athletes in the Aussie Steelers. In true win well spirit, any athlete who received a new chair donated their old equipment to another athlete.
- > Chris Bond was recently unveiled as one of the newest members on the AIS Athlete Advisory Committee which provides athletes with the opportunity to make recommendations to the ASC Board on matters of importance.

"I joined the AIS Athlete Advisory Committee to have a voice in shaping Australian sport in the future using my experience at every level for the last 20+ years as both an able bodied and para athlete." Chris Bond.

WHEELCHAIR TENNIS



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**03 AUSSIE
ATHLETES**



Need to know

- > The clay courts of Roland Garros will play host to wheelchair tennis at the Paralympics.
- > It will feature singles and doubles events in men's, women's and quads.
- > Wheelchair tennis follows the rules of able-bodied tennis with one key exception: the ball can bounce twice before the player hits it back and the first bounce must be within the court's limits.
- > Controlling the wheelchair is an essential skill for athletes who must quickly adjust to get into position to return the ball and cover the entire court.
- > World No.7 quad wheelchair tennis player Heath Davidson will represent Australia at his third Paralympic Games in Paris.
- > Davidson has won two Paralympic medals, a gold and a silver in doubles at the 2016 and 2020 Paralympics. He's also won four Australian Open quad doubles titles alongside Dylan Alcott.
- > Joining him in Paris is Ben Weekes for his sixth Paralympic Games and Andy Parker who will make his Games debut.



Alcott's legacy

- > One of the greatest men's quad wheelchair tennis players Dylan Alcott dominated the court for Australia winning two Paralympic gold medals in the men's quad singles and a gold in doubles. He also won 15 Grand Slam titles during his career.
- > Alcott is no stranger to the AIS, having spent countless hours working with the engineering team throughout his illustrious career. Together with Paralympics Australia, the AIS produced a custom-designed wheelchair to maximise performance and comfort.
- > Alcott has since started up his own foundation dedicated to enriching the lives of young people living with disability through eliminating barriers of entry to get involved in sport and study.
- > Alcott was one of four keynote speakers to headline the AIS 2023 World Class to World Best Conference which saw more than 400 people from high performance sport come together to discuss sustainable success for Paris and beyond.



Dylan Alcott competing at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games in custom-built wheelchair.



Dylan Alcott presenting at the AIS World Class to World Best Conference in Canberra.



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The Commonwealth funds National Sporting Organisations for People with Disability (NSODs) through the ASC. Additionally, the ASC gives Commonwealth funding directly to athletes. Exact amounts and timeframes can be found [HERE](#)

> DIRECT ATHLETE SUPPORT (dAIS) – *Helping athletes who represent Australia perform at their best*

The Commonwealth backs our hard working athletes on their path to representing Australia through the direct athlete support scheme. dAIS provides a means tested grant of up to \$37,500 to athletes who have the greatest need for support.

> LOCAL PARA CHAMPIONS (LPC) – *Helping Aussie kids pursue their sporting dreams*

Money should not get in the way of a kid's sporting dream. That's why the Commonwealth provides direct financial support to help athletes aged 12 –18 travel to state, national and international sporting events.

Athlete	Event(s)	Grants		Relevant electorate/s	State
		dAIS	LPC		
BOCCIA					
Ash Maddern	Ramp Operator for Daniel Michel	✓		Cunningham	NSW
Daniel Michel	Individual, Mixed Pairs (Classification BC3)	✓		Cook	NSW
Jamieson Leeson	Individual, Mixed Pairs (Classification BC3)	✓	✓	Reid	NSW
Jasmine Haydon	Ramp Operator for Jamieson Leeson	✓		Macquarie	NSW
PARA ARCHERY					
Amanda Jennings	Individual Recurve, Teams Recurve (Classification Standing Open)	✓		Wright	QLD
Ameera Lee	Individual Compound (Classification W2 Open)	✓		Reid	NSW
Jonathon Milne	Individual Compound (Classification W2 Open)	✓		Robertson	NSW
Melissa Tanner	Individual Compound (Classification Standing Open)			Fadden/Moncrieff	QLD
Patrick French	Individual Compound (Classification W2 Open)			McEwen	VIC
Taymon Kenton-Smith	Individual Recurve, Teams Recurve (Classification Standing Open)	✓		Blair	QLD
PARA ATHLETICS					
Abby Craswell	T36 100m	✓	✓	Bonner	QLD

Athlete	Event(s)	Grants		Relevant electorate/s	State
		dAIS	LPC		
Angela Ballard	T53 400m, 800m	✓		Canberra	ACT
Angus Hinckson	T38 1500m	✓	✓	Kingston	SA
Annabelle Colman	T20 1500m		✓	Melbourne/Wills	VIC
Chad Perris	T13 100m	✓		Canberra	ACT
Corey Anderson	F38 Javelin	✓		Longman	QLD
Dayna Crees	F34 Javelin, F34 Shot Put	✓		Bruce	VIC
Ella Hose	F37 Shot Put, F37 Discus			Deakin	VIC
Ella Pardy	T38m 100m	✓		Moore	WA
Guy Henly	F37 Discus	✓		Macnamara	VIC
Jackson Hamilton	F13 Javelin	✓	✓	Curtin	WA
James Turner	T36 100m, 400m	✓	✓	Fenner	ACT
Jaryd Clifford	T13 1500m, T13 5000m	✓	✓	Wills	VIC
Luke Bailey	T54 100m, 400m, 800m	✓		Newcastle	NSW
Madison de Rozario	T53 1500m, 5000m, Marathon	✓		Reid	NSW
Mali Lovell	T36 100m, 200m	✓	✓	Warringah	NSW
Maria Strong	F33 Shot Put	✓		Wills	VIC
Matthew Clarke	Guide for Jarryd Clifford			Adelaide	SA
Michal Burian	F44 Javelin	✓		Isaacs	VIC
Michael Roeger	T46 1500m	✓		Canberra	ACT
Nicholas Hum	T20 Long Jump	✓	✓	Dunkley	VIC
Reece Langdon	T38 1500m	✓	✓	Higgins	VIC

*This table indicates whether athletes have received a direct Athlete Support (dAIS) or Local Para Champions (LPC) grant at any stage of their journey. Athletes are grouped by sport alphabetically.

Athlete	Event(s)	Grants		Relevant electorate/s	State
		dAIS	LPC		
Rheed McCracken	T34 100m, T34 800m	✓		Newcastle	NSW
Rhiannon Clarke	T38 100m T38 400m	✓		Moore	WA
Rosemary Little	F32 Shot Put, T33 Club Throw	✓		Berowra	NSW
Samantha Schmidt	F38 Discus	✓	✓	Hinkler	QLD
Samuel McIntosh	T52 100m, 400m	✓		Corangamite	VIC
Samuel Rizzo	T54 800m, 1500m, 5000m	✓	✓	Ballarat	VIC
Sarah Clifton-Bligh	F32 Shot Put, T33 Club Throw	✓	✓	Grayndler	NSW
Sarah Edmiston	F44 Discus	✓		Cowan	WA
Sarah Walsh	T64 Long Jump	✓	✓	Canberra	ACT
Telaya Blacksmith	T20 400m, Long Jump		✓	Hughes	NSW
Tim Logan	Guide for Jarryd Clifford	✓		Wills	VIC
Vanessa Low	T63 Long Jump	✓		Canberra	ACT
PARA BADMINTON					
Céline Vinot	Singles SL3			MacNamara	VIC
Mischa Ginns	Singles WH2			Isaacs	VIC
PARA CANOE					
Curtis McGrath	KL2 & VL3 (Single 200m, Single 200m)	✓		McPherson	QLD
Dylan Littlehales	KL3 (Single 200m)	✓		Robertson	NSW
Susan Seipel	KL2 & VL2 (Single 200m, Single 200m)	✓		Wright	QLD
PARA CYCLING					
Alana Forster	Road/Track – 3000m Individual Pursuit, ITT, Road Race (Classification WC5)	✓		Ballarat	VIC
Alistair Donohoe	Road/Track – 4000m Individual Pursuit, ITT, Road Race (Classification MC5)	✓		Wills	VIC
Amanda Reid	Road/Track – 500m Time Trial, ITT, Road Race (Classification WC4)	✓		Hindmarsh	SA
Caitlin Ward	Pilot for Jess Gallagher	✓	✓	Hindmarsh	SA
Darren Hicks	Road/Track – 3000m Individual Pursuit, ITT, Road Race (Classification MC2)	✓		Kingston	SA
Emily Petricola	Road/Track – 3000m Individual Pursuit, ITT, Road Race (Classification MB3)	✓		Wills	VIC

Athlete	Event(s)	Grants		Relevant electorate/s	State
		dAIS	LPC		
Gordon Allan	Road/Track – 1000m TT, Road Race (Classification MC2)	✓	✓	Greenway	NSW
Jessica Gallagher	Track – 1000m Tandem Time Trial, 3000m Tandem Pursuit (Classification WB3)	✓		Corio	VIC
Kane Perris	Track – 1000m Tandem Time Trial (Classification WH3)	✓		Cowan	WA
Korey Boddington	Road/Track – 1000m TT, Road Race (Classification MC4)	✓		Brisbane	QLD
Lauren Parker	Road, Para-triathlon – ITT, Road Race (Classification H3), Para-triathlon – PTWC1	✓		Paterson	NSW
Luke Zaccaria	Pilot for Kane Perris	✓		Pearce	WA
Meg Lemon	Road/Track – 3000m Individual Pursuit, ITT, Road Race (Classification MC4)	✓		Boothby	SA
PARA EQUESTRIAN					
Bridget Murphy	Grand Prix Test, Freestyle Grand Prix Grade II			Casey	VIC
Dianne Barnes	Grand Prix Test, Freestyle Grand Prix Grade IV	✓		Flinders	VIC
Lisa Martin	Grand Prix Test, Freestyle Grand Prix Grade V	✓		Lyne	NSW
Stella Barton	Grand Prix Test, Freestyle Grand Prix Grade I			Higgins/MacNamara	VIC
PARA JUDO					
Taylor Gosens	J2 70kg+			Reid	NSW
PARA POWERLIFTING					
Ben Wright	-88kg Open (Classification PO)	✓		Canning	WA
Hani Watson	+86kg Open (Classification PO)	✓		Bonner	QLD
PARA ROWING					
Al Viney	PR3 Mixed Coxed Four	✓		Kooyong	VIC
Erik Horrie	PR1 Men's Single Scull	✓		Moncrieff	QLD
Hannah Cowap	Coxswain for Mixed Coxed Four		✓	North Sydney	NSW
Jed Altschwager	PR3 Mixed Double Scull	✓		Hindmarsh	SA
Nikki Ayers	PR3 Mixed Double Scull	✓		Hindmarsh/Port Adelaide	SA

Athlete	Event(s)	Grants		Relevant electorate/s	State
		dAIS	LPC		
Susannah Lutze	PR3 Mixed Coxed Four	✓		Kooyong	VIC
Thomas Birtwhistle	PR3 Mixed Coxed Four	✓		North Sydney	NSW
Tobiah Goffsassen	PR3 Mixed Coxed Four	✓		Moncrieff	QLD
PARA SHOOTING					
Anton Zappelli	R3 10m Air Rifle Prone, R6 50m Rifle Prone (Classification SH1)	✓		Tangney	WA
Natalie Smith	R2 10m Air Rifle Standing, R8 50m Rifle 3 Position (Classification SH1)	✓		Forde/Rankin	QLD
PARA SWIMMING					
Ahmed Kelly	S3 – 150m Individual Medley, 50m Backstroke, 50m Freestyle	✓		Jagajaga	VIC
Alex Saffy	S10 – 100m Freestyle, 100m Butterfly, 200m Individual Medley	✓		Canberra	ACT
Alexa Leary	S9 – 100m Freestyle, S10 – 50m Freestyle	✓		Moncrieff	QLD
Benjamin Hance	S14 – 100m Butterfly, 100m Backstroke	✓		Fairfax	QLD
Brenden Hall	S9 – 400m Freestyle, 100m Backstroke, 100m Butterfly	✓		Fisher	QLD
Callum Simpson	S8 – 400m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle	✓	✓	Fairfax	QLD
Chloe Osborn	S7 – 400m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle	✓	✓	Berowra/Mitchell	NSW
Col Pearse	S10 – 100m Butterfly, 200m Individual Medley	✓	✓	Higgins/Macnamara	VIC
Ella Jones	S8 – 100m Backstroke, 400m Freestyle	✓	✓	Adelaide	SA
Emily Beecroft	S9 – 100m Freestyle, 100m Butterfly	✓	✓	Fairfax	QLD
Grant Patterson	S3/SB2 – 150m Individual Medley, 50m Breaststroke, 200m Freestyle	✓		Leichhardt	QLD
Holly Warn	S7 – 400m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle		✓	Moncrieff	QLD
Jack Ireland	S14 – 200m Freestyle	✓	✓	Moreton	QLD
Jake Michel	SB14 – 100m Breaststroke	✓		Bowman	QLD

Athlete	Event(s)	Grants		Relevant electorate/s	State
		dAIS	LPC		
Jasmine Greenwood	S10 – 50m Freestyle, 100m Butterfly, 100m Backstroke, 200m Individual Medley	✓	✓	Gilmore	NSW
Jenna Jones	S12 – 100m Backstroke, 100m Freestyle, 100m Breaststroke	✓	✓	Fairfax	QLD
Jesse Aungles	S8 – 100m Backstroke	✓	✓	Canberra	ACT
Katja Dedekind	S13 – 50m Freestyle	✓	✓	Moreton	QLD
Keira Stephens	S10/SB9 – 100m Breaststroke, 200m Individual Medley	✓	✓	McPherson	QLD
Lakeisha Patterson	S9 – 100m Freestyle, 200m Individual Medley	✓	✓	Longman	QLD
Lewis Bishop	S9 – 100m Butterfly	✓	✓	Bonner	QLD
Maddie McTernan	S14 – 100m Backstroke, 200m Freestyle	✓	✓	Fadden	QLD
Paige Leonhardt	S14 – 100m Butterfly, 100m Breaststroke, 200m Individual Medley	✓	✓	Bowman	QLD
Poppy Wilson	S10 – 100m Freestyle, 100m Butterfly, 400m Freestyle	✓	✓	Blair	QLD
Rachael Watson	S3 – 100m Freestyle, S4 – 50m Freestyle	✓		Bonner	QLD
Ricky Betar	S14 – 200m Freestyle, 200m Individual Medley, 200m Backstroke	✓	✓	Longman	QLD
Rowan Crothers	S10 – 50m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle	✓	✓	Moreton	QLD
Ruby Storm	S14 – 200m Freestyle, 100m Breaststroke	✓	✓	Fisher	QLD
Timothy Hodge	S9 – 400m Freestyle, 100m Breaststroke, 100m Backstroke, 200m Individual Medley, 100m Butterfly	✓	✓	Greenway	NSW
Tom Gallagher	S10 – 50m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle, 100m Backstroke	✓		Fairfax	QLD
PARA TABLE TENNIS					
Chris Addis	Mixed Doubles (Standing), Mens Doubles (Wheelchair), Singles (Standing) (Classification TT4)	✓		Hawke	VIC

Athlete	Event(s)	Grants		Relevant electorate/s	State
		dAIS	LPC		
Daniela Di Toro	Womens Doubles (Wheelchair), Mixed Doubles (Wheelchair), Mixed Doubles (Standing), Singles (Wheelchair) [Classification TT4]	✓		Wills	VIC
Hayley Sands	Womens Doubles (Wheelchair), Mixed Doubles (Wheelchair), Singles (Wheelchair) [Classification TT2]	✓		Boothby	SA
Jessy Chen	Mens Doubles (Wheelchair), Mixed Doubles (Wheelchair), Mens Doubles (Standing), Mixed Doubles (Standing), Singles (Wheelchair) [Classification TT3]	✓		Bennelong	NSW
Jimmy Huo	Singles (Wheelchair), Singles (Standing) [Classification TT5]			Bennelong	NSW
Lin Ma	Mixed Doubles (Standing), Singles (Standing) [Classification TT9]	✓		Chisholm	VIC
Lina Lei	Mixed Doubles (Wheelchair), Womens Doubles (Standing), Singles (Standing) [Classification TT9]	✓		Menzies	VIC
Melissa Tapper	Mixed Doubles (Standing), Singles (Standing) [Classification TT10]	✓		Macnamara	VIC
Nathan Pellissier	Mixed Doubles (Standing), Mens Doubles (Standing), Singles (Standing) [Classification TT8]	✓		Gellibrand	VIC
Qian Yang	Womens Doubles (Standing), Singles (Standing) [Classification TT10]	✓		Deakin	VIC
Sam Von Einem	Singles (Standing) [Classification TT11]	✓	✓	Boothby	SA
Trevor Hirth	Mixed Doubles (Wheelchair), Mixed Doubles (Standing), Singles (Standing) MS6 [Classification TT6]	✓		Gorton	VIC
PARA TRIATHLON					
Aaron Royle	Guide for Sam Harding	✓		N/A	UK
Anu Francis	PTS2	✓		Kingston	SA
David Bryant	PTS5	✓		Curtin	WA

Athlete	Event(s)	Grants		Relevant electorate/s	State
		dAIS	LPC		
Grace Brimelow	PTS4	✓	✓	Fairfax	QLD
Jack Howell	PTS5	✓	✓	Moncrieff	QLD
Jeremy Peacock	PTS4	✓		Corangamite	VIC
Justin Godfrey	PTS3	✓		Farrer	NSW
Liam Twomey	PTS4	✓		Higgins	VIC
Nic Beveridge	PTWC1	✓		Dawson	QLD
Sally Pilbeam	PTS4	✓		Moore	WA
Sam Harding	PTVI2	✓		Canberra	ACT
Tom Goodman	PTS2	✓		Sturt	SA
WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL					
Bill Latham	Mens	✓		Cowper	NSW
Eithen Leard	Mens	✓	✓	Oxley	QLD
Frank Pinder	Mens	✓		Perth	WA
Jannik Blair	Mens	✓		Mallee	VIC
Jaylen Brown	Mens	✓		Wannon	VIC
Luke Pople	Mens	✓		Whitlam	NSW
Phil Evans	Mens	✓		Moore	WA
Sam White	Mens	✓		Mayo	SA
Shaun Norris	Mens	✓		Pearce	WA
Tom McHugh	Mens	✓	✓	Hasluck	WA
Tom O'Neill-Thorne	Mens	✓	✓	Solomon	NT
Tristan Knowles	Mens	✓		Cunningham	NSW
WHEELCHAIR RUGBY					
Andrew Edmondson	Team	✓		Cowper	NSW
Beau Vernon	Team	✓		Fairfax	QLD
Ben Fawcett	Team	✓		Maribyrnong	VIC
Brayden Foxley-Conolly	Team	✓	✓	Dawson	QLD
Chris Bond	Team	✓		Fisher	QLD
Ella Sabljak	Team	✓		Fadden	QLD
Emilie Miller	Team	✓		Calare	NSW
Jake Howe	Team	✓		Burt	WA
James McQuillan	Team	✓		Kooyong	VIC
Josh Nicholson	Team	✓		Brisbane	QLD

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		dAIS	LPC		
Ryley Batt	Team	✓		Fairfax	QLD
Shae Graham	Team	✓		Maribyrnong	VIC
WHEELCHAIR TENNIS					
Andy Parker	Open Singles, Open Doubles			Banks	NSW
Ben Weekes	Open Singles, Open Doubles	✓		Parramatta	NSW
Heath Davidson	Quad Singles	✓		Dunkley	VIC