



**Foundation Members of Wheelchair Sports NSW**

*(Left to right): Foundation member of WS NSW Daphne Hilton, President of WS NSW Michael Godfrey-Roberts, Foundation member of WS NSW Trevor French and Premier Kristina Keneally at the Launch of the WS NSW 50 Year Anniversary celebrations at Government House*



## President's Report

At the Premiers Reception at Government House for the wheelchair racers from home and abroad competing in the Oz Day 10K, we launched our 50 Year Anniversary celebrations.

The Premier and I were delighted to present plaques to our 2 living Foundation Members namely Daphne Hilton (nee Ceeney) and Trevor French. These 2 were there at the very beginning of Wheelchair Sports NSW. It was very special to recognise these 2 trailblazers. What an athlete Daphne was as our first female Paralympian!

This year we invited 31 individuals to be ambassadors for our 50 Year celebrations. These are our pioneers who have given back in so many ways to our organisation over many years. The list is as follows:

Ballard, Laurie	French, Trevor	Hyde, Errol	Newton, Jim	Watts, Graeme
Bevan, Maggie	Giddy, Terry	Jarvis, Craig	Ross, Linda	Wiseman, Jeff
Bradley, Bill	Godfrey-Roberts, Michael	MacGregor, Susan	Sparkes, Chris	Yeo, John
Bremner, Keith	Grant, Dr John	Magennis, Eric	Stimson, Daphne	
Callahan, Michael	Hewson, Gerry	Martin, Johnnie	Talbott, Bob	
Cordukes, Richard	Hilton, Daphne	Mason, Terry	Talbott, Yvonne	
Duddenhoffer, Bill	Hooper, Gary	Morozoff, Nick	Trotter, Peter	

A number of these ambassadors attended the Premiers Reception as well as the Oz Day 10K and our international Tennis finals. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces who have contributed so much.

Our committee for our 50 Year Anniversary is planning many exciting events during the year, and I trust members past and present along with many others, will join in the celebrations.

If I could alert you to two dates in 2011. This year our AGM on the evening of Monday 27th June will be a special one. We are looking to award Life Memberships of Wheelchair Sports NSW. The AGM will be held at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club and further information will follow.

The other function that is a must for all is our 50 Year Anniversary Dinner on Friday 21st October at Waterview in Bicentennial Park, Homebush. The Dinner will incorporate our Annual Awards. Again further details will follow in due course.

Whilst on the theme of celebrations we achieved some great success at the NSW Sports Awards recently. Before an audience of 500, rugby player Ryley Batt took out the 2010 Athlete of the Year with a Disability and the Sydney University Flames Women's Wheelchair Basketball Team won the 2010 Team of the Year with a Disability. Flames players Sarah Stewart and Katie Hill were there to accept the award.

At the same function I was honoured to receive a Distinguished Long Service Award for 30 years service to Wheelchair Sport. Amongst the recipients from other sports was a great stalwart in Ken Harvey for his contribution to Basketball in NSW.

Could I make a plea for all members to join in our celebrations for our 50 Year Anniversary. This is a once in a 50 year opportunity!

**Michael Godfrey-Roberts**

*President*



### **Dates for the Diary - 50th Anniversary Celebrations**

Sunday 1st May	Member Reunion BBQ Bicentennial Park
Monday 27th June	AGM & Cocktail Function with induction of Life Members Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club
Friday 21st October	50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner Waterview Function Centre in Bicentennial Park

## History Project

The book "The History of WS NSW" is progressing well and it is planned to have the final published version ready for launching prior to the 50th Anniversary dinner in October.

The draft is now in the hands of a Book Editor, and a Publisher has also been selected for the printing and publication of the book.

It has been a long process and Jeanette Smith is very grateful to all those trailblazers, legends members and supporters who have given their time, knowledge, memorabilia and photos to this important project. Thank you!

## CEO's Report

As Michael has mentioned in his President's Report, this is a great year of celebrations for Wheelchair Sports NSW, and we trust all members past and present join us in celebrating our 50 years.

A major part of our celebrations will be the publication of the 50 Year History of Wheelchair Sports NSW. Following tremendous research by one of our staff Jeanette Smith, the document is now in the hands of an editor and eventually will go to a publisher. It is proposed to have the publication finished by the second half of the year. A very exciting project for our organisation.

Our two major international wheelchair events went off very well although entries were down. We only had 28 on the start line for the Oz Day 10K in the Rocks and 44 players for our tennis at Sydney Olympic Park. These numbers will want to increase next year given the Paralympics.

A delightful moment at the Oz Day 10K was the sight of Life Member Jeff Wiseman, one of our 50 year ambassadors, starting the race. Jeff, with another ambassador Peter Trotter, was instrumental in organising the first Oz Day 10K 23 years ago. Incidentally Jeff celebrates his birthday on Australia Day. So this year his birthday went off with a bang!

Members should have received their 2011-2012 WS NSW Membership renewal forms, and for full members the Athlete Grant applications. Note these must be returned by March 31st and your adherence to this deadline is required. We welcome any enquiries about membership and/or the grants.

We are coming to the end of yet another tough financial year for Wheelchair Sports NSW (Financial year ends March 31st). The Board and staff are striving to show a modest profit after 2 consecutive years of losses. Our small reserves can't tolerate these sort of losses long term. We ask members to bear with us while we continue to demonstrate financial restraint.

Could I alert members to the change in Board structure that will come into being at our next AGM in June. There will be only 4 elected Board members with the other 4 to be appointed. Already the current Board is approaching possible candidates for the appointed Directors positions. Again this is an exciting and progressive development for Wheelchair Sports NSW.

Wheelchair Sports NSW have moved office within the grounds of the Royal Rehabilitation Centre at Ryde. We are now situated in the Village which is more to the Morrison Road end of the site. Directions are contained elsewhere in this Pushers Post. Our postal address, phone and fax numbers remain the same.

We are settling into our new surroundings having being at our previous site for almost 18 years. We welcome any member visits.

**Jim O'Brien**  
CEO



## Premier's Reception Launching 50 Year Celebrations

The Honourable Kristina Keneally MP, Premier of New South Wales, held a Reception at Government House on Monday 24th January to launch the 50th Anniversary of Wheelchair Sports NSW and the GIO Oz Day 10K International Wheelchair Race on Australia Day.

The wonderful evening attended by athletes, members, sponsors and supporters officially launched the 50 year anniversary celebrations.

The reception recognised Daphne Hilton and Trevor French two of the founding members of the "Paraplegic Sports Club of NSW" that first met in 1961 and became the foundations of Wheelchair Sports NSW.

The evening also was attended by several of our ambassadors of our 50 Year Anniversary who are the pioneers and trailblazers instrumental in helping to shape our organisation. These included Laurie Ballard, Bill Bradley, Richard Cordukes, Bill Duddenhoffer, Michael Godfrey-Roberts, Gary Hooper, Craig Jarvis, Susan MacGregor, Bob Talbott, Yvonne Talbott OAM, Peter Trotter, Graeme Watts and Dr John Yeo.

We look forward to continuing celebrations throughout 2011.



*Left: Peter Trotter (WS NSW 50 Year Ambassador), Shanon Bates (Oz Day 10K athlete) and Bill Duddenhoffer (WS NSW 50 Year Ambassador)*



*Right: Premier Kristina Keneally wishes WS NSW well for the 50th Anniversary celebrations.*

## Fundraising News

### Thank you for your support

Thank you to those who participated in fundraising for the Junior Wheelie Christmas Camp online campaign. Over \$6,000 was raised. Congratulations to our top fundraisers, Jim O'Brien, Jessica Pellow, Chris Nicholls and Stephan Rochecouste.

Thank you to all those who came along to the Sydney International Wheelchair Tennis Open and those who donated to our tennis players. Almost \$6,000 was raised at the tennis.

WS NSW would like to thank and recognise the following for their recent support:

Golden Stave Foundation

St George Foundation

Joan Mackisack

Australian Chinese Charity Foundation

Wayne Costin (Costin Roe Consulting Pty Ltd)

ASX Thomson Reuters Charity Foundation

Charity Challenge Golf Fund

Stacks Goudkamp

### EveryDay Hero

It has never been easier to raise money for WS NSW using EveryDay Hero [www.everydayhero.com.au](http://www.everydayhero.com.au). You can be a hero for Wheelchair Sports NSW by building your own personal fundraising page. It only takes a few minutes to build and email to all of your contacts.

- Create a fundraising page with your own photo or video and tell your story about how and why you are trying to raise money.
- No hassles, collecting promised money or issuing receipts because EveryDayHero processes every donation from your

supporters; issues the tax deductible receipt to the donor immediately by email

- Ask more people by email. Online fundraising lets you email people all over the world to show them what you are doing and why, and ask for donations. 30% of people you email WILL donate so the more emails you send, the more money you will raise!
- Have more fun, by sending personal emails to your friends, family and colleagues and let them leave their message of support.



### 2011 Stacks Goudkamp Charity Golf Day

Golfers join us for the 2011 Stacks Goudkamp Golf Day on Tuesday 31 May 2011 and experience a great day of golf with colleagues and clients, whilst raising much needed funds to go towards providing people with a disability the opportunity to play sport!

This is a full day of serious golf at Macquarie Links International Golf Club, starting at 7am for registration and breakfast, then finishing with a fantastic lunch and presentations. For all those interested in playing some competitive golf for a great cause in Wheelchair Sports NSW please contact Sarah Hozack on 9809 5260 or [sarahh@wsnsw.org.au](mailto:sarahh@wsnsw.org.au).

### Fundraising Diary Dates

#### Charity Golf Day – Tuesday 31 May 2011

A day playing golf with corporates while raising funds for Wheelchair Sports – to reserve your place please contact Wheelchair Sports NSW.

#### Wheelchair Sports Race Day - Saturday 9 July 2011 Randwick Race Course.

A fantastic day at the races with three course lunch and drinks, while raising funds for Wheelchair Sports NSW.

#### Wheelchair Sports Junior Sports Fundraising Lunch – Wednesday 31 August 2011

Our major fundraising lunch for corporates, sponsors and supporters – raising funds for our junior wheelie programs.

#### 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner – Friday 21 October 2011

Time to turn back the clock and experience wheelchair sports journey over the past 50 years. Connecting with past and present members, volunteers and supporters.

#### Greenslip Tennis Cup – Friday 28 October 2011

Supporting the Sydney International Wheelchair Tennis Open insurers and law firms compete in a tennis event, raising funds for our event and tennis players.

## **2010 Junior Wheelies Christmas Camp**

The 2010 Junior Wheelies Christmas Camp was held on the weekend of 10-12 December 2010. This an annual camp is run by WS NSW at the Sydney Academy of Sport, Narrabeen. In 2010, there were 45 participants in residence at the camp with WS NSW Junior Wheelie members aged between 11 to 18 years old.

Our campers and volunteers come from all areas of NSW. This year we had participants from Albury, Coffs Harbour, Taree, Wagga Wagga, Mudgee as well as attendees from the wider Sydney Metropolitan area.

The 2010 Christmas Camp provided an opportunity for our young members to try different wheelchair sports, including basketball, tennis, rugby, hockey, table tennis, hand cycling, athletics, power lifting, cricket, canoeing, and rugby league. It is hoped that at least one of the sports offered at camp will have captured their interest, and thereby sparked a life of activity and social interaction.

Following on from success last year, Cricket NSW was again invited to run a clinic and this was enjoyed by many of the campers. They conducted a short workshop where the campers were coached through a variety of cricket drills and rules of the game. This workshop was very well organised with all campers getting involved. The excitement was raised when an element of competition was added.

The Junior Wheelie members greatly enjoy coming to the Christmas Camp each year and each one of them looks forward to the camp for a different reason. A number of the juniors are part of a year round basketball group and are thrilled at the chance to play against each other for pure enjoyment. The Christmas Camp is a place where everyone is free to just enjoy sport without having to worry about the pressures of competition. In 2010 the basketball clinics were conducted by Evan Bennett, assistant coach to both the Sydney University Flames and NSW Junior Team with Jessica Pellow who is currently in the Paralympic Preparation Program.

Each year, at the conclusion of the camp some presentations are made for participation and an Encouragement Grant is awarded to a Junior Wheelie. In 2010, this was awarded to Luke Bailey from Wingham on the North Coast who showed exceptional sporting talent and who has been a very dedicated member throughout the year.

The 2010 Christmas Camp was supported by Clubs NSW and the St George Foundation.



## 2010 NSW Sports Federation Annual Sports Awards

The 2010 NSW Sports Federation Annual Sports Awards winners were announced at a prestigious Gala Dinner on 16 February 2011 at Waterview in Bicentennial Park in Sydney. The black-tie dinner attended by close to 500 guests, attracted a who's who of sport and was MC'd by ABC Sport Presenter Peter Wilkins. Recognition was given in 18 award categories acknowledging grassroots to elite level sport. Four-time World Surfing Championships Stephanie Gilmore and 2010 World Sailor of the Year Tom Slingsby both took home the coveted NSW Athlete of the Year.

NSW Sports Federation Chief Executive Officer, Debbie Kemp said "The calibre of this year's finalists was outstanding which shows the depth of talent and commitment in NSW sport."

Congratulations to these WS NSW members who were 2010 NSW Sports Federation Annual Sports Awards winners:

### **NSW Team Athlete with a Disability**

#### **Citation. Ryley Batt, Wheelchair Rugby**

Ryley has continued his individual and team successes winning the US Quad Rugby Association Division 1 Nationals with San Diego Sharp Edge and claiming the MVP award. He was named tournament MVP at the 2010 Canada Cup where the Australian Steelers won the tournament. Ryley was also the standout performer at the 2010 Wheelchair Rugby World Championships. The Australian Steelers finished with a Silver medal and Ryley claimed the MVP. He was the key player for the NSW Gladiators who defended their fifth consecutive National Wheelchair Rugby League title and was named the League MVP.

### **NSW Team with a Disability**

#### **Citation. Sydney University Flames, Wheelchair Basketball**

Formerly known as the Hills Hornets, the Sydney University Flames won their ninth consecutive Women's National League title. The squad includes two-time Paralympian Sarah Stewart, five-time Paralympian Liesl Tesch and Beijing Paralympian Katie Hill. Other team members include Caitlin de Wit, Stephanie Van Leeuwen and Jessica Pellow. Sarah, Liesl and Katie are members of the Gliders, the Australian National Wheelchair Basketball team who in 2010 won Bronze at the Paralympic World Cup and placed fourth at the 2010 World Championships.

### **Distinguished Long Service Award (for over 30 years of service)**

#### **Citation. Michael Godfrey-Roberts, Wheelchair Sports**

Michael joined Wheelchair Sports NSW in 1980 as a member and volunteer. Since 1985 he has served on the Board and from 1995 he has been Chair/President. Michael was awarded Life Membership of Wheelchair Sports NSW in 2002. He has been part of NSW State team management 12 times and the Australian team 23 times including 3 Paralympic Games. He was on an Advisory Committee for the Sydney Paralympic Organising Committee and chaired Organising Committees for the 2005 and 2007 National Junior Games for Athletes with a Disability.

#### **Citation. Ken Harvey, Basketball (including wheelchair basketball)**

Ken has been involved with basketball since 1944 and at 82 years young he is still refereeing. He started with Sydney YMCA Basketball and City of Sydney Basketball Association. Ken has served as Registrar for Basketball NSW for over 7 years and has been heavily involved in refereeing, being the Junior Secretary of the Sydney and State Referee Associations. He has been actively involved in assisting players with special needs, especially wheelchair basketballers and has coached extensively at all levels.

And congratulations to the following WS NSW members who were nominees for the Awards: Kurt Fearnley (NSW Athlete with a Disability) Tristan Knowles (NSW Team Athlete with a Disability), Keegan Oh-Chee (NSW Young Athlete with a Disability) and NSW Gladiators Wheelchair Rugby Team (NSW Team with a Disability).

*Top: Lauren Jackson (Team Athlete of the Year), Ryley Batt (Team Athlete of the Year with a Disability) and Tom Slingsby (NSW Athlete of the Year)*

*Middle: Sarah Stewart, Paul Franc (Contact and Clarendon) and Katie Hill*

*Bottom: Distinguished Long Service Award recipients, Ken Harvey and Michael Godfrey-Roberts seated front left.*





Start of the 2011 GIO Oz Day 10K



Athletics NSW officials Gerard Hayes (left) and Richard Batterley (right) with Australian National Wheelchair coach and GIO Oz Day 10K commentator Andrew Dawes (middle)



WS NSW member Declan Young - Runner Up in the Junior Division of the 2011 GIO Oz Day 10K



Winners of the 2011 GIO Oz Day 10K - Kurt Fearnley (NSW, AUS) and Sandra Rush (USA)

## GIO Oz Day 10K

Kicking off Australia Day foreshore celebrations on January 26 in the Rocks, Sydney, the GIO Oz Day 10K this year reinforced its position as the highest profile wheelchair sporting event in Australia.

In its 22nd year, the race featured past and present racers and rising champions, despite the problem of many of the world's best racers competing in New Zealand at a World Championships.

Still the race attracted some of the world's elite wheelchair athletes, including top Australian athlete Kurt Fearnley, and other world champions, Heinz Frei (Switzerland), Ernst Van Dyke (South Africa), Saul Mendoza (Mexico) along with some of Australia's most talented juniors - Nathan Arkley, Sara Tait, Rheed McCracken and Declan Young. The very first winner of Oz Day 10K in 1990, Craig Blanchette (USA), also competed in the race this year.

Athletes completed two laps of a 5km course throughout The Rocks district with the top athletes making good time in a thrilling and fast-paced race.

Local athlete, crowd favourite and defending Champion Kurt Fearnley won his 7th consecutive title completing the course in 21:04. Second overall and Masters Champion was racing legend Heinz Frei from Switzerland in 21:25.

The Open's Women's Race was won by Sandra Rush (USA) in a time of 30:40, with young Queenslander Sara Tait finishing second in the event.

The Junior race was won by Nathan Arkley (South Australia) in 22:47 with Declan Young (NSW) and Rheed McCracken (QLD) second and third respectively.

In the Open Quad category Australian Peter Angel finished in 36:04.

Our Oz Day 10K can't take place without our sponsors and we do need to recognise the great contribution of GIO as naming right sponsor for 2011.

Organisations who also committed their support this year were:

- NSW Sport and Recreation
- Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority
- Australian Paralympic Committee
- Australian Athletes with a Disability

And our contra sponsors were:

- Star City Hotel and Apartments
- NSW Premiers Department
- Contact and Clarendon
- Active Sportz
- Premier Awards

Once again thanks must go to the tireless efforts of Serena Ovens, our Event Manager. Also the great work of our volunteers and officials from Athletics NSW needs to be recognised.

## **Sydney International Wheelchair Tennis Open – a hotly contested tournament**

The Sydney International Wheelchair Tennis Open, part of the NEC Wheelchair Tennis Tour, came to the Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre in the first week of February and was played over five days. The tournament is an ITF Level 1 tournament with participants travelling worldwide to compete. The tournament features over 50% of international players.

With temperatures of 35 plus degrees during the week and even 40 degrees and over on the second last day of play, players had to compete with the action on the court, as well as the elements. The extreme heat rule was put in place for most of Saturday's play, with both the men's and women's doubles final suspended until Sunday. Both the women's and men's singles and doubles finals featured the number one and two seeds facing off against each other.

Australia's Daniela DiToro played a near faultless match against her opponent, Jiske Griffioen (NED). This was a rematch of the Sydney International Open 2010 final, Di Toro reversing that result and winning in straight sets.

Shingo Kunieda, from Japan defeated Ronald Vink (NED) in the men's singles final. The first set was tough, with both players playing high quality tennis. Kunieda won the first set 7-5 but was then able to wear down his opponent in the second set, 6-2.

Tournament Director, Lara Giltinan from Tennis NSW, indicated, "Despite the tough conditions, all players competed at such a high level. The tournament plays an important part of the NEC Wheelchair Tennis Tour and wheelchair tennis in general."

We do value the ongoing support of our sponsors for 2011

- Australian Paralympic Committee
- NSW Sport and Recreation
- Sydney Olympic Park
- ipac securities
- Australian Athletes with a Disability

Other supporters include:

- Star City Hotel and Apartments
- Contact and Clarendon

Thank you to Lara, Referee Marg Sheean, NSW Tennis officials, Transport Coordinator Carol Amps and our wonderful band of volunteers for their support.

### **Other results:**

#### **Women's doubles final**

Jiske Griffioen / Aniek Van Koot def Marjolein Buis / Annick Sevenans 7-5 6-0

#### **Men's doubles final**

Robin Ammerlaan / Ronald Vink def Shingo Kunieda / Maikel Scheffers 7-5 6-2

#### **Juniors singles final**

Henry de Cure def Keegan Oh-Chee 6-3 6-3

Thank you to Lara, Referee Marg Sheean, NSW Tennis officials, Transport Coordinator Carol Amps and our wonderful band of volunteers for their support.



*Women's Main Draw Winner Daniela DiToro (AUS)*



*Men's Main Draw Winner Shingo Kunieda (JPN)*



*Our wonderful ball persons, one section of our band of volunteers.*

**WS NSW member results:**

**Men's Main Draw** - Ben Weekes and Richard Engles - Quarter Finalists

**Women's Main Draw** - Janel Manns - Quarter Finalist

**B/C Singles** - Errol Hyde - Winner

**Men's Main Draw Doubles** - Mick Connell / Richard Engles and Ben Weekes - Semi Finalists

**Women's Main Draw Doubles** - Luba Josevski - Semi Finalist

All results can be found on the wsnsw website <http://www.wsnsw.org.au/2011-syd-int-tennis-open.html>



*WS NSW Junior player Stephan Rochecouste*



*Women's Main Draw Quarter Finalist Janel Manns (NSW)*



*Women's Main Draw Doubles Semi Finalist pair (foreground) Luba Josevski (NSW, AUS) and Daniela Di Toro (AUS)*



*B/C Singles Winner Errol Hyde (NSW)*

## SPORT SHORTS



### Athletics

#### IPC World Championships Wrap Up

The world watched as the world's greatest athletics athletes with a disability gathered to compete in the 2011 IPC Athletics World Championships in Christchurch, New Zealand, 22-30 January. Amongst Australia's wheelchair track team, Kurt Fearnley and Angie Ballard flew the flag for WS NSW.

In the only medal from the Championships for WS NSW, Fearnley pipped Heinz Frei of Switzerland and Masazumi Soejima from Japan to claim Gold in the men's T54 Marathon. In fact, the first seven places were separated by a mere two seconds. What makes the story more remarkable is that the marathon came just days after he defended his title at the 2011 GIO Oz Day 10K – a race which was competed under extreme heat conditions.



### Basketball

#### Sydney Spring Basketball League:

21 & 28 November

- A total of 5 teams entered the two week competition.
- Winners were the Roller Hawks
- Most Valuable Player: Nick Taylor – Razorbacks
- Highest Points Scorer was Brett Stibners – Roller Hawks



### Handcycling

#### 2011 National Handcycling Series – Echuca

Wheelchair Sports NSW members Glenn Bennett and Ron Gibson competed in the Echuca Round of the National Handcycling Series, 26-27 February. The Saturday consisted of time trials which was a 13.34km circuit.

In the H1 category, Glenn clocked a time of 39:49 at an average of 20.04kmph to finish 2nd. Ron Gibson completed his time trial with a highly competitive 25:19 in the H2 category, at an average speed of 31.52kmph, finishing 3rd behind Michael Taylor from Victoria (22:45) and Jarrod Moncur from Queensland (23:48).

On the Sunday, the rain cooled the racing conditions for the road race. In the H1 category, the race was a 30km course. Glenn Bennett finished 3rd with a time of 1:28:45, behind Craig Parsons (WA) and Mike De Santo (VIC). In the H2 category, the race was a 51km course. Ron Gibson again finished 3rd with a time of 1:44:07 again behind Michael Taylor (1:35:33) and Jarrod Moncur (1:40:42).



### Lawn Bowls

The Christmas pudding had barely any time to settle before the 2011 WSA National Lawn Bowls Championships were under way in Adelaide, 3-8 January.

The Adelaide summer is renowned for its incredible heat and 2011 was no different with scorching conditions. Nonetheless, the bowlers were able to showcase their skills at the picturesque Clearview Bowling Club.

The NSW bowlers turned in competitive performances with debutant Henry Ryan pairing up with Gilbert Hicks to win a silver medal in the Open Pairs. The pair were defeated 10-6, 11-3 in the final.



(L to R) Henry Ryan (NSW), Kaytlyn Smith and Ashley Pardon (both QLD) and Gilbert Hicks (NSW) following the Open Pairs Final

NSW men also achieved third and fourth places in the Mens Singles. Geoff Seton was defeated by eventual gold medalist Josh Barry from Victoria 7-6, 8-3 in a semi final. This set up the third place playoff against Peter Ackley who was defeated by Barry Charity from South Australia 11-8, 10-4 in his semi. It was Geoff who came through in the play off with a straight sets win 10-4, 13-2 over Peter.



All NSW playoff: Peter Ackley and Geoff Seton following their Mens Singles 3rd place playoff

In the Ladies Singles draw, the duel between NSW's Carolyn Nelson and Joanne Hunter continued with both girls winning 4 games a piece. However, Carolyn Nelson edged ahead on the standings, and finished with the gold medal, by winning 10 sets to Joanne Hunter's 7. Joanne thus claimed the silver.



Team NSW enjoying a light moment away from the scorching heat.

## SPORT SHORTS cont.

As part of the team bonding experience, the NSW Wizards, nominated a bowler after each day to wear the wizard hat. The hat recognises a NSW bowler who played some fantastic bowls during the previous day's play.

Day	Wizard	Day	Wizard
1	Gilbert Hicks	4	Carolyn Nelson
2	Joy Boyd	5	Peter Ackley
3	Henry Ryan	6	Geoff Seton



### Wheelchair Tennis

Ben Weekes and David Hall played an exhibition match of wheelchair tennis at the Medibank International in January, the link below is a video of their time on court.

[www.tennis.com.au/nsw/video/2011/01/25/videowheelchair-tennis-exhibition](http://www.tennis.com.au/nsw/video/2011/01/25/videowheelchair-tennis-exhibition)

## We have moved

Wheelchair Sports NSW is now situated in the "Village" of the Royal Rehabilitation Centre at Ryde.

Directions for member visits are as follows:

- Come in off Princes Street, Ryde. Princes St runs off Morrison Rd at the highest point of the Rehab Centre (Weemala meaning the highest point).
- Princes St is a downward steep grade and you take the 2nd driveway on the right about 100m down the street.
- This leads you into a carpark for around 15 cars.
- Park and take the walkway to the right hand side of the building to the 2nd lot of automatic reception doors on your left.
- This will lead you into the new Wheelchair Sports NSW office space.

NOTE: Our postal address, phone and fax numbers remain the same.

## WHEELCHAIR SPORTS NSW ROADSHOW



Winding up the end of 2010, December proved to be another busy month, to follow an extremely busy year. With a total of 12 School Roadshows, 2 Corporate Roadshows and a Special Xmas Children's Big Day Out with a crowd of 2000 people out at Homebush, the Roadshow staff have done an amazing job through 2010.

Going into 2011 the Roadshow slowed down slightly due to school holidays and a concentration on our two major events, the Summer Down Under and the Sydney International Wheelchair Tennis. This gives our Roadshow Staff the time off to relax and rejuvenate ready for the school year starting in February 2011.

We have welcomed a new staff member to the Roadshow over the Christmas break and we look forward to working

with him in the next few weeks. Welcome on board Keegan Oh-Chee!

Over the Christmas school holidays we have received a large number of school Roadshow bookings, and they continue to flow in, now that the school year is well underway. It proves that it will once again be a huge year for the Roadshow Program.

If you know of any schools interested in the Wheelchair Sports Roadshow, please forward our details onto the school and we will be more than happy to discuss the program further with the relevant teacher.

Also if you work for a Corporation that would be interested in having the Corporate Wheelchair Sports Roadshow along for a team building day, corporate event or staff gathering, we will be happy to provide you further information on what this program involves.

Mel Jones and Lisa Taylor – The Roadshow Coordinators can be contacted by phoning 9809 5260 or emailing [admin@wsnsw.org.au](mailto:admin@wsnsw.org.au).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

	Level	Sport	Event	Location	Event contact
<b>March</b>					
19	State	Rugby	Round 1	PCYC Marrickville	WS NSW - Will
20	State	Basketball	Autumn League - Round 2	North Sydney	WS NSW - Kerri
	Development	Tennis	Coaching Clinic	TBA	Mick/Kerri
25	National	Handcycling	National Handcycling Series Round 4 - Criterium	Waratah Park, Sutherland	WS NSW - Will
25-27	State	Athletics	NSW Track & Field Championships	Sydney Olympic Park	Athletics NSW
26	National	Handcycling	Series Round 4 - Road Race	Lansdowne Park, Lansdowne	WS NSW - Will
26	State	Rugby	Round 2	PCYC Marrickville	WS NSW - Will
27	Development	Juniors	Junior Day	TBA	WS NSW - Kerri
27-29	State	Lawn Bowls	WS NSW Singles Classic	Rosehill Bowling Club	WS NSW - Will
<b>April</b>					
1-3	National	Rugby	Rugby State Championships - The Bash	Brisbane, QLD	Sporting Wheelies
3	State	Basketball	Autumn League - Round 3	PCYC Marrickville	WS NSW - Kerri
9	State	Rugby	Round 3	TBC	WS NSW - Will
9-10	National	Handcycling	Australia Para-cycling Road Championships	Sunshine Coast, QLD	Sporting Wheelies
10	State	Basketball	Autumn League - Finals	Sutherland	WS NSW - Kerri
	Development	Tennis	Coaching Clinic	TBA	Mick/Kerri
15-17	National	Rugby	NWRL Round 1	Melbourne	DSR - Victoria
16-17	International	Handcycling	Oceania Para-cycling Road Championships	Sunshine Coast, QLD	Sporting Wheelies
24	Development	Juniors	Junior Day	TBA	WS NSW - Kerri
30	State	Rugby	Round 4	PCYC Marrickville	WS NSW - Will
<b>May</b>					
1		All members	Member Reunion Day	Bicentennial Park, Sydney Olympic Park	WS NSW
2-14	International	Lawn Bowls	2011 IBD Lawn Bowls World Championships	Pretoria, South Africa	WS NSW - Will
4-6	International	Handcycling	UCI World Cup Paracyclisme Route	Sydney	WS NSW - Will
13-15	National	Rugby	NWRL Round 2	Brisbane	Sporting Wheelies
29	Development	Juniors	Junior Day	TBA	WS NSW - Kerri
31	Fundraising	Golf	Stacks Goudkamp Charity Golf Day	Macquarie Links International	WS NSW - Sarah
<b>June</b>					
TBA		Basketball	Queensland Classics	Brisbane	Sporting Wheelies
		Tennis	Coaching Clinic	TBA	Mick/Kerri
11-13	National	Rugby	NWRL Round 3	Bankstown Basketball Stadium	WS NSW - Will
19	State	Handcycling	Race 1	Merrilyands Oval	WS NSW - Will
25	State	Rugby	Round 6	PCYC Marrickville	WS NSW - Will
26	Development	Juniors	Junior Day	TBA	WS NSW - Kerri
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