



Wheelchair Tennis World Team Cup Australian Junior Team - Bronze Medallists



President's Report

The next event to do with our 50 year celebrations is the 50th Annual General Meeting of Wheelchair Sports NSW. All members will receive an official invite in late May/early June but the basic details are as follows:

- ◇ Monday 27 June
- ◇ Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club
- ◇ 6pm to 9pm (Annual General Meeting followed by a Reception)

Three wonderful workers for Wheelchair Sports NSW will be nominated for Life Membership on that night. Richard Cordukes, Linda Ross and Graeme Watts between them have given close to 100 years of service to our organisation.

In relation to the upcoming AGM, I am delighted to report that in regards to our financials, we are looking at a modest end of year profit. This reverses the trend of the previous few years. Responsible measures that were put in place at the start of the last financial year by the Board, have proved effective and we are now back on an even keel. Mind you, there will no doubt be further challenges ahead for a small charity like ours, in this tight economic climate.

At the same time we continue to support our members. Wheelchair Sports NSW recently distributed \$75,000 in grants directly to our members. This is an annual distribution of funds to assist a large number of our members engaged in regular training and competition. On top of this one off funding allocation, there are throughout the year, other significant funds that flow to groups such as juniors, teams and members in need.

As part of our 50 Year Anniversary a commemorative pin will be struck for the occasion. The pin which will have our 50 Year logo will be available free of charge to all current members. There is only one catch! Members must come along to one of the 50 Year celebrations during 2011 to be given the commemorative pin. This includes events such as the AGM and the Anniversary Dinner on Friday October 21.

It is very sad to report the passing of one of our much loved and respected members, Nick Morozoff. Nick joined our organisation 30 years ago and in this time he was a marvellous mentor and "life coach" for many of our members, particularly those who went through spinal rehabilitation. Nick was made a Legend of Wheelchair Sports NSW in 2009 and this year was one of our 50 Year Anniversary Ambassadors. A Vale for Nick is contained elsewhere in this Pushers Post.

Michael Godfrey-Roberts
President



The President of Wheelchair Sports NSW Michael Godfrey-Roberts invites you to the 50th Annual General Meeting of Wheelchair Sports NSW - a special occasion.



Date: Monday 27 June 2011
Venue: Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club
117 Ryedale Rd, West Ryde
Time: 6pm - 9pm
Format: 6pm - 7.30pm Business of the AGM
7.30pm - 9pm Reception for guests.

Note: The normal business of the AGM will include the nominations for 3 Life Memberships of Wheelchair Sports NSW namely Richard Cordukes, Linda Ross and Graeme Watts.

Come and celebrate Wheelchair Sports NSW in its 50th Anniversary Year and congratulate these wonderful stalwarts of our organisation.

RSVP: Wednesday 22 June 2011 ph: 9809 5260 or email reception@wsnsw.org.au

The 2011 AGM is proudly supported by Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club 

CEO's Report

The Wheelchair Sports NSW 50 Year Reunion BBQ in Bicentennial Park, Homebush was attended by 130 members (past and present), volunteers, supporters, staff and friends of our organisation.

The weather was glorious (after a spate of wet weather) and all those attending thoroughly enjoyed catching up with some who had been associated with Wheelchair Sports for many years. Two of these notable individuals in attendance were Keith Bremner and Eric Klein.

Keith and Eric are two of our longest serving members, both having being with our organisation for almost 40 years each. Keith, a Paralympic shooter, now living in Bathurst, mentioned he had made over 40 overseas trips to compete in his sport. Eric, a Paralympic archer living in Shellharbour, was also one of the founding members of the Illawarra Roller Hawks in the National Wheelchair Basketball League.

Keith and Eric joined 50 Year Anniversary Ambassadors Bill Bradley, Michael Godfrey-Roberts, Errol Hyde, Craig Jarvis, Susan MacGregor, Linda Ross, Bob Talbott, Yvonne Talbott, Graeme Watts and Dr John Yeo at the BBQ.

Each year we struggle with our Membership renewals, in the sense that some members for whatever reason are slow and tardy with their renewals. A couple of reminders are sent before our staff contact these members directly by phone.

We want to retain and grow our membership, particularly in our 50th year, so we ask for your prompt responses regarding membership renewals. Every time we have to send reminder letters or contact members, it is an added cost to the running of WS NSW – a cost that could be spent servicing members in better ways.

One significant sporting event we have coming up is our hosting of a round of the National Wheelchair Rugby League. This occurs on the June long weekend with games being played at Bankstown Stadium from Saturday 11 June to Monday 13 June inclusive. Come along and support the best wheelchair rugby players in Australia, and see if the NSW GIO Gladiators can defend their title for a 6th time with the dynamic Ryley Batt leading the way.

It was farewell to our Stadium Manager at Kevin Betts Stadium, Greg Radford. Greg has done an excellent job in his 3 years in charge and the Stadium returned a healthy profit of over \$50,000 in the last financial year. Greg's place has been taken by Delmas Green who comes with an impressive reputation in basketball circles, having been an American import who came out to play basketball 20 years ago and stayed. As he says "a large part of my life has been spent in stadiums all over the place and the idea of what makes a successful stadium and how I can achieve this, has been in my mind for some time." Welcome Delmas.

Jim O'Brien
CEO



Dates for the Diary - 50th Anniversary Celebrations

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

Fundraising News

Thank you for your support

Thank you to those who made a donation to WS NSW through your membership renewal and in memory of Nick Morozoff.

I would also like to thank and recognise the following individuals and organisations for their recent support:

The Primary Club
Charity Challenge Fund
Sabina Van Der Linden
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ASX Thomson Reuters Charity Foundation
Joan Mackisack
Ian Norman

2011 Stacks Goudkamp Golf Day – 31 May

Thank you to everyone who attended this years golf day. A huge "Thank you" for surviving what you could say were the worst golf conditions ever - rain, rain and more rain. However, everyone managed to get around most of the course and arrived back at the club with smiles on their faces. After drying off, the day finished with a fantastic lunch put on by Macquarie Links Golf Course. The entire day was a success as WS NSW raised a profit of over \$16,000. Thank you to all our golfers, sponsors, auction and raffle winners and Charity Challenge Fund - Gary and Matt - for your hard work. A special thanks to Stacks Goudkamp for sponsoring the golf day, we look forward to next year!



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Photos (above): Tom Goudkamp out on the golf course.

(left): Hiding out from the rain in the golf buggy!

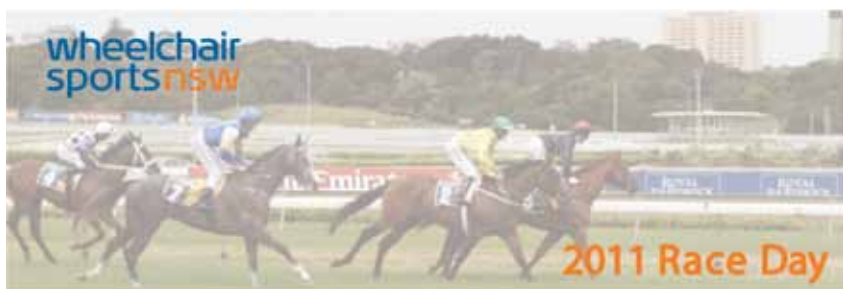
(right): Team from WS NSW, Michael Godfrey-Roberts, Craig Jarvis, Francis Haran and Simon Walker (Medico Legal).



2011 Race Day – 9 July

WS NSW is hosting a fundraising Race Day at Royal Randwick Race Course on Saturday 9 July. Enjoy a fantastic day in the private and heated Oaks Lawn Marquee, a great way to be track side, in the thick of the action, and warm at the races on a winter's day! **Tickets include:** Three course lunch, drinks and afternoon tea, entry to the races, free parking, entertainment, auctions, private bookmaker facilities, best dressed and lucky door prizes and much more.

Ticket Prices: \$195 per person, \$1900 table of 10.



Please invite friends and family and to book your tickets visit www.wsnew.org.au or contact Sarah Hozack 02 9809 5260

2011 Junior Fundraising Luncheon – 31 August

It's on again, our biggest fundraiser – the junior fundraising luncheon. Our annual corporate luncheon will be held on Wednesday 31 August at the Four Seasons Hotel. The event will include a three course lunch, entertainment, live auctions and prizes. All money raised will go towards supporting the junior wheelie program.

Ticket price is \$195 per person and \$1,950 for a table of 10 people.

Tickets will be available online soon, visit www.wsnsww.org.au for further information.

Fundraising ideas:

Help fundraise for Wheelchair Sports NSW - below are some ideas to get you started. For more information contact Sarah Hozack 9809 5260 or sarahh@wsnsww.org.au

- ◇ Hold a staff gold coin morning tea at your work or organise a trivia quiz for work colleagues, friends, clients or general knowledge gurus to prove who really is the smartest of the bunch.
- ◇ Poker Tournament - Do you have any card sharks within your networks? Perhaps they can help you organise a poker night where a portion of the funds goes to Wheelchair Sports NSW.
- ◇ Wine Tasting - Spend an evening tasting fine wine with friends, family or co-workers. Charge an entry fee that covers wine, cheese and a donation. Get your local bottle shop to help you out!
- ◇ Xbox/Playstation/Wii Competition - Organise a playoff with friends with a donation as the entry fee. Find out who the ultimate computer gamer amongst your group is.

City 2 Surf

Are you thinking about participating in this years City2Surf or have you already registered? Did you know you can fundraise for Wheelchair Sports NSW at the same time? Check out www.everdayhero.com.au as you can become a hero for Wheelchair Sports NSW and start your own personal fundraising page in the lead up to the big race.

The City 2 Surf is on 14 August 2011, start your fundraising now!

Bequests

Bequests from thoughtful, caring people will help us to continue, through sport to provide a more fulfilling and balanced life for people with disabilities in New South Wales.

"Sport has provided me with a career and experiences that I may never have had if it wasn't for those early days competing for my State Wheelchair Sports Association. I have travelled the world and established great friendships, many of which are still an integral part of my life today."

Louise Sauvage OAM

Patron, Wheelchair Sports NSW

Champion Paralympian

For more information about how you can make a bequest to Wheelchair Sports NSW please phone Sarah Hozack on 02 9809 5260



Roadshow

Over the past few months the WS NSW Roadshow staff have been busy presenting our program, which encourages an appreciation of the value of life and the importance of recognizing road safety initiatives. At the same time the staff have been raising awareness of wheelchair sport and creating a greater understanding of people with disabilities.

During this time we have presented 45 Roadshows to a variety of schools, universities, PCYC's and other organizations. This included two regional trips – one to Quandialla/West Wyalong and the other to Canberra.

Recently the Co-ordinators met with graphic designers to create a new Roadshow logo. This year the Motor Accidents Authority decided to change their Sponsorship Agreement to a Community Development Grant. This meant the removal of all MAA branding from the logo and any other Roadshow information and materials.



The process of updating all the Roadshow branding will take a few months, but the first step has been ordering new uniforms for all the staff and these should arrive within the next week or two. Next on the agenda will be the rebranding of the two Roadshow vans.

If you know of any schools or organisations interested in having a visit from our 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 or organization 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 with more information about this program.

Mel Jones and Lisa Taylor – our Roadshow Co-ordinators - can be contacted on 9809 5260 or email admin@wsnsw.org.au



The Rotary Club of Terrey Hills is fundraising for WS NSW by selling the 2011/12 Entertainment™ Book.

The book is available NOW for only \$65 and you'll receive \$10,000 worth of valuable offers that you can use until 1 June 2012!

The Entertainment™ Book is available by contacting Warren Ling on 0430 494 080 or wazzall@optusnet.com.au

To check out the range of offers and discounts you can receive from the Entertainment™ Book go online www.entertainmentbook.com.au - don't forget to contact Warren for the purchase so the fundraising comes to WS NSW!

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50 Year Reunion BBQ

After a rainy week, the clouds parted and beautiful sunshine brought perfect weather for WS NSW 50 Year Reunion BBQ on Sunday 1 May at Bicentennial Park Homebush.

With meat on the BBQ and sunshine on our backs, the day was a wonderful opportunity for past and present friends, volunteers and members to relax, catch up and celebrate the 50 years of Wheelchair Sports NSW 'pushing strong'. Speaking of pushing strong, a few volunteers were even required to use their muscles to help unbog the Roadshow van that had sunk into the sodden earth.



Special thank you must go to Yvonne Talbott for her seamless coordination and catering along with the 50th Year Anniversary Committee and volunteers for their assistance.

Above: Jim O'Brien, CEO, assisting one of our valuable volunteers, Rob Blackadder, with the BBQ

Left: Many WSNSW members and friends joined in the day

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.



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Vale Nick Morozoff

I am delighted to present some thoughts and reminiscences on the late Nick Morozoff. I do this on behalf of Wheelchair Sports NSW. Nick passed away peacefully at his home on 6th April 2011.

In my 13 years as CEO of Wheelchair Sports NSW this is probably the most significant death of someone associated with our organisation.

It's just that Nick was so well known, so well liked, so well respected in his field of work and he touched the lives of so many of our members with his mentoring, encouragement and his expertise in wheelchair design/manufacture.

Nick joined Wheelchair Sports NSW in 1979 the same year as his motor vehicle accident. He was a Board member from 1980 to 1984. Like our early members Nick wanted to experience many sports but he excelled in wheelchair basketball. He represented NSW at various National Games and in 1984 was part of the Australian Paralympic Wheelchair Basketball Team at Stoke Mandeville in the United Kingdom.

He continued to play wheelchair basketball at State and National level for another 2 decades amongst all his other "pursuits". These included water skiing, snow skiing, camping, fishing, rock climbing, rowing, tennis, handcycling and photography. Like many of our members Nick adopted the "No Limits" policy.

Combined with this, Nick had successful businesses in wheelchair design and manufacture, and his chairs were particularly attractive to the wheelchair sports community.

However where Nick made outstanding contributions were in the areas of volunteer peer support and mentoring for wheelchair users, a lot of which were just beginning to face life with a spinal cord injury.

He became a friend and sounding board for a large number of our members over the years and one classic example is Liesl Tesch. After her accident in 1989, Nick was one of the first to visit Liesl Tesch in hospital and according to Liesl it was his encouragement and support that provided the inspiration for her involvement in wheelchair basketball. Nick's knowledge of wheelchair design was second to none and he designed Liesl's first lightweight basketball chair.

Liesl went on to represent Australia at 5 Paralympic Games and 6 World Championships making a record 217 appearances in the Australian colours. Take a bow Nick!

Nick also turned his attention to his homeland of Russia where sporting opportunities for wheelchair users were extremely limited. He visited there a number of times and set in motion a wheelchair sport movement for those previously confined to sanatorium type hospitals. A defining moment with Nick's Russian connection was, after a successful fundraising initiative with the Russian community in Sydney in the early 90's, the arrival of 7 Russian athletes to compete in the Oz Day 10K wheelchair road race.

Nick Morozoff was like a breath of fresh air when he entered my office a number of times over the last 13 years. He was full of life and vigour, but you knew there was also this salesman in the room. We bargained hard at times over the sale of sports chairs, but in the end you knew you were dealing with a pro who understood the needs of our members.

In 2009 Nick was given Legend Status at the Annual Presentation Dinner of Wheelchair Sports NSW. He was visibly moved by the honour and was humble in his response.

Nick has had some send off, but one he so richly deserves. He had left an indelible impression on Wheelchair Sports NSW and on many members who are part of our organisation. For this we are extremely grateful and Nick will be sorely missed.

To Allison, Lara and Sasha together with the rest of Nick's family, on behalf of all at Wheelchair Sports NSW, I offer our sincere condolences.

Jim O'Brien
CEO

Juniors

2010 Junior Day Dates

- * 24 July
- * 28 August
- * 25 September
- * Junior Wheelie Christmas Camp 10-12 December

Times: 10.30am – 12.30pm

Where: Ryde Ex-Services Memorial and Community Club Limited
724 Victoria Road, Ryde NSW 2112

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



May Junior Day: Ten Pin Bowling

On Sunday the 29th May, WS NSW hosted the second Junior Day for 2011. This session was held at AMF Bowling in North Strathfield.

All who attended had a great time learning the difficult technique of ten pin bowling receiving coaching from Tony @ Ten Pin Bowling Australia and our very own WS NSW member, David Brown, current representative of the NSW ten pin bowling disability team.



Junior Wheelie Christmas Camp

What: Three action packed days of sport, fun & games!

When: December 9-11, 2011

Where: Sydney Academy of Sport & Recreation Wakehurst Parkway, Narrabeen, NSW

My name is Jess and I am an incomplete quadriplegic. In August 2000, at the age of seven I was involved in a motor accident along with my mother and younger sister. Ashlea and I were in a serious condition and rushed to intensive care. I had multiple injuries including eight broken ribs, head injuries, and fractures of my T1 and C6 vertebrae. It was two years after the accident when we were introduced to the Wheelchair Sports Junior Christmas Camp.

This was the first time I had the opportunity to learn to play different sports in a wheelchair amongst other kids who have a disability – finally on the same playing level. The camp was fantastic and eye opening, not only for sport but making new friends as well. Dad would have never been able to afford to send us to a camp like this or even to play sport. This was only made possible because of WS NSW. I am currently finishing my HSC and in the Paralympic preparation Program, training to have the chance to make the Australian Women's Wheelchair Basketball team for the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

For more information on any of these programs and to book your place, contact Kerri @ Wheelchair Sports NSW
kerrim@wsnsw.org.au or 02 9809 5260

Sport Shorts



Basketball

National Leagues

Final preparations continue for the **2011 Women's National Wheelchair Basketball League (WNWBL)** and **National Wheelchair Basketball League (NWBL)**.

Round one for both leagues began over the first weekend in June. Finals will be held in September. For full details of the draw including venues and timings, please visit the 'fixtures/results' section of the following websites <http://www.wnwbl.basketball.net.au/> and <http://www.nwblaus.com/> respectively.

QLD Classics

The NSW Juniors have entered the **QLD Classics** which will be held over the June long weekend. Tim Markcrow (ACT) was invited to play with the team.

Country Cup

The **2011 Country Cup** will be held 29-31 July at the Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation, Narrabeen. Application forms are available online www.wsnsw.org.au/country-cup-2011.html Entries close Friday 8 July.



Handcycling

Cycling Australia hosted the **2011 UCI Para-cycling World Cup** at Eastern Creek International Raceway (road race) and Sydney Olympic Park (time trial) from 4-6 May.

Australia's representative was WS NSW member Glenn Bennett, and other WS NSW members Richard Nicholson and Ron Gibson also competed (representing as independents).

The first race of the event was the road race. For the MH4 category it involved a race distance of 62km loop circuit of Eastern Creek Raceway. Richard showed a lot of promise despite being overlapped in the road race. Unfortunately Ron Gibson failed to complete the MH2 45.4km race crashing out late in the race.

On Friday 6 May, the competitors gathered at Sydney Olympic Park to compete on a technical course. Richard Nicholson finished 9th in the 16.5km MH4 time trial with a time of 31:58.11.

Fellow independent Ron Gibson gathered himself after his road race crash to start the time trial. In the MH2, 11km course, Ron recorded a time of 21:25.72 to place 12th. Over the same distance, Glenn Bennett placed 8th recording a time of 33:08.70 in the MH1 category.

The first race of the **2011 NSW Handcycling Series** has been set for Sunday 26 June at Merrylands Oval. Races will begin from 10:30am (10am for registration).

The 2011 NSW Handcycling Series is set to go again!

All racers of all levels are welcome to compete or try handcycling for the first time.



Athletes are graded (A, B, C & D) according to their level of ability.

Location: Merrylands Oval
Burnett Street, Merrylands

For more information
contact William Tan.

Ph: 9809 5260

E: williamt@wsnsw.org.au

Race 1: Sunday 26th June

Other race dates are to be confirmed!

All races start 10:30am
(registration from 10am)



Lawn Bowls

WS NSW representatives Peter Henry and Carolyn Nelson competed at the **2011 IBD Lawn Bowls World Championships** in Pretoria, 2-14 May.

Peter finished the Men's Singles B6 in 4th place. In the Mixed Pairs Draw Peter, paired with Darryl Wilson (from Victoria), placed 6th.

In the Ladies Singles B6 Carolyn capped off a successful event finishing with a silver medal, losing to Korea's Kwak Young-Sook in the gold medal match.

On the local scene, the dates for the **2011 NSW State Championships** will be held 30 August – 3 September at Everglades Bowling Club, Woy Woy. Entries will be available online in June.



Powerlifting

At the recent **Arafura Games** in Darwin, Commonwealth Games representative, Cameron Whittington placed 18th lifting a best of 165kg.



Rugby

The **National Wheelchair Rugby League** season is well under way. The national title defense is looking strong despite tough competition from the Victoria 'Coloplast' Thunder. The GIO NSW Gladiators improved in Round Two to place themselves within a single win from the leaders, Victoria 'Coloplast' Thunder.

Over the June Long Weekend, Round Three will be played at Bankstown Basketball Stadium, 11-13 June. The first game is the top-of-the-table clash between the GIO NSW Gladiators and the Victoria 'Coloplast' Thunder.

Following Round Three, the teams will travel to Adelaide for the Finals, 15-17 July, where GIO NSW Gladiators will look to win their sixth consecutive national title.

The **Sydney Slam Series** continues to provide development opportunities for current players, prospective players and prospective match officials who have expressed an interest. The next date in the Series is Saturday 25 June at PCYC Marrickville. Bookings are essential. Please contact William Tan on (02) 9809 5260 for more information.



Swimming

Australian Swimming Championships 2011

WSNSW had a number of members compete in the **Australian Swimming Championships** held at Sydney Olympic Park, 1 – 8 April 2011. Congratulations to Matt Levy, winning gold in the SM7 200m individual medley, three and a half seconds faster than his time at the 2010 IPC Swimming World Championships (where he won the bronze medal).

WS NSW members continue to achieve great results at the Multi-Class Swim Meets. The next **Swimming NSW LC Multi-Class Swim Meet** will be held Saturday 6 August at Blacktown Aquatic Centre.

**** Stop Press**** **Michael Auprince has claimed the World Record** for the S9 200m backstroke with a time of 2:17.40. The world record was broken on Saturday 21st May at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre.



Wheelchair Tennis

Prince Alfred Park Official Opening

Mick Connell and David Hall attended the opening of Prince Alfred Park on Saturday 30 April to participate in a wheelchair tennis demonstration. This was a successful day, and the owner

of the new courts was very pleased with the turnout from members of the public and representatives from the City Of Sydney Council.

World Team Cup - Bronze medal for Australian Junior Wheelchair Team

Australia defeated Great Britain to finish third in the junior teams event at the 2011 World Team Cup in Pretoria, South Africa. Keegan Oh-Chee, Henry de Cure (SA) and Stephan Rochecouste made up the victorious side.

The Australian senior team, Ben Weekes, Richard Engles and Michael Dobbie (VIC), finished in 12th position in the Men's World Group 1 division.



Above: Australian Team - Richard Engles (NSW), Michael Dobbie (VIC), Ben Weekes (NSW, standing), Stephan Rochecouste (NSW), Keegan Oh-Chee (NSW) and Henry De Cure (SA)



Track and Road

Congratulations to Kurt Fearnley on two excellent recent results in major **international wheelchair marathons – Seoul and Boston**. In Seoul, Kurt finished in 4th place in a time of 1:25:04. In Boston, the finishing pack was very tight and included Kurt, Ernst van Dyke and winner Masazumi Soejima. Kurt placed 2nd in a time of 1:18:51.

At the recent **Australian Athletics Championships**, Christie Dawes returned to the track since the birth of her son. Angie Ballard (100m, 200m and 400m), Kristy Pond (100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m), Paul Ashley (400m, 800m and 1500m) and Declan Young (100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m) also competed at the Nationals.

On the **development** scene, a core group of local athletes have been attending the regular training sessions. If you are interested in trying wheelchair track, please contact William Tan on (02) 9809 5260.

Upcoming Events

	Level	Sport	Event	Location	Event contact
June					
10-12		Basketball	Queensland Classics	Brisbane	Sporting Wheelies
11-13	National	Rugby	NWRL Round 3	Bankstown Basketball Stadium	WS NSW - Will
25	State	Rugby	Sydney Slam Series Round 6	PCYC Marrickville	WS NSW - Will
26	Development	Juniors	Junior Day	Ryde Ex-Services Sports Hall	WS NSW - Kerri
26	State	Handcycling	NSW Handcycling Series Race	Merrylands Oval	WS NSW - Will
27		ALL	WS NSW AGM	Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club	WS NSW - Reception
July					
2	International	Athletics	Gold Coast International Wheelchair Half Marathon	Gold Coast, QLD	Sporting Wheelies
9	Fundraising		WS NSW Race Day	Royal Randwick	WS NSW - Kathleen
15-17	National	Rugby	NWRL Finals	Adelaide	WS-SA
25	State	Rugby	Sydney Slam Series Round 7	PCYC Marrickville	WS NSW - Will
30-31		Basketball	Country Cup	Sydney Academy of Sport, Narrabeen	WS NSW - Kerri
31	Development	Tennis	Coaching Clinic	Jenson's Tennis Centre	Mick/Kerri
31	Development	Juniors	Junior Day	Ryde Ex-Services Sports Hall	WS NSW - Kerri
August					
20-21		Tennis	Training & Development Camp	TBA	WS NSW - Kerri
28	Development	Juniors	Junior Day	TBA	WS NSW - Kerri
31	Fundraising		Junior Fundraising Corporate Lunch	Four Seasons Hotel	WS NSW - Kathleen
30/8-3/9	State	Lawn Bowls	2011 NSW Lawn Bowls State Championships	TBA	WS NSW - Will
September					
		Tennis	Coaching Clinic	TBA	Mick/Kerri
16-18		Tennis	South Pacific Wheelchair Tennis Open	Nowra	WS NSW - Kerri
25	Development	Juniors	Junior Day	TBA	WS NSW - Kerri
October					
21		ALL	WS NSW 50th Anniversary Dinner	Waterview @ Bicentennial Park	WS NSW - Reception
22-23		Basketball	SLAM Down Under	Shellharbour	WS NSW - Kerri
		Tennis	Coaching Clinic	TBA	Mick/Kerri
30	Development	Juniors	Junior Day	TBA	WS NSW - Kerri
November					
2-10	International	Rugby	IWRF Asia-Oceania Championships	Seoul, Korea	Australian Paralympic Committee
		Tennis	Coaching Clinic	TBA	Mick/Kerri
4-6		Tennis	NSW Wheelchair Tennis Open	Wollongong	WS NSW - Kerri
27	Development	Juniors	Junior Day	TBA	WS NSW - Kerri

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