



# WATER POLO AUSTRALIA

ANNUAL REPORT 2012/13



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# Winning Partnership



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The Australian Sports Commission is the Australian Government agency that develops, supports and invests in sport at all levels in Australia.

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**Water Polo Australia is one of many national sporting organisations that has formed a winning partnership with the Australian Sports Commission.**



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# Office Bearers 2012/13

## HONORARY OFFICERS

### Patron

Peter Montgomery AM

## BOARD

### President

Peter Kerr AM

## DIRECTORS

Kay Copeland

Trent Franklin (retired 25/11/12)

Suzannah Fraser

Philip Garling (appointed 4/1/13)

Noel Harrod (appointed 25/11/12)

Warren Hawtin (retired 25/11/12)

Amy Hetzel (retired 25/11/12)

David Martin

Phillip Scales

Thomas Whalan (appointed 26/10/12)

## STATE DELEGATES

### Queensland

Jack Lusic

### New South Wales

Nathan Thomas

### Australian Capital Territory

Noel Harrod

### Victoria

John Perrott

### Tasmania

John Pankiw

### South Australia

Mark Dayman

### Western Australia

Dale Ballantyne

## NATIONAL COACHES

### Senior Men

John Fox (1/7-30/9/12)

Paul Oberman & Chris Wybrow (interim – 1/11-31/1/13)

Elvis Fatovic – (1/2/13 - current)

### Senior Women

Greg McFadden

### Junior Boys '93

Duncan Greenbank

### Junior Girls '93

Ryan Moar

### Youth Boys '94

Chris Wybrow

### Youth Girls '94

Aleks Osadchuk

### Youth Boys '96

Andrew Yanitsas

### Youth Girls '96

Jack Lusic

## REFEREES' COMMISSION

### Chairman

Michael McNeill

### Commissioners

Michael Hart

Phillip Scales

Mike DeFina

Noel Harrod

## ATHLETES' COMMISSION

### Chairman

Trent Franklin (retired 26/10/12)

Thomas Whalan (appointed 26/10/12)

### Commissioners

Nikita Cuffe (retired 26/10/12)

Toby Jenkins (retired 26/10/12)

Bronwen Knox (retired 25/10/12)

Thomas Whalan (appointed Chairman 26/10/12)

Joel Dennerley (appointed 26/10/12)

Sophie Smith (appointed 26/10/12)

Jane Moran (appointed 26/10/12)

Gavin Woods (appointed 26/10/12)

## NATIONAL LEAGUE COMMISSION/ INTERIM NATIONAL COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE

### Chairman

Warren Hawtin (retired 22/9/12)

### Commissioners (retired 22/9/12)

Suzannah Fraser

Mark Grooby

Noel Harrod

Danielle Woodhouse

## NATIONAL COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE

### Chairman

Phillip Scales (appointed 22/9/12)

### Committee Members (appointed 22/9/12)

Phillip Bower

Adam Richardson

Annabel Sides

Jodie Watson

Damian Kelly

## PERSONNEL

### Chief Executive Officer

Christopher Harrison

### High Performance Manager

Tom Hill

### Operations Manager

Peter Hobday

### NWPL General Manager

Peter Hobday (1/7-15/12/12)

### Finance

Peter Jackson

### National Media Manager

David Lyall

### Administration Officer & Board Secretariat

Cheryl Ritchie (1/7-14/12/12)

### Office Manager

Alicia McCormack (3/9/12 - current)

# Honour ROLL

## LIFE MEMBERS

1993	Peter Montgomery AM
2009	Tom Hoad AM
2009	Pat Jones
2009	Harry Quittner
2009	David Woods

## HONORARY LIFE PRESIDENT

Harry Quittner

## HALL OF FAME

2009	Wendy Arancini (nee Meloncelli, WA)
2009	Debbie Cummins (nee Handley, QLD)
2009	Tom Hoad AM (WA)
2009	Andrew Kerr (NSW)
2009	Peter Montgomery AM (NSW)
2009	Cathy Parkes (NSW)
2009	Charles Turner (SA & NSW)
2009	Debbie Watson (NSW)
2009	John Whitehouse (TAS)
2010	Bill Berge-Phillips (NSW)
2010	Bridgette Gusterson (WA)
2010	David Neesham (WA)
2010	John O'Brien (VIC)
2010	Ray Smee (NSW)
2010	David Woods (NSW)
2011	Leanne Barnes (VIC)
2011	Peter Kerr (NSW)
2011	Ian Mills (VIC)
2011	Les Nunn (WA)
2011	Michael Withers (VIC, NSW)
2011	Chris Wybrow (NSW)
2012	Leon Wiegard OAM (VIC)
2012	Peter Bennett (VIC)
2012	Alan Charleston (WA)

## HARRY QUITTNER MEDAL RECIPIENTS

1986	Charles Turner
1987	Debbie Cummins
1988	Peter Montgomery
1989	Tom Hoad AM
1990	Andrew Kerr
1991	John Whitehouse
1992	Chris Wybrow & Debbie Watson
1993	Not awarded
1994	Ray Mayers
1995	Pat Jones
1996	Don Cameron
1997-06	Not awarded
2007	Nathan Thomas
2008	Tracy Rockwell
2009	Leanne Barnes
2010	Jeanette Gunn

## 2011 AWARD WINNERS

Male Player	Joel Dennerley
Female Player	Rowena Webster
Junior Male Player	Aaron Younger
Junior Female Player	Hannah Buckling
Coach	Peter Szilagyi
Volunteer	Joel Sangster
Referee	Danny Flahive
Player with a Disability	Jamie-Lee Lewis

## 2012 AWARD WINNERS

The Awards & Hall of Fame Dinner is held biennially and therefore there were no Awards in these categories this year but rather the Awards as given under the NWPL League which can be found in the NWPL Report.

## VALE PETER BENNETT (1926-2012): Dual Olympian, St Kilda VFL legend



Former Australian Olympic water polo team captain Peter Bennett passed away on 4 July 2012, aged 86.

Bennett, who represented Australia at both the Helsinki 1952 (captain) and Melbourne 1956 (Vice-Captain) Olympic Games, was earlier this year inducted into the Australian Water Polo Hall of Fame. In an era where there were no World Championships, Peter managed to accrue 53 international caps.

A revered all-round sportsman, Bennett played Interstate AFL (VFL), was a surf champion at Torquay and an accomplished golfer at Kingston Heath.

As a full forward he topped St Kilda's goal kicking list five times, with a best of 59 goals in 1950. He was a fierce competitor who espoused a "never say die" attitude.

# Message from the **AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION**

**THE AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION (ASC) IS COMMITTED TO ENSURING AUSTRALIAN ATHLETES EXCEL IN THE INTERNATIONAL SPORTING ARENA, AND INCREASING AUSTRALIANS' PARTICIPATION IN SPORT.**

These two clear objectives are mutually reinforcing – international success inspires Australians to participate in sport and greater participation helps nurture our future champions. Sport inspires individuals, unites communities and encourages active lifestyles.

Success at the international level has become even more challenging for Australian athletes. Traditional competitors keep getting better, and rising countries are becoming forces to be reckoned with. Our tenth placing in the medal table at the London Olympic Games continued a downward trend over the past three games.

Through *Australia's Winning Edge 2012-2022*, our game plan to move Australian sport from world class to world best, we are changing the role of the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) and the delivery of

the high performance program, improving the financial performance and position of national sporting organisations (NSOs) and strengthening the governance structures and standards of NSOs.

We have initiated a fundamental reform process to improve Australian sport, by linking high performance sports funding more closely with performance; ensuring the AIS is the world's best high performance sports institute; modernising governance structures in a number of sports; investing to improve coaching, leadership skills, talent identification and innovation in Australian sport; and reinforcing public confidence in the integrity of sport. These reforms will create lasting change and improvement.

In 2013-14, the Australian Government, through the ASC, is investing almost \$120 million in national sporting organisations for high performance programs and to promote grassroots participation in sport.

Our partner sports can expect a much sharper focus by the ASC in future on best practice governance and administration, intellectual property ownership, athlete management and support structures and general accountabilities by the sports. Equally, the ASC is committed to changing to meet the needs of contemporary sport.

Importantly, the ASC is focused on promoting grassroots participation in sport throughout Australia and to continue a suite of successful national programs such as the Active After-school Communities program.

Increased community sport participation has a profound long term dividend, and remains a vital objective of the ASC.

The ASC looks forward to working in collaboration with the sport sector to encourage more people into sport and to drive Australia's continued international sporting success.

**John Wylie AM**

*Chair*

*Board of the Australian Sports Commission*



**Australian Government**

**Australian Sports Commission**

# President's REPORT

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF WATER POLO AUSTRALIA LIMITED I AM PLEASED TO REPORT ON A VERY EXCITING AND PROGRESSIVE YEAR FOR OUR SPORT IN COMPETITION BOTH INTERNATIONALLY AND NATIONALLY AND WITH FURTHER ENHANCEMENT OF OUR CORPORATE GOVERNANCE LEADING TO INCREASED FUNDING AND FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES.

The London Olympics delivered a Bronze Medal for our Women's Team and a best result at an Olympic Games since 1992 for the Men, finishing seventh. Star players who were key members of our successful London campaign and who have played an influential role in shaping the growth and development of our sport in this country were two-time Olympic bronze medallists Kate Gynther, Mel Rippon and Alicia McCormack and Aussie Sharks stalwarts Gavin Woods, Thomas Whalan, Jamie Beadsworth and Tim Cleland who officially announced their retirement after London. I would like to thank these players for their tremendous service to the game over the past decade and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavours.

Our AGM in November 2012 saw the appointments of elected Director, Noel Harrod and Thomas Whalan in his capacity of Chairman of our Athletes' Commission.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank retiring Directors, Warren Hawtin, Trent Franklin and Amy Hetzel for their great service and to acknowledge the major contribution that each have made to our Board and to our sport.

In January 2013 Phil Garling joined our Board as an Appointed Director. Phil has brought a powerful mix of business and financial experience, water polo knowledge and directorship governance and proficiency to the Board.

Following a recommendation from the Australian Sports Commission that key partner sports begin prioritising the short term 'growth of own-source income' our Board announced the formation of a new committee in January 2013 which works alongside the ASC's business Capability Group to pursue corporate sponsorships and partnerships to increase the in-house revenue of the sport's governing body. It is hoped that through this Business and Marketing Committee that Water Polo Australia will be able to usher in a continued source of stability.

We especially acknowledge the continued support of the Australian Sports Commission and CEO, Simon Hollingsworth and the Australian Olympic Committee and President, John Coates.

We would like to thank the Australian Sports Commission for the increased funding awarded to our sport through its 'Australia's Winning Edge' high performance framework.

The success of our athletes would not be possible without the continued support of The Australian Government through the ASC's Direct Athlete Support program.

I would like to show gratitude to the staff of the Australian Institute of Sport, the State Institutes and Academies for the continuing and effective relationships that we share.

I would also like to thank our players, coaches, officials and administrators who are all integral part of our sport's success. In particular I pay tribute to our Member States and their volunteers who give so generously.

I would also like to sincerely thank the WPAL Board, CEO Chris Harrison and his staff for their ongoing contribution to the success of water polo in Australia.

We look forward to a very exciting quadrennium leading up to the Rio Olympic Games in 2016 with Elvis Fatovic leading our men's team and Greg McFadden, our women's team and in providing the best possible environment for our athletes to excel from the junior level right through to our Olympians.

**Peter Kerr**  
President



# Chief Executive Officer's REPORT

**THE 2012-13 YEAR HAD MANY HIGHLIGHTS WITH THE PINNACLE BEING THE LONDON OLYMPIC GAMES WHERE THE SENIOR WOMEN'S TEAM FINISHED WITH A BRONZE MEDAL AND THE MEN'S TEAM FINISHED SEVENTH, ACHIEVING THE BEST RESULT AT AN OLYMPIC GAMES SINCE 1992 IN BARCELONA WHERE THEY FINISHED FIFTH.**

Perth hosted the inaugural World Junior Championships in December 2012 where 20 nations competed and in January 2013 also played host to the inaugural BHP Billiton Aquatic Super Series, which is currently scheduled for the next 2 years, where the Aussie Sharks went down 7-5 to 2012 London Olympic Games Gold medallists, Croatia and the Aussie Stingers won against great rivals China 7-6.

In April 2013, we took a giant stride towards success at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games by announcing the appointment of Croatian Elvis Fatovic as the new Head Coach of the Aussie Sharks and Greg McFadden was reappointed as Head Coach of the Aussie Stingers.

In our National League, the Victorian Tigers took out the Gold Medal and a stunning 25-1 record after defeating this year's surprise packets the UWA Torpedoes 10-5. Defending champions the Fremantle Mariners claimed the bronze from the Brisbane Barracudas.

The Brisbane Barracudas secured their fourth title in five years to become the first women's team in history to claim the Southern Cross minor premierships and

National Water Polo League premierships double. The Barras led from start to finish as they held off the brave Longmont Fremantle Marlins 13-7.

Under the Government's Winning Edge investment allocations, water polo was most fortunate to have received \$3,171,000, an increase of 21.5% on last year's allotment in recognition of our performances at the London Olympics and positive program enhancements.

The sport's vastly improved governance structures were also taken into account, which we are determined to continually review and improve.

We have also launched our new logo and brand as a natural evolution in the transition process to Water Polo Australia Limited. These changes have created an opportunity for water polo in Australia to enter a new era and to ensure continued growth and success.

We have entered into arrangements with both Canterbury as our apparel suppliers and Hot Designs our swimwear supplier that has resulted in a fresh and professional look for all teams that represent at the highest level.

Next year will see the return of our combined Awards and Hall of Fame Dinner which is now held biennially.

As always it has been another active and productive year for our sport and I extend my sincere gratitude and congratulations to all those who have participated, worked in, administered and supported our game over this period.

On an international level we are grateful for and acknowledge the work of President Peter Kerr on the FINA Doping Panel; John Whitehouse in his role on FINA's Technical Water Polo Committee; and, Russell McKinnon as the FINA Media Committee representative.

As we celebrate what has been a successful year, we remain very aware that this continues to be just another step in attaining our mission to be recognised and accepted

as a successful major sporting organisation both in Australia and internationally, through astute and planned management, the performance of international teams and the delivery of water polo at all levels.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We continue to receive remarkable support through our partnerships with the Australian Sports Commission (ASC), Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) and each of the State and Territory Institute and Academies of Sport. Without the additional funding and shared expertise our sport would not enjoy the success that it achieves. We also acknowledge the valuable support from the Australian Olympic Committee.

Finally I would like to show my appreciation to the Water Polo Australia Board led by President, Mr. Peter Kerr of whom I am indebted to, for the support and strategic advice you have provided on so many matters during the year.

**Chris Harrison**  
*Chief Executive Officer*





# High Performance REPORT

## HIGH PERFORMANCE VISION

A WORLD CLASS HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM EXECUTED THROUGH A COLLABORATIVE PARTNER APPROACH DEMONSTRATED BY NATIONAL TEAMS ACHIEVING SUSTAINED SUCCESS.

The Water Polo Australia Limited (WPAL) High Performance Program (HPP) centres around the objectives and strategies contained within the WPAL High Performance Plan which aims to build depth in the National Team Program, strengthen the high performance delivery network, and result in sustainable podium performances at major international competitions culminating at the Olympic Games.

In partnership with the ASC, AIS and relevant State Institute and Academies of Sport (SIS/SAS), the HPP encompassing; men, women, senior, junior and youth national squad athletes, is delivered through a decentralised model. This approach enables athletes to remain in their home state or territory for their daily training environment.

The SIS/SAS, through identified national training centres (NTC), provide the daily training environment for current and targeted national squad athletes. In addition, select players gain valuable international experience by playing for overseas clubs in European professional leagues and the USA NCAA competition.

Water Polo Australia Limited (WPAL) continues to provide leadership and direction to the SIS/SAS programs responsible for delivering daily training environments, as well as providing athletes with training and competition opportunities in preparation for the national team programs which prepare athletes for major international competitions.

The SIS/SAS/SSO network plays a key role in supporting the national athlete pathway and throughout the year WPAL worked on strengthening the partnerships with the SIS/SAS to continue developing athletes in line with our high performance plan and vision. As a result of the strategic shift from the ASC and AIS Winning Edge strategy to return Australia to the top of international sporting competition and build depth and capability in our sporting system, WPAL has and will continue to be

innovative and resourceful with the SIS/SAS network to improve our performances in and out of the water.

The AIS continued to support our women's national team program via a camps based approach which intensified leading up to the London Games and increased steadily in the first half of 2013 leading into the World Championships. The AIS support for our women's team has been invaluable and the additional time, resources and financial support provided over the past 12 months in the pursuit of Olympic success is greatly appreciated.

In the coming 12 months WPAL looks forward to working more closely with the AIS in their new role of being the leader of all high performance sport in Australia and not restricted to scholarship programs. This is an opportunity for the WPAL HPP to engage all programs, men, women, junior and youth in what the AIS has to offer elite level athletes.

Our HPP also enjoys international opportunities which we are indebted to the many national federations that host our teams on what is seemingly an annual basis. The majority of the international calendar is established at the LEN conference where WPAL was represented by Tom Hoad. On behalf of WPAL I would like to extend our sincere appreciation for his efforts in negotiating our entry into tournaments, competitions and training camps. We are very grateful for the work he continues to provide in this area.

## PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

By far and away the leading highlight of the 2012/13 year was the 2012 London Olympic Games. The performance of both teams was excellent with the Aussie Stingers winning Bronze losing just the one game during the tournament to eventual Gold medallists USA in a semi-final that went to overtime. The Aussie Sharks played some great water polo in their quarter-final against Serbia and led for most of the game before just going down. They finished in 7th place, the best result since 1992.

All coaches, players, support staff and the family, friends and supporters that helped put the 26 players in the water deserve much credit and thanks.

We would also like to thank the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) for their support, guidance and hard work in preparation and during the London Olympic Games. We shared a close working relationship that no doubt led to the great performances of our teams and we look forward to working even more closely in the build-up to Rio.

In January 2013, WPAL welcomed an addition to the international calendar with the BHP Billiton Aquatic Super Series (BASS). BASS is an initiative driven by BHP and Swimming Australia combining three events; swimming, water polo and open water swimming in a three day competition. The water polo competition is between Australia and an invited men's and women's international team. The three year partnership will see China women's and Croatia men's teams travel to Australia to take on our respective teams. The first edition of the competition saw the Aussie Stingers defeat China and Croatia defeat the Aussie Sharks, however the week long joint training camp was of great value to both teams.

Other highlights included the hosting of the inaugural FINA Youth World Championships in Perth during December. 34 teams arrived for the men and women competition with our Australia teams both finishing the tournament in 7th. And the Aussie Sharks got their 2013 World Championships tour off to a winning start taking out the Danube Cup in Slovakia.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

It is appropriate to acknowledge the support of all funding and support agencies that contribute to the high performance program, namely the ASC who provide the majority of our high performance program funding. The ASC have been outstanding in their support of WPAL over the past 12 months and their guidance, advice and support is invaluable. The increased funding we received as part of the ASC Winning Edge strategy is welcomed, highly valued and will contribute to the development of all WPAL HPP.

To the AIS, who have supported the women's national team program for many years, your dedication to the program and, in particular, your support leading into the London Olympic Games was wonderful. To the SIS/SAS, in particular the NSW Institute of Sport (NSWIS) and the Australian Olympic Committee who have financially and otherwise contributed to the preparation of our Olympic teams, we are grateful for your ongoing support. To the national senior, junior and youth coaches, assistant coaches, managers, support staff and referees, AIS coaches, managers, support staff and the NTC coaches - thank you for your dedication and support given to our athletes. I look forward to working with the many high performance stakeholders, water polo community and our many supporters as we embark on the next phase of our journey in the pursuit of becoming the world's best.

**Tom Hill**  
High Performance Manager

# Australian Government **DIRECT ATHLETE SUPPORT**

Water Polo Australia Limited acknowledges and thanks the Australian Government through the Australian Sport Commission for the funding under the Australian Government Direct Athlete Support program for the year ended 30 June 2013 where the amount of \$305,500 was made available to our female athletes and \$152,750 to our male athletes.



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# Operations REPORT

## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

National Championships were conducted over four age groups through the cooperation of State Associations who continue to show a willingness to host these championships on behalf of Water Polo Australia.



14 & under girls award winners

Each of the 14 and 18 & Under Club Championships were split by gender for the first time in the 2012/13 season. This worked well, however, it put a strain on refereeing and table officials resources.

My thanks to Michael McNeill who acted as Tournament Director in Brisbane and Canberra whilst I attended championships in Adelaide and Perth respectively.

Michael DeFina and the balance of the Referees Commission assisted in the coordination of referees during all Championships this year.

These Championships are made possible though the cooperation of many staff and volunteers. Thank you to those people who make their time so freely available.

## INSURANCE

Insurance cover available for its members, clubs and associations includes:

- Sports Injury
- Public Liability
- Professional Indemnity
- Workers Compensation
- Directors and Officers Liability
- Travel Insurance
- Club Property
- Club Travel

**Peter Hobday**  
Operations Manager

The following hosts and teams are to be congratulated on their performances in the various championships.

Championship	Date	Host	Boys Gold Medal	Girls Gold Medal
2013 20 & Under	22-27 January 2013	New South Wales	NSW Blues	NSW Blues
2013 18 & Under	24-28 April 2013	ACT	Sydney University Blue	
2013 18 & Under	20-24 April 2013	Western Australia		Sydney Northern Beaches Breakers
2012 16 & Under	2-7 October 2012	Queensland	Melville Sharks	Sydney Northern Beaches Breakers
2013 14 & Under	29 Mar - 2 Apr 2013	South Australia	UNSW Wests	
2013 14 & Under	29 Mar - 2 Apr 2013	Queensland		Drummoine Devils Red

Congratulations to the following players who received awards at the respective Championships:

Championships	Player of the Championships	Goalkeeper of the Championships	Highest Goal Scorer (Goals)
2013 20 & Under Boys	George Ford WA	Anthony Hrysanthos NSW	Luke Pavillard WA (25)
2013 20 & Under Girls	Maddison Schmid NSW	Lillian Hedges WA	Emily Benson QLD (23)
2013 18 & Under Boys	Lachlan Edwards Melbourne Collegians	Anthony Krysanthos Sydney Uni Blue	Lachlan Edwards Melbourne Collegians (31)
2013 18 & Under Girls	Georgia McConville Hunter Hurricanes	Genevieve Longman UWA Torpedoes	Pascalie Casey Balmain Tigers (28)
2012 16 & Under Boys	Luke Pavillard Melville Sharks	Josh Zekulich UWA Torpedoes Blues	Luke Pavillard Melville Sharks (40)
2012 16 & Under Girls	Bronte Halligan Sydney Nthn Beaches	Tess Hosking Dolphins	Lena Mihailovic Cronulla Blue (42)
2013 14 & Under Boys	Charlie Negus UNSW Wests	Harry Konowalous Claremont Dolphins	Charlie Negus UNSW Wests (41)
2013 14 & Under Girls	Emma Jones Drummoine Devils Red	Claire Durston City Beach Bears and Ruby Lewis All Hallows A	Kiara Holden Cronulla Blue (32)

# National Development REPORT

**AS A PART OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, WATER POLO AUSTRALIA LIMITED IDENTIFIED THE NEED FOR A SPECIFIC TARGETED APPROACH TO COACH AND OFFICIAL EDUCATION.**

Although 2012/13 has seen very little delivered in this area plenty of back ground work has been completed to enhance and provide for the future of the sport. The key to a good development pathway and transitioning athletes from learning to play, having fun, to training, to exceling and playing to represent lies with the volunteers of our sport, coaches and referees. The lack of support and ongoing professional development of coaches can create gaps in skills and knowledge of the game for athletes and, simular, if our referees are

not training adequately or provided with support their ability to control a structured game lets the athlete down. Resulting from this review to move forward our courses and ongoing support in the area of coach and official education is being dramatically changed.

Moving forward with coaching and official education and accreditation has started with educating member associations in the registration process and ensuring the correct tools are being provided for the running of courses throughout Australia.

Currently registered through the Australian Sports Commission National Accreditation Scheme, there are 607 community members identified as formally accredited coaches and referees for water polo. There are a lot more active coaches and referees within each state which are yet to be captured or follow through with their accreditation process and we will be working on capturing these people.

2012/13 saw 120 participants enrol into the beginner general principle coaching course

and a further 123 into the official's general principles. These two free online courses are the prerequisite for the NCAS (coaching) and NOAS (refereeing) courses, indicating that across Australian there are over 200 new formally qualified community members entering the sport at grassroots in coaching and refereeing.

Analysis of each of the member associations of formally accredited coaches shows a majority share of level 1 coaches based in QLD and NSW, however a switch to QLD and WA for referees. It is noted that the data collected is representative of those currently accredited and registered formally through the Australian Sports Commission and may not represent the true active members within each state. This next year will see data capturing on courses held and follow up of participants and member associations to ensure formal qualifications are captured, along with recognising current competencies of those currently coaching and refereeing without formal qualifications.

Tabled one to four provides the current captured data across the country.

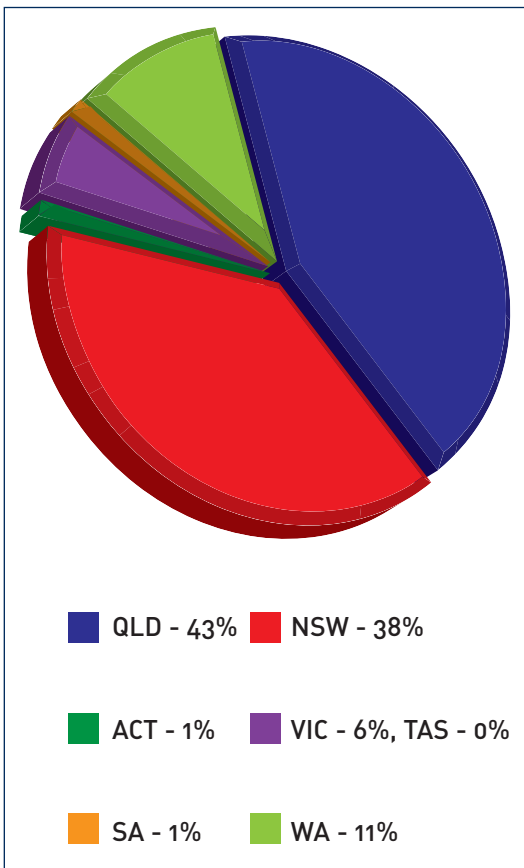


Table 1 NCAS Level 1 (Coaching) State Split

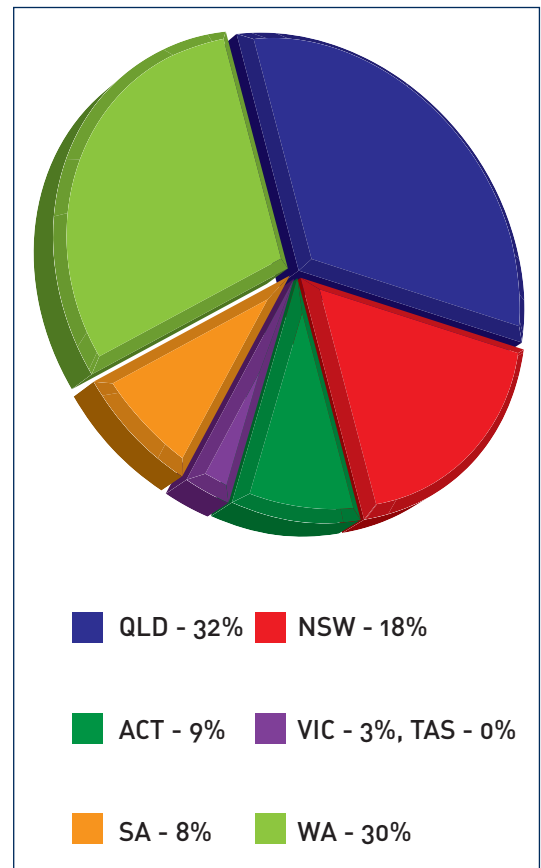


Table 2 NOAS Level 1 (Referee) State Split



# National Development REPORT

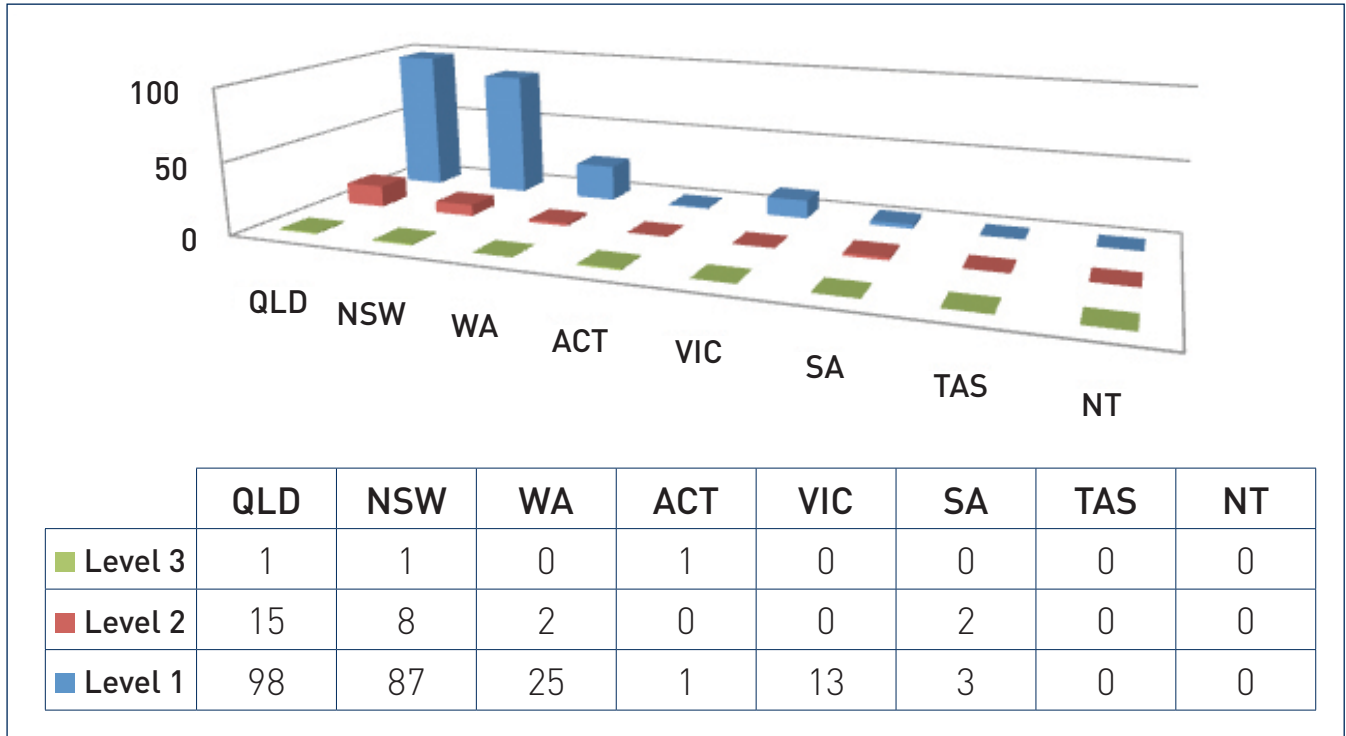


Table 3 State Analysis of Current NCAS Registered Coaches

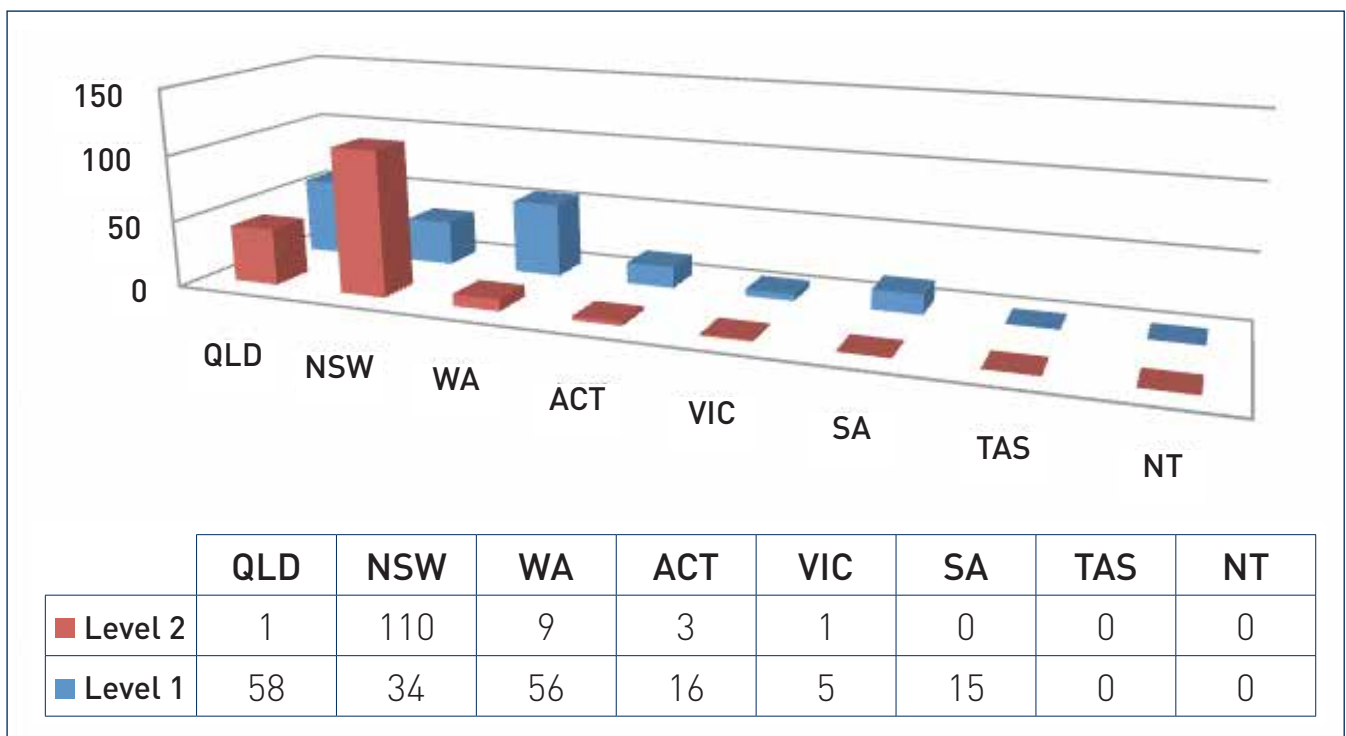


Table 4 State Analysis of Current NOAS Registered Referees

# National Development REPORT

In moving forward to ensure true representative numbers are captured, this past year has been about reviewing where the coaching and official qualification framework is currently at, and identifying gaps present. Australia is far leading the world in a structured formal qualification for coach and official education, however greater empathise is required on the practical component of applying material. This review will see a new framework rolled out at the end of 2013/ start of 2014 where a competencies based approach with various levels of qualifications will be developed.

The new framework to be rolled out will see the following; Coaching Introduction for Parents and School Curriculums including a workbook and resource kit; Level one, two and three, targeting each of the Australian Sports Commission FTEM athlete pathway model; Refereeing 'rules made easy guide' for parents, as well as Level one and two formal qualifications for referees in line with the FINA Referee school structure and newly recognised table official course. Each course will contain theory and practical components

with post course clinics and workshops for ongoing professional development.

Professional development for both coaching and referees was limited in the past 12months, however a new coaching and referee framework will see ongoing opportunities for members, and further skill analysis through international coaches will provided resources for coaches at all levels for the future of our sport. The national initiatives for professional development for 2012/13 were as follows.

The bi-annual FINA School hosted in Queensland in conjunction with the 16 & Under Club Nationals was a successful professional development opportunity for national level referees across the country. The school saw a mix of experienced and new referees attend to talk and network about the rules of our game. The School was presented by FINA General Secretary and former International Referee Mr John Whitehouse. The timing of the school post Olympics provided various discussion points and healthy debate amongst the referees which was advantageous for the National

Championships.

In the lead up to the BHP Super Series in Perth, international and Olympic Gold Medallist coach Radko Rudic undertook a tour of Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Perth where he provided coaching to the state high performance athletes and opportunity for local coaches to watch and learn from his session. During Rudic's visit it was understood while Australia's coaching enthusiasm is high, the knowledge of why drills are performed is lacking, and further education and basic movements need to be broken down at younger ages to produce flawless athletes.

As mentioned there has not been much practical movement in this area, however the importance of the groundwork is imperative for the long term success of grassroots participation and transiting to Olympic success. Stay tuned in this area in the coming 12-18months.

**Jodie Watson**

*Coach and Officials' Education Manager*





# National Media REPORT

During the past year Sports Communication Australia (SCA) ended its second 12-month term as Water Polo Australia's (WPA) Media and PR consultant and is halfway through a two-year contract. The main roles of SCA, on behalf of WPA, during this period, were to report on WPA organised and contested events, promote the sport via traditional and social media channels, and plan a future communications direction for WPA.

Over the last 12 months SCA has been able to provide all of these key roles as well as directing WPA and its stakeholders on media strategy, content marketing strategy and crisis management.

SCA also provided Media Training prior to the London Olympic Games and a daily Newsletter 'On the Ball' during the Olympics that was very well received by stakeholders.

SCA has and will continue to actively engage local and regional 'grass roots' media outlets as our core target areas to ensure long-term relationships build into sustained media coverage of our sport. We have seen significant success in this area over the last 12 months with stronger engagement from 'grass roots' media than ever before.

SCA began utilising the Meltwater Buzz program to monitor, engage and converse with people via our social media platforms. This has not only seen a rise in our numbers of followers/fans, but more importantly has witnessed an increase in interaction with those people.

Other areas that SCA has focussed on in the last 12 months include:

- Liaison with contractor Kirsten Thompson, Sporting Pulse and Facebook executives in the rebranding and roll-out of the new WPA logo and imagery
- SCA Managing Director Dave Lyall also attended the 2012 London Olympic Games as a member of the Australian Olympic Committee's Media Team where he provided some media liaison assistance for both Australian teams and reported on Australian matches
- Media Management of the inaugural World Youth Water Polo Championships in Perth that resulted in major metropolitan print, radio and online coverage, as well as international print and online coverage
- The introduction of branded short videos for use on all appropriate online platforms
- Continued growth of WPA's biographical database of elite players
- Continued increase of content and updating of the WPA website and social media platforms including a streamlining of WPA's social media accounts
- Continued regular blogs by key WPA staff and leading players
- Continued media education and relationship building about the sport of water polo

- Provided FINA with regular copy for their Aquatic World Magazine

The outcomes of these areas of concentration by SCA have resulted in continued strong media coverage for the sport of water polo and its players with mainstream news coverage in print, radio, online and television.

SCA has and will continue to report on all WPA events and competitions as well as the national teams

SCA would like to acknowledge the support of the CEO, Board and staff of WPA, the national coaching and management staff and the players on the national teams.

**David Lyall**  
*Media Manager*



# National League REPORT

THE 2013 SEASON WAS ONCE AGAIN VERY COMPETITIVE WITH A NUMBER OF TEAMS COMING HOME STRONG FOR A PLACE IN THE FINAL SIX. IN BOTH THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S COMPETITIONS THE FINAL PLACINGS WERE NOT DECIDED UNTIL THE LAST ROUND.

The Victorian Tigers are deserving premiers in the men's competition after dominating the season from start to finish. The Tigers were looking to join the short list of teams that had completed a season undefeated yet fell short by the smallest of margins losing just one game from 26 to the eventual bronze medallists, Fremantle Mariners.

In the women's competition Brisbane Barracudas finished their season strong to claim the Southern Cross trophy out from under cross town rivals KFC Queensland Breakers. After a tight semi-final against defending premiers Cronulla Sharks, the Barracudas stormed home in the final defeating Longmont Fremantle Marlins for their history making 4th NWPL title.

## SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Brisbane Barracudas won their fourth women's title equalling that of the Fremantle Marlins
- Victorian Tigers Men completed the regular season undefeated
- Sydney University Lions' Trent Franklin joined team mate Alistair Visch in reaching the 400 game milestone.

Award	Recipients
<b>Champion Men's Club</b>	Victorian Tigers
<b>Champion Women's Club</b>	Brisbane Barracudas
<b>Southern Cross Trophy Men</b>	Victorian Tigers
<b>Southern Cross Trophy Women</b>	Brisbane Barracudas
<b>Southern Cross Trophy Men</b>	Victorian Tigers

Award	Recipients
<b>Charles Turner Medal</b>	Sam McGregor Victorian Tigers
<b>Debbie Watson Medal MVP Season Women</b>	Keesja Gofers (Sydney Uni Lions)
<b>Tom Hoad Medal MVP Final Series Men</b>	James Stanton (VIC Tigers)
<b>MVP Final Series Women</b>	Kate Gynther (Brisbane Barricudas)
<b>All Star Team Men</b>	Sam McGregor (Victorian Tigers) Joel Swift (Fremantle Mariners) Richie Campbell (UNSW Wests Magpies) Rhys Howden (Brisbane Barricudas) Eric Marsal (KFC Qld Breakers) Gordon Marshall (Hunter Hurricanes) Luke Quinlivan (UWA Torpedoes)
<b>All Star Team Women</b>	Keesja Gofers (Sydney Uni Lions) Bronwen Knox (KFC Qld Breakers) Zoe Arancini (Longmont Fremantle Marlins) Kami Craig (UWA Torpedoes) Rowie Webster (Victorian Tigers) Sarah Harris (Hunter Hurricanes) Victoria Brown (Victorian Tigers)
<b>Highest Goal Scorer Men</b>	Sam McGregor (Victorian Tigers) 74 goals
<b>Highest Goal Scorer Women</b>	Kami Craig (UWA Torpedoes) 63 goals

Award	Recipients
<b>John Whitehouse Medal Finals Series Referees</b>	Fiona Haigh Nicola Johnson Andrew Carney Daniel Bartels Daniel Flahive David Gerrie Michael Hart Nick Rodgers

## NWPL MANAGEMENT

### Referees

Thank you must go to both Michael DeFina and Michael Hart for the many hours spent looking after the appointments and travel of the referees and delegates. I would also like to thank all of the referees who provided their services throughout the 2013 season, as without you the game would not be possible.

### Sponsors and Supporters

I would like to thank Corporate Vehicle Management, Mikasa Sports Australia and Purnell Trophies for their continued support. WPAL continued its support through the High Performance program and we acknowledge the role played by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) in its support of the sport as a whole and in particular, the NWPL.

## NWPL JUDICIARY

Thankfully Andrew Ryan and his judiciary committee's services were not required a great deal this season yet their professional contribution is acknowledged and much appreciated.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The following are acknowledged for their contribution.

- All NWPL players, coaches, team management and club officials.
- Peter Hobday who after stepping down from General Manager NWPL provided knowledge and administration support
- Elvis Fatovic, National Men's Coach and Greg McFadden, National Women's Coach.
- National Competitions Committee, Jodie Watson, Phillip Bower, Phil Scales, Damian Kelly, Annabel Sides and Adam Richardson

### Alicia McCormack

Office Manager WPAL

# Senior Men's REPORT

THE 2012/13 YEAR BEGAN WITH THE FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR THE LONDON OLYMPIC GAMES. THE FINAL TEAM HAD BEEN SELECTED AND THERE WAS ONE TOURNAMENT PRIOR TO LONDON.

## VODAFONE CUP, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

The Aussie Sharks finished 2nd in their final hit out before the Olympics after strong performances against Italy winning 10-9 and a 7-7 draw with Spain. The final game saw the hosts Hungary defeat Australia 8-4.

## OLYMPIC GAMES, LONDON, UK

On the back of good preparation the team felt they were ready for a breakthrough result and it nearly came true. After group round losses to Italy, Croatia and Spain and wins against Kazakhstan and Greece the Aussie Sharks faced off against Serbia in the quarter finals. After leading by as many as four goals and still two up at three quarter time the breakthrough result looked possible. However as valiantly as they tried they couldn't match the eventual bronze medalists going down by three and out of medal contention. The tournament finished strongly for the team as they narrowly lost to three time Olympic champions Hungary before defeating USA to finish in 7th place, the best result at an Olympic Games since 1992.

The team led by Head Coach John Fox, Assistant Coaches Paul Oberman and Frank Otto, supported by Manager Jon Harmer and Physiotherapist Ian Gard all did a good job and are applauded and thanked for their efforts, only falling short of their target by an eight minute blitz from Serbia.

Goal Keepers	Field Players
Joel Dennerley	Jamie Beadsworth
James Clark	Richie Campbell
	Tim Cleland
	Johnno Cotterill
	Rhys Howden
	Sam McGregor
	Billy Miller
	Aidan Roach
	Thomas Whalan
	Gavin Woods
	Aaron Younger

## NEW CYCLE

Following the London Olympic Games, Water Polo Australia Limited (WPAL) in conjunction with the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) conducted a comprehensive review and subsequently went on the search for a new head coach.

After several months, London Olympic Games Gold medal winning Assistant Coach of Croatia, Elvis Fatovic became the new head coach of the Aussie Sharks. Elvis began his role in February 2013 learning quickly about the Australian style and lifestyle.

## NTC INSTITUTE CHALLENGE, WAGGA WAGGA

Each of the states NSW, QLD, WA and VIC had solid representation from their SIS/SAS programs contesting the 2012 Institute Challenge. After some thrilling round games and in warm temperatures the QAS took out the title.

## SENIOR MEN'S PROGRAM JANUARY – JUNE 2013

### BASS 2013 14TH – 19TH JANUARY 2013 PERTH, WA

Official International Match v Croatia

AUS 5 – CRO 7

Aussie Sharks squad	Croatia
James Clark	Josip Pavic
Richie Campbell	Luka Bukic
Dan Young	Fran Paskvalin
Johnno Cotterill	Ivan Krapic
Daniel Lawrence	Pavo Markovic
AJ Roach	Ivan Buljubasic
Mitch Emery	Petar Muslim
Tyler Martin	Andro Buslje
Joel Swift	Sandro Sukno
BJ Howden	Niksa Dobud
Rhys Howden	Andelo Setka
Billy Miller	Paulo Obradovic
Eddie Slade	Marko Bijac



James Clark in action at the London Olympics Photo credit: Grant Treeby

# Senior Men's REPORT

## AUSTRALIAN MEN ELITE TRAINING SQUAD – MARCH 27TH – 31ST 2013 ADELAIDE, SA

The Adelaide camp was the initial ETS camp with Elvis Fatovic as the new head Coach with his focus on looking at various players across the age groups inviting several young players to gain experience in an elite set up.

This is the beginning of the new Olympic cycle and it is important to become familiar with the players and to implement a new system where we have recruited Dean Kontic as the Head Strength and Conditioner bringing seven years of experience with the Croatian National team. During the camp we took the opportunity to undergo various types of testing in order to bench mark our athletes.

It was important to host the All Stars Game in conjunction with the Under 14 National Championships to promote the sport and encourage our junior players to want to one day develop into an elite athlete. It also provides the opportunity for Elvis and Dean to deliver a Performance workshop to Junior Coaches on improving training programmes in order to up skill our younger selection.

Final Score: North 8 – South 7

All Stars North squad	All Stars South squad
John Hahn	Ed Slade
BJ Howden	Carl Zvekan
Gordon Marshall	Matt Martin
Richie Campbell	Joel Swift
Tyler Martin	Lachlan Edwards
Nathan Power	Sam Quinn
Rhys Howden	George Ford
Billy Miller	Jarrold Gilchrist
Mitch Emery	Daniel Lawrence
Dan Young	Scott Carpenter
Christopher Dyson	Patrick Harmer
Samuele Avallone	Luke Pavillard
	James Woods

## TRAINING CAMPS

The key focus behind the Australian based camps was to improve on three areas; strength & conditioning, swimming endurance and to become more familiar with the new tactical concepts. The players

have an obligation to train at their institutes between camps to ensure more time for implantation of technical and tactical ideas during the Australian camps.

The following training camps took place:

23rd – 26th May 2013 –  
Sydney Olympic Park, Sydney

6th-10th June 2013 –  
AIS Canberra, ACT

17th – 19th June 2013 –  
Sydney Olympic Park, Sydney

20th-27th June 2013 –  
Dubrovnik, Croatia

## INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

The following tournament took place;

### 28TH – 30TH JUNE 2013 – BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

Results: 1st Place

AUS 10 v SVO 5

AUS 9 v GER 7

AUS 9 v ROU 8

AUS 10 v NED 1

It was very important for us to compete at the Bratislava tournament as we had no opportunity to play at the World League and only had one international game experience prior to this tournament. It allowed the team to implement the work we had been practicing at our training camps into game experience. We played to a good standard across the four games however it has shown us areas of where we need to improve in order to compete against the top nations in the upcoming world championships.

## OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT

The opportunity for players to play professionally overseas was again a highlight of the men's program with various clubs in Europe and colleges in USA welcoming Australians.

These included:

Aaron Younger – Szeged, Hungary

Daniel Young – Barceloneta, Spain

Aidan Roach, Blake Edwards – Budva, Montenegro

James Clark, Jeremy Davies and Mace Rapsey- USC, USA

Lachlan Hollis – Quinto, Italy

These players provided updates and reports of matches played which made for great reading on the WPAL website.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The list is long and there are many people who work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure success of the men's program. Below are the key people who have worked closely with the program in the preparation for the Olympic Games and beyond in the beginning of the new cycle.

**Coaches** – Head Coach John Fox who led the program and squad towards the Olympic Games achieving a good result of 7th. The work done by John in the past five years has been very detailed to ensure a good preparation for the Aussie Sharks in London and John is thanked for his effort and contribution to water polo in Australia.

Assistant Coaches Paul Oberman and Frank Otto who worked alongside John in preparing the athletes for London did a tireless job and contributed to the team's good result.

**Interim National Coaches** – Chris Wybrow and Paul Oberman who managed and directed the senior national program while recruitment for a new head coach took place. Their commitment to the athletes and the men's program was outstanding in a difficult transition period and they have since continued as national assistant coaches. WPAL is very appreciative of their time, effort and dedication to seeing Australia become a medal contender in 2016.

### State Institute and Academy Coaches

– Paul Oberman, Chris Wybrow, Simon Daley, Dalibor Maslan and Eddie Denis, who have supported the national program and athletes in the daily training environments.

Support Staff – Team Managers Jon Harmer and Garry Rydberg, Sports Medicine Coordinator and Physio Ian Gard, Doctor Grace Bryant, Sport Science Coordinator and Video Analyst Andrew Yanitsas, Conditioning Coach Dean Kontic and Sport Psychologist Jonah Oliver, all of whom have provided their expertise to the program over the past 12 months.

### Elvis Fatovic

*Head Coach Senior Men*

# Born 93 Junior Men's REPORT

## SEPTEMBER 2012 CAMP

After the tour in 2012 through August the Australian B93 squad undertook a training camp in Sydney with the Australian B94 squad in preparation for their World Championships being held in December in Perth, 2012. Due to the "overlap" of players in both the respective squads the camp was an excellent opportunity for both sets of coaching staff to have another look at all possible players. The B93 squad members of this older age bracket attended the camp for four days and did tactical pool sessions as well as game sessions in the evenings against the B94s. At the conclusion of this camp seven of the B93 squad members were selected in the B94 team to contest the Youth World Championships in Perth. I would like to extend our thanks to the B94 squad for including us in their preparation as well as thank Michael Smith for his help in coordinating our stay at the Cranbrook School.

## JANUARY 2013 CAMP

In January after the National 20 & Under Titles the B93 squad had our first opportunity to have a camp with our players' sole focus being this particular age bracket. Due to the constraints of the National League competition the players were only available for three days and much was to be crammed into this period of time. The players undertook conditioning testing as well as skill based drills to prepare them for the style of play the B93 team would play at the World Championships in August. This camp saw the squad extended to 28 players to include some who had performed well at the National Titles as well as to ensure as many players as possible, who had demonstrated a high level of potential ability, were given an opportunity to work in this environment. Training games were played against the National League team from Balmain where the B93 players performed well in a number of facets of play. This camp focused on the integration of playing styles that we had observed the European teams play the previous year on our tour to ensure a greater understanding of these processes. The players adapted to these different styles well and considering the immense fatigue they were all playing under; they performed well. I would like to extend my thanks to both the Balmain Water Polo club and Erkin Shagaev for taking the time to accommodate us.

## APRIL 2013 CAMP

The Easter break through the National League season gave the B93 squad an opportunity to come together for training and selection purposes. The camp was held in Sydney for five days and saw the squad again undertake conditioning, specific testing as well as playing games with tactical outcomes they would be assessed upon. The camp also saw the introduction to the players of Elvis Fatovic the newly appointed Men's Head Coach who joined us for the final two days after he had also held a senior camp the previous week. Elvis gave very clear instructions to the style of extra-man defence the players should work on implementing leading up to World Championships to ensure we have the best possible opportunity to counter-act the European nations and their experience in this area of play. At the senior camp five of the B93 players were selected to attend, Nathan Power, George Ford, Luke Pavillard, Gordon Marshall and Lachlan Edwards. The experience these players gained from this exposure lifted the standard at the B93 camp. The April camp also saw the final opportunity for players to impress the coaches before the squad would be finalized for the European Tour leading up to World Championships in Szombathely.

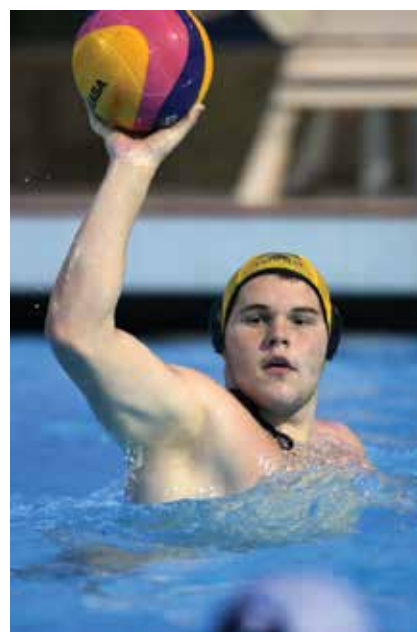
## JUNE 2013 CAMP

The camp set out for the period of June saw ten players attend due to four others being selected in the University games team and also saw the first time together for these players since the announcement of the touring squad for the lead up to the Junior World Championships. Those players were Justin Trabinger, George Ford, Matthew Hannan and Paul Sindone. This team presented these players with a great opportunity to gain further match fitness prior to the B93 World Championships in August. One other player, Nathan Power, was also selected in the Men's team to contest the Senior World Championships in Barcelona. With the players taking advantage of opportunities such as these the touring squad has been given further opportunities to succeed at the Junior World Championships. The camp in June was held in Sydney and saw the remaining 10 players focus on conditioning and tactical training as well as position specific training. This has allowed the players to arrive in Europe in good shape leading into the World Championships.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I would firstly like to thank Garry Rydberg for his continued support and tireless work in ensuring all the camps throughout this period were well organised and facilitated to the highest standard. I would also like to thank Tom Hill for his continued support as High Performance Manager and the clear direction he has given this group in ensuring our goals are truly obtainable. Finally, I would like to thank the players who have been apart of this squad over the past twelve months and their families for ensuring the activities that were undertaken by this group were done so with a positive attitude and in a supportive manner.

**Duncan Greenbank**  
*Head Coach B93 Junior Men*



**Lachlan Edwards**

# Born 94 Youth Men's REPORT

## YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP PREPARATION

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the Born 1994 Youth Boy's Water Polo Team's preparation leading up to and competing in the Youth World Championships in Perth, December 1 to 9, 2012.

The third training camp for 2012 was a 5-day camp in Sydney in July, where 15 players attended and were billeted out with other Sydney players & myself to help keep the costs down. Unfortunately the fitness of some players had dropped since the previous training camp. However, I was pleasantly surprised when playing games against Sydney Club teams each night, where we were successful in winning each game with the exception of the last game against a combined NSWIS team. A highlighted weakness of the team was our extra man attack and defence. Also, I felt that we were a little weak on the left-hander's side of the pool.

Based on this I decided to invite another left-hander to participate in the last training camp prior to the Youth World Championships.

In September we had the 4th training camp for the year and it became apparent that the final school year for most of the players was affecting their fitness levels. The preparation leading into the Youth World Championships in December was far from ideal with the majority of the team preparing for and sitting for their final year school exams. Based on this I wanted to get the team together as early as possible in Perth to regain match fitness prior to the World Championships. The team arrived in Perth on Monday 19th November where in this first week we played and trained against Melville & UWA Torpedoes. A big thank you to both clubs for assisting with the boys preparation for their World Championship games.

From the 24th November we played training games against born 1994 teams from Hungary and Serbia leading up to the start of the World Championships. It was a tough decision in making the final selection for the team, and appreciated Callum Smith in staying in Perth to help with training after missing out on the final cut.

The born 1994 Team: -

### Goalkeepers:

Anthony Hrysanthos  
 Sam Cocokios

Field Players:		
Gordon Marshall	(CF)	Vice Captain
Lachlan Edwards	(CF)	
Justin Trabinger	(CB)	
Matthew Skinner	(CB)	
Reed Cotterill	(Utility)	
Matthew Perrot	(LH)	Captain
Luke Pavillard	(LH)	
William McKay	(LHD)	
Davis Verboon	(LHD)	
Blake Buckley	(RHD)	
Ciaran Wolohan	(RHD)	
Staff:		
Coach	Chris Wybrow	
Assistant Coach	Paul Oberman	
Manager	Michael Smith	
Assistant Coach	David Swift	

As a summary of our World Championship games, our first game was against the number 1 seeded team in Croatia (who won the European Championships for this age group). We played a good game and scores were level midway through the last quarter. Croatia showed their experience in the final minutes to pull away and win by 2 goals. We easily accounted for the other teams in our group, including our qualification game for the quarter finals. Hungary was our quarter finals opponent, who had prepared for the tournament by playing as a team in the Hungarian National League, and they were certainly better match conditioned and more physical than the Australian Team. This was our most disappointing game as we did not rise to the occasion and losing meant that we played for 5th – 8th positions. Our first placing game was against the team from Greece. At full time we held the Greeks to 9 all, but unfortunately lost by one goal in extra time. This showed that we were not far off the pace as Greece lost to eventual bronze medallists, Serbia, 9-8. Our final game was against USA, winning a low scoring contest meaning Australia finished in 7th place, the best non-European team at the championships.

### The FINA World Youth Championships, Perth, Australia, December 2012:

<b>Day 1:</b>	Croatia 8 v Australia 6 (M Skinner, L Edwards, J Trabinger, D Verboon, L Pavillard, W Mackay).
<b>Day 2:</b>	Bye
<b>Day 3:</b>	Australia 15 (G Marshall 7, W Mackay, J Trabinger 2, B Buckley, D Verboon, M Skinner, R Cotterill) v South Africa 4.

<b>Day 4:</b>	Australia 10 (R Cotterill 3, W Mackay 2, M Skinner, L Edwards, M Perrott, C Wolohan, L Pavillard) v New Zealand 6.
<b>Day 5:</b>	Australia 15 (C Wolohan, L Pavillard 3, G Marshall, B Buckley, W Mackay, R Cotterill 2, M Perrott) v Colombia 2.
<b>Final group points:</b>	Croatia 8, Australia 6, New Zealand 4, Colombia 2, South Africa 0.
<b>Day 6:</b>	Second round: Australia 21 (M Perrot 6, R Cotterill 3, J Trabinger 3, L Pavillard 2, M Skinner 2, B Buckley, W Mackay, D Verboon, G Marshall, C Wolohan) v Iran 2.
<b>Day 7:</b>	Quarterfinal: Hungary 14 Australia 7 (L Pavillard 3, B Buckley, M Perrott, J Trabinger, C Wolohan).
<b>Day 8:</b>	Greece 10 Australia 9 (R Cotterill 3, G Marshall, M Skinner, C Wolohan, L Pavillard, B Buckley, M Perrott) in extra time. (FT: 9-9).
<b>Day 9:</b>	<b>For 7 &amp; 8 place:</b> Australia 5 (G Marshall 2, C Wolohan, M Perrott, B Buckley) USA 4.
<b>Final Placing's:</b>	Italy, Hungary, Serbia, Croatia, Greece, Romania, Australia, United States of America, Brazil, New Zealand, Canada, Iran, Uzbekistan, Egypt, Colombia, Kazakhstan, South Africa, Trinidad & Tobago, Peru.

A huge thank you must go to all of the support team, with Michael Smith being with the team since 2011, a very professional & organised manager whose help and workloads are greatly appreciated also to Tim Hamill who helped with all sessions at the Sydney training camps and proved to be extremely knowledgeable and a great help. On top of this I was fortunate to have Paul Oberman assist me in Perth for the World Championships who brought a wealth of knowledge to the table and also David Swift, who travelled to Sydney for the September camp and also was of great assistance in Perth.

In my opinion, the timing of the event being directly after the Australian final school year exams was not conducive to a successful result and we also need to look at introducing our junior players to the men's competition earlier so that they are more conditioned and able to match the physicality of the top European sides.

**Chris Wybrow**

Head Coach Born 94 Youth Men



# Born 96 Youth Men's REPORT

In the first week of October 2012 the Boys 16 and Under, Born 96, Australian Club Championships took place in Brisbane. This was my first official task with the B96 Australian Youth Team. After an extensive view of the talent, which included 25 teams, a target squad of 46 players was selected. This was in consultation with NTC Coaches present at the championships. The emphasis was on picking athletes that could be future Australian Senior players and as a result there was an emphasis on key positions such as GK, Centre Forward, Centre Back and Left Handers. Along with this, a spread of players across the states were selected which was designed to enhance the training camps that were to take place.

Three separate B96 Camps were held in November and December 2012. These were in Brisbane, Sydney and Perth. The Perth camp coincided with the World Youth Championships. These camps allowed the athletes to be viewed in their own environment. Local coaches were engaged

to assist in the camps and standardised sessions were used to ensure that the athletes could be assessed with equity.

After these camps a squad of 29 was selected for a camp in Sydney from Jan 13-17. At this stage Mark Salmon, strength and conditioning coach, was engaged and started with the program. Mark has come from a rugby league background and believes in the Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) model. This camp was particularly fruitful as it showcased the top athletes in this age group in a competitive environment. For this camp Luis Cruz was engaged as a CF coach and John Hahn as a GK coach.

This camp in January, along with performances both in the U20 Nationals and U18 Club Championships in May formed the basis of selection into the touring team. Unfortunately several players were unavailable for selection to tour due to school commitments: Luke Pavillard WA; Josh Zekulich WA; Alex Bogunovich WA; Loch Pethick WA; and Rowan Farrell NSW;

and, Andre Rebelo WA was also unavailable for selection.

A touring squad of 15 was announced with only 1 player being selected from outside the 29 players that attended the January camp, Angus Lambie.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Camp: June 30-July 4

European Tour: August 2-25  
(Croatia, Germany, Hungary)

## STAFF:

Andrew Yanitsas (Head Coach), Michael Smith (Manager) & Mark Salmon (Strength & Conditioning Coach)

### Andrew Yanitsas

*Head Coach Born 96 Youth Men*



Tim Reeves

# Senior Women's REPORT

**THE TEAM FOR LONDON WAS ANNOUNCED AFTER THE WORLD LEAGUE FINALS IN CHANGSHU, CHINA AND WE WERE POSITIVE THAT WE WOULD HAVE A VERY POSITIVE IMPACT IN LONDON.**

For our final preparation for London we flew to Europe for a training camp in Montenegro training with some youth boys and then onto the AIS Facility in Varese for 10 days of training by ourselves.

Our preparation for London was fantastic and if we were to do anything different it would only be a few minor changes such as reversing our Montenegro & Varese training camps order. However, this certainly did not detract from the great performances the girls displayed during the Olympics.

## LONDON OLYMPICS 2012

The start of the Olympics went to plan in our group by beating Italy 10-8 and Great Britain 16 to 3. Leaving the winner of our game with Russia to finish 1st in our group. In a highly entertaining game in which 10 goals were scored in the 1st quarter we held on to claim 1st place with an 11-8 victory.

In the other group there was a few upsets with Spain becoming the surprise packet by beating China comfortably in the 1st game and then drawing with the USA. The USA let a 3 goal lead slip in the last quarter and had 2 extra man chances in the last 40 secs but failed to convert. This then left Spain to have to beat Hungary by 2 goals or more to claim 1st place in the group and managed to do this with less than 2 secs on the clock. The 2011 World Champion Silver Medallists China failed to win a game in this group, which set up a quarterfinal game with us.

In a very high scoring 1st half we could not shake China. Every time we scored a goal they replied with one and the game was locked at 8-8 at halftime. This continued on to 10-10 before China scored the last 2 goals to go 12-10 at end of 3rd.

The girls dug deep as everything we had worked for four years was on the line and to make it more difficult we were without Nicola Zagame & Bronwen Knox who had

been fouled out halfway through the 3rd. We fought our way back to 13-13 with 1.29 left, but China then replied to go 14-13 with 58 secs to go. A Holly Lincoln Smith 5m backhand sent the crowd wild with 35 secs left and the game into extra time. However, we had lost Gemma Beadsworth half way through the 4th and now had multiple of players on 2 major fouls.

The first period of extra time saw us grabbing a 1-goal lead but China would not go away and levelled with 25 secs left in the second period to send it into a penalty shoot out at 16-16. By now, we had lost our captain Kate Gynther who had now been fouled out. This left us with 4 of our penalty shooters sitting on the bench.

To the teams credit this was not going to stop us as Ashleigh Southern, Glencora Ralph & Holly Lincoln Smith all scored their penalties while Alicia McCormack had saved 2 of the Chinese penalties. This left our most experienced player Melissa Rippon to step up and score the game winner which she capably did to put us into the semis against our old foes the USA.

Some people have commented to me "That was the most emotional game of Water Polo Men's or Women's they have ever seen". After the game I told the girls that it was the greatest win I have ever been associated with given the circumstances of players being fouled out, the lop sided exclusion count and the stakes that were on the line.

Standing between the Gold Medal match and us, was the USA. We started brilliantly going ahead 2-0 before an extra man goal put the US on the scoreboard. At this level you need luck and they say good teams make their own luck and unfortunately for us the luck went with USA in the 1st quarter.

A lob shot that rebounded off the post and hit Alicia McCormack in the forehead deflected in to level the scores. If things are going your way these either go in or miss. A huge deflection at the end of the quarter allowed the USA to level 3-3.

The USA always seemed to be a goal or two ahead and we would have to continually claw our way back into the game. By the end of the 3rd we were 7-6 behind. USA scored to go 8-6 before 2 well played extra man goals levelled the scores. Then with 1:40 left the USA converted an extra man to go ahead 9-8. Fortunately, we received a penalty with 1 sec left on the clock through an illegal timeout after a rebound shot and Ashleigh Southern stood tall under immense pressure for 2-3 minutes to level the game

and force it into extra time.

The USA came out strong in the 1st period of extra time and when they scored their 2nd goal with 3 sec to go at the end of the 1st period, this proved too difficult for the girls to reel in and unfortunately we lost to the slightly better team on the day.

Obviously everyone was disappointed that we were not playing for Gold, but we were still in with the chance of coming home with the Bronze and we were determined not to come away empty handed.

We played Hungary for the Bronze Medal, just like we did 4 years earlier in Beijing. We opened the scoring and lead from start to finish, being ahead 2-1, 7-4 & 10-8 at the breaks. We extended this to 11-8 with 6:36 left in the fourth, but poor attacking options allowed Hungary to gain momentum and with 1:24 left they had brought the score back to 11-10.

An exclusion with 44 secs left gave Hungary an opportunity to level the score. Their first shot deflected off the post and then Alicia McCormack saved their 2nd shot with 9 secs remaining. I take full responsibility for what happened next, as I should have called a timeout to settle things down, but instead we were celebrating on the bench. The Hungarians submarined Alicia and threw the ball in with 1 sec remaining to force extra time for the third game running.

Once again the girls showed their great character and never say die attitude in extra time and with two goals by Gemma Beadsworth, one in each period saw us repeat the performance from Beijing and take the Bronze medal 13-11.

I think the following stats proved how fantastic the girls played throughout the Olympics.

Extra-man attack, scored 30 from 44 attempts = (68%). Ranking 1st

Next best was China, scored 37 from 69 attempts (54%).

Extra-man defence, defended 51 from 82 attempts = (62%). Ranking 1st

Next best was Spain, defended 41 from 72% attempts = (57%).

Field Goals scored 45. Ranking 1st

Next best was Russia & Italy, scored 34.

When you added the amount of exclusions and penalties you received together and were awarded against you, this equates to us having to defend on average a minimum

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of six extra-man more than the opposition in every game.

Since the 2011 World Championships we have played 39 games and won 35. We have played the USA 9 times and won 5. The only 4 games we have lost have all been to the USA and one of them was in overtime at the Olympics.

I'm sure everyone back in Australia was as relieved as I was when the girls finally had that Bronze Medal in their hand. They certainly deserved it and I was extremely proud of the way they continually raised above all the challenges that we had to overcome throughout the competition.

They are a very special bunch of athletes and I am so honoured to have coached them.

Kate Gynther, Alicia McCormack and Melissa Rippon have all officially announced their retirement after many years of fantastic service for Australian Water Polo. They have been the main players of the National team since I took over as coach in 2005 and have won Medals at all the major competitions and will now retire as Dual Olympic Bronze Medallist's.

## POST LONDON OLYMPIC PLAYERS

After my reappointment in November I travelled around Australia to talk to the 10 Olympians to gauge what they were thinking in regard to the next 4 years and their willingness to continue to play for Australia. 6 of the 10 indicated they were keen to continue on but were going to take it year by year. All of them have indicated they are available for the World Championships in 2013.

The other 4 have decided to take a year off to concentrate on their careers while Jane Moran had to have a shoulder reconstruction, which ruled her out of any involvement in 2013.



**New look swimwear by Hot Designs**  
Photo credit: Suzanne Ramke



**2013 All Star teams** Photo credit: Anthony Pearse

## 2012 YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

I attended these in Perth to see what type of players we have coming through and to identify which players may come into contention for the 2016 Olympic cycle.

While I was slightly disappointed with our performance in Perth I was happy with the athleticism of some of the players coming through the ranks and hopefully some of these will be pushing for selection come RIO.

Unfortunately we are a long way behind the European teams when it comes to game sense. I believe this comes from a lack of competitive water polo and the strength of the competition structure that our athletes play at this age group.

## INSTITUTE CHALLENGE

The Institute Challenge was once again held at the AIS from 16th to 20th December. This was put back from its normal time at the end of November so that it would not interfere with the Youth World Championships while also allowing these players to participate in the challenge. Four teams competed this year, QAS, NSWIS & WAIS all independently, while the VIS & SASI combined.

The competition was structured so that everyone played each other once, with semi finals and finals being played. None of the Olympic players participated in the event, so it was good to see the future Olympic hopefuls put their names forward. NSWIS after a 1st game loss to VIS/SASI finished 1st after the rounds were played and went on to defeat QAS to claim their 4th Institute Challenge with a 11-8 victory. VIS/SASI defeated WAIS 12-8 to take the Bronze medal.

A squad of 17 players was announced after the Institute Challenge to attend a training camp with China prior to the BHP Aquatic series. This squad included 5 London Olympians.

## BHP BILLITON AQUATIC SUPER SERIES V'S CHINA

We had five days of training with the Chinese prior to the one off official test match. It was a good opportunity to see how the future Olympians would perform while also getting to see what sort of shape the London Bronze medalists were in.

China had only made 4 changes from their Olympic team and was proving to be very tough training opponents. We knew we would have our work cut out for us in the Official game on Friday evening due to only 4 of the Olympians being available. This meant that 9 players were going to get their opportunity to press their claims for the new look Australian team.

The girls played a very controlled game of water polo and after China scored the opening goal we never relinquished the lead again to win 7-6. You could tell that the Olympians had not played much water polo as their timing was off and we missed a few opportunities that normally we would have scored, but the Stingers determination was evident as we limited China's chances for a very good win.

## TRAINING CAMPS & ALL STAR GAME

We scheduled the All Star game to be held in Brisbane coinciding with the U/14 National Club Championship in Brisbane over Easter. Prior to this we had a three-day training camp attended by all 26 players. The All Star game was a huge success and the All Stars South team defended their title 6-5 in front of hundreds of aspiring 14 and under players.

This game must remain on the Water Polo Calendar as it is a great way for us to help promote the sport. More importantly it allows the future Olympians to meet their idols first hand.

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## JUNIOR & YOUTH CAMPS.

Through the first four months of 2013 I had the opportunity to work with the up and coming Stingers through selected training camp opportunities. I helped with the U/20 National Squad training camp in Sydney after the U/20 Championships.

Jack Lusic (B'96) Head Coach and myself traveled to Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and WA to hold three-day training camps for identified athletes to help in the development and selection of the B'96 training camp, which was to be held after the U/18 Club Championships in Perth. We worked with over 70 athletes around Australia and had a very difficult task in selecting the 26 athletes to stay for the camp.

I thoroughly enjoyed working with these athletes, as they were very receptive, polite, talented and fun to coach. I'm sure many of them will go on and have very successful water polo careers and hope that they achieve their dreams of being selected to represent the Stingers in the future.

## WORLD LEAGUE ROUNDS & FINALS

Straight after the National League Finals in Sydney we had a 2-day training camp before heading to NZ to try and qualify for the World League Finals in Beijing in a fortnights time.

Our 1st game was once again against our Asian Rivals China who was looking for revenge after London. As always this game was tight and once again we were locked at 11-11 at the end of normal time. In the World League every game is played for a result so we immediately went to a penalty shoot out and defeated them 15-13.

We then defeated Japan 10-2 & 12-5, New Zealand 10-5 & 15-7. But the most pleasing performance was our second game v China were we demolished them 17-7. This meant we were still undefeated in 2013.

Twenty-six athletes attended a selection camp for the World League Finals and World University teams at the AIS from 22-28th May. From here the World League team travelled straight to Beijing.

From the teams attending the World league Finals we had the least amount of Olympians returning after London and we knew this was going to be a very tough tournament. We started off with a convincing win over Canada 12-8 before coming up against an unchanged Spanish team that took the Silver medal in London. After a very inconsistent performance we allowed the Spanish to win the last quarter 3-1 to defeat us 10-9.

We then played Italy and for 3 quarters of the match we didn't make the most of our opportunities and trailed 11-6. A stirring last quarter where the girls showed their true Stingers character of never giving up, we fought back to 11-11 until a late extra man goal by Italy allowed them to win 12-11.

This meant we crossed over against Hungary in the quarterfinals. They had a team with minimal changes from London and were after revenge as we had beaten them for the 2nd Olympics running for the Bronze medal. We started fantastically jumping to a 6-3 lead by quarter time. Unfortunately our inconsistency that had plagued us during the finals came back to bite us again and we allowed the Hungo's back into the game to only lead 9-8 at the half. The game then went goal for goal and unfortunately we missed a late extra man were we did not get a shot away to try and win the game with the scores locked 13-13. We ended up losing 17-16 in a shootout, which knocked us out of the medal games.

We then came up against Spain once again as they were defeated by Russia in their quarterfinal. This was another goal for goal game and the scores were locked at 10-10 at the close of the match to take us to another penalty shootout. Once again we came up short 14-13, which meant we were to play Canada for 7th position.

We led from start to finish to defeat them 9-8 and the closest they got to us was in the last minute to make it a 1-goal margin. While the 7th placing wasn't our best result I still believed that we could make the necessary improvements ahead of the Barcelona World Championship to be playing for the medals.

We had two penalty shootout defeats, and two losses by a single goal. We have seven new players in the team and the World League was all about seeing where we actually stood in regard to the rest of the countries. The players learnt a lot about international water polo and how important defence is to being successful. This is what really let us down and now we have time to work on it leading into the World Champs.



**Aussie Stingers semi final 2012 Olympics** Photo credit: Grant Treeby

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## GRATITUDE

Firstly I would like to thank all the new people who have come on board with the new Olympic cycle starting and they have done a wonderful job since November and my new appointment.

To Miranda Wallis (SMC), Sally Clark (SSC), Liz Broad (nutritionist), Daelyn Vivers (Doctor), Predrag Mihalovic (NSWIS Coach) and Eddie Denis (fulltime Assistant Coach and Junior Coach). Eddie and Sally have been involved in the last quadrenium but are stepping into new positions and I think we will have some great times ahead of us with the professionalism all these people will bring to the program.

Secondly I must thank the following for the fantastic support they have provided our program over this Olympic Cycle and the success of the program which culminated in us winning the Bronze medal in London. This definitely would not have been possible without any of these fantastic people.

- To all the players selected for the London Olympics. You were a very special group of young ladies who did Australia proud. Your excitement for playing each game in London was very special to watch and the way you approached every minute of every game even when the chips were down was a true indicator of what a special team you became. You should all be ecstatic of what we achieved and I am so exceptionally proud to have been your coach.
- To all the athletes who made the Olympic quadrenium a successful period for the Senior National Women's team program. Unfortunately some of you missed selection in certain squads and the final Olympic team. Your support to the final 13 was fantastic and they would not have achieved the Bronze medal without you there to help them develop and push them to become better players. Hopefully a lot of you will go on to achieve your water polo dreams.
- To my two managers Lynne Morrison & Jenny Liessmann who have been absolutely wonderful since 2010. My job is made so simple with your great organisational skills, your willingness to help with the videoing and coding of all our games. The athletes appreciate how smoothly each day runs and we would be lost without one of you on each tour.
- The Olympic coaching staff which consisted of Ryan Moar (NSWIS) & Dalibor Maslan (VIS). You help make my job so

much easier and enjoyable. You help put life in perspective when we have our bad games and get us back on track. The success of the team is greatly due to the fantastic work you both do, in and away from the pool. Your commitment & sacrifices to the program was very much appreciated by all the players and myself.

- To the SIS/SAS coaching staff of Aleks Osadchuk (QAS), Peter Szilagyi (WAIS) & Eddie Denis (SASI) who helped out at training camps and selected tours throughout the Olympic Cycle. They all so did a fantastic job in making sure that all the players when not involved with National team duties were carrying out the day-to-day training. They play a huge role in the development and improvement of all these athletes without their support & co-operation we definitely would not be one of the top teams in the world. They are all great coaches.
- The AIS & SIS/SAS programs support staff for their daily help in running the programs. All areas are lead by fantastic, cooperative professionals who do a tremendous job in helping the athletes be the best-prepared team in the world and are always looking for the edge to make the difference between success and failure. There are way too many people to mention but the following head up these disciplines - Andrea Mosler (Sports Medicine Coordinator), Ted Polglaze & Laura Garvican (Sports Science), Julian Jones (S&C), Kirsten Peterson (Psychology) Tamara Kerford (PA) Adam Gorman (Skill Acquisition) Greg Cox & Christine Dziedzic (Nutrition)
- Debra Waser and the AIS, Iain Brambell and the ASC & John Coates and the AOC for their never ending great support of the program and myself. Without this support it would be impossible to run a world-class international program and win international medals. You continually look after the Women's Water Polo program beyond our expectations.
- The National League clubs & coaches, who have been very supportive and understanding of the National team's commitments. They have been very cooperative and realise the need for the team to have more training camps in the lead up to London.
- The board of WPA, CEO - Chris Harrison, HPM - Tom Hill, the AIS & ASC WPA for their full support and confidence in myself to be able to take the team on to RIO. They

understand the difficult challenges that the team faces trying to become the best, but are always there to help us overcome these hurdles.

- To Karen Buffier (Program Coordinator) and Gareth Candy who filled in while Karen has been on maternity leave. They have done a wonderful job behind the scenes organizing all the logistics for our tours/camps etc. Everything runs like clockwork and everyone greatly appreciates the detail they put into making these all as enjoyable as they can be.
- Personally I would sincerely like to thank Reg Hatch who has become a mentor for me since 2010 and I have very much appreciated his personal advice and guidance while helping me to become the best coach I can.



**Melissa Rippon scores a penalty shot against China in the quarters**  
Photo credit: Grant Treeby

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Sadly it is a bit of an end to an era to the AIS Women's Water Polo program and the involvement of some great supporters of our sport.

With the review of the London Olympics and the new path that Australian Sport is taking we are losing some great people who have given their so much time to help the women's program be so successful. Some of them have been with me since 2005, while others have been involved for a shorter period.

Debra Waser (Sports Performance Manager), Karen Buffier (Program Coordinator) & Ted Polglaze (Sport Science Coordinator) have all done a tremendous job in their roles and I will greatly miss them and never forget their contribution and friendship. Thank you for the wonderful support and professionalism you have brought to the program.

Peter Szilagyi (WAIS Head Coach & Australian Junior Coach) has decided to return back to Hungary to spend some valuable time with his daughter. Peter joined the team in 2007 and has helped develop some great Australian talent which culminated in the juniors winning the Bronze medal at the 2011 World Championships. Thank you so much for your passion, knowledge and friendship.

Ryan Moar (NSWIS Head Coach, Olympic

Assistant Coach & Technical wiz) after 8 years with the program has decided to look for other challenges and to start a family. Moary has become an irreplaceable member of the coaching staff. He has been with me the whole 8 years and without his calming nature, his thoughtfulness for everybody, his knowledge and experience we certainly would not have achieved our bag of medals over this period. Ryan also successfully co-coached the 2007 juniors the World Championship Gold medal. Thanks Moary, I wish you and Anna all the best for the future.

Andrea Mosler (Sports Medicine Coordinator & physiotherapist) has been with the team since 1996. Andrea has been the brains behind organising many of the innovations we have introduced and helped us become one of the leading programs in the world. This has resulted in Australia winning 3 Olympic medals from a possible 4 Olympics a record only bettered by the USA. Not only has she been the ultimate professional but a great sounding board and fantastic friend through this period. I wish Andrea, Evan, Orlando & Jebidah all the best for the future in Qatar.

Grace Bryant (Team Sports Doctor & medical specialist) along with Andrea has been involved with the women's program for what seems like an eternity. Grace has been a fantastic resource of medical knowledge

and nothing seems to fess her. She is a very calming influence to the athlete who have had to go through difficult times with injuries, but as always her advice, recommendations and treatment has got many players back in the pool allowing them to achieve their goals. Grace's experience is very well sought after and she has now landed the role of the Chief Medical officer for the Commonwealth Games which unfortunately does not allow her to continue on with us. While she won't be completely lost to the sport it is with much sadness that we see her depart. I wish Grace & Arnold very happy future and thank you for being there whenever I have needed you.

Good luck to all of these wonderful people and I hope that your future is all that you dream of. I'm sure you will all be very successful and words cannot express my gratitude to you all. WPA & myself are in debt to you forever.

■ Finally once again to my brilliant family, Sonia and my beautiful children Rebel and Cooper. Without your full support and love I certainly would not be able to go on coaching the "Stingers". I love you all.

Thank you.

**Greg McFadden**  
*Head Coach Senior Women*



**Aussie Stingers squad** Photo credit: Suzanne Ramke



# Born 93 Junior Women's REPORT

**2012/13 WAS THE PENULTIMATE YEAR IN THE AUSTRALIAN BORN 1993 OR LATER GIRLS SQUAD'S PREPARATION FOR THE FINA WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS IN AUGUST 2013.**

This part of our preparation began with a team of 13 players taking part in an international tour (August/September 2012). The team travelled to The Netherlands, Greece and Hungary. A list of official matches and results is below.

The tour was successful from the point of view that a number of squad members were introduced to water polo in Europe for the first time. The players were tested against very strong opposition which has helped in clarifying selections of team personnel for the World Junior Championships in 2013. A number of players from the Born 1993 or Later squad were unavailable for the tour as they were involved in Born 1994 or Later Squad preparations for the FINA Youth World Championships in Perth in December. This opened up some positions for other players to gain international experience.

During the first half of 2013 the Born 1993 or Later Squad had two training camps. The camps were held in Sydney after the National Junior Championships in January and after the National League Finals in May. A third and final selection camp was held in Sydney in early July.

These training camps provided all squad members with an opportunity to press for selection in the final team of 13 for the World Junior Championships.



**B93 Junior Women** Photo credit: supplied

## NATIONAL BORN 1993 OR LATER GIRLS 2012 TOUR RESULTS:

Team on Tour:	
Michaela Davies	
Emma Williams	
Bronte Colenso	
Claire Negus	
Jessica Brooks	
Cathryn Earl	
Bridget O'Connor	
Laura Malcolm	
Emily Carr	
Tayla Walsh	
Emily Benson	
Morgan Baxter	
Matil Connor	

## OFFICIAL INTERNATIONAL MATCH IN THE NETHERLANDS

<b>Result:</b>	Australia 9 drew Netherlands 9
<b>Qtrs:</b>	2-4, 2-2, 3-1, 2-2
<b>X man for:</b>	5 from 12
<b>X man against:</b>	Netherlands scored 5 from 13 and 2 from 2 penalties
<b>AUS Scorers:</b>	Morgan Baxter 3, Bronte Colenso 2, Matil Connor 1, Cathryn Earl 1, Emily Carr 1, Emily Benson 1
<b>AUS Best:</b>	Bronte Colenso, Emma Williams and Morgan Baxter

## PYTHIA CUP TOURNAMENT IN ITEA, GREECE

<b>Result:</b>	Australia 8 bt France 5
<b>Qtrs:</b>	2-3, 1-0, 3-2, 2-0
<b>X man for:</b>	4 from 10 and 1 from 1 penalty
<b>X man against:</b>	France score 3 from 13
<b>AUS Scorers:</b>	Emily Benson 3, Bronte Colenso, Claire Negus, Jess Brooks, Morgan Baxter and Tayla Walsh
<b>AUS Best:</b>	Emily Benson, Jess Brooks, Bronte Colenso

<b>Result:</b>	Australia 5 lost to Netherlands 9
<b>Qtrs:</b>	2-2, 1-2, 1-3, 1-2
<b>X man for:</b>	3 from 6 and 0 from 1 penalty
<b>X man against:</b>	Netherlands scored 6 from 12 and 1 from 1 penalty
<b>AUS Scorers:</b>	Bronte Colenso 2, Tara Pitman 2, Cathryn Earl
<b>AUS Best:</b>	Bronte Colenso, Tara Pitman, Emily Benson

<b>Result:</b>	Australia 9 lost to Greece 14
<b>Qtrs:</b>	1-2, 2-4, 2-4, 4-4
<b>X man for:</b>	4 from 9
<b>X man against:</b>	Greece scored 6 from 14 and 2 from 2 penalties
<b>AUS Scorers:</b>	Bronte Colenso 2, Cathryn Earl 2, Tayla Walsh 2, Claire Negus, Jess Brooks, Matil Connor
<b>AUS Best:</b>	Cathryn Earl, Bronte Colenso, Jess Brooks

<b>Result:</b>	Australia 4 lost to Italy 9
<b>Qtrs:</b>	2-3, 1-1, 1-3, 0-2
<b>X man for:</b>	3 from 14
<b>X man against:</b>	Italy scored 4 from 18 and 1 from 1 penalty
<b>AUS Scorers:</b>	Tayla Walsh 2, Emily Carr, Bronte Colenso
<b>AUS Best:</b>	Emily Carr, Cathryn Earl, Tayla Walsh

## OFFICIAL INTERNATIONAL MATCH IN HUNGARY

<b>Result:</b>	Australia 10 lost to Hungary 11
<b>Qtrs:</b>	1-2, 4-2, 3-4, 1-2
<b>X man for:</b>	1 from 8 and 1 from 1 penalty
<b>X man against:</b>	Hungary scored 5 from 15 and 1 from 2
<b>AUS Scorers:</b>	Cathryn Earl 4, Bronte Colenso 2, Morgan Baxter 2, Jess Brooks, Matil Connor, Morgan Baxter 2
<b>AUS Best:</b>	Cathryn Earl, Emma Williams, Bronte Colenso

**Ryan Moar**  
Head Coach B93 Junior Women

# Born 94 Youth Women's REPORT

## JULY 2012

International Tour to Hungary for the Camp and Olympic Hopes Tournament, Dunajvaros, Hungary, 10-25 July, 2012. Overall it was a very successful trip for us as the Team. All members of the Squad conducted themselves in a great and respectful manner. We could be and should be very proud as a Nation for the display of our athletes.

At the beginning of this tour Australian National Team had four joint training games with National Teams of Hungary, USA and Canada. After four training days we took part in Olympic Hopes International Tournament, Dunajvaros, Hungary (AUS, CAN, NED, USA, CZE, HUN) where Australian Youth National Team (15 athletes) played five official games. Australian selection won one, drew one and lost three games.

Australian National Team finished fourth at this International Tournament.

## 2012 OLYMPIC HOPES INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT, DUNAJVAROS, HUNGARY

AUS 2 – USA 8 (Shannan Martin, Fiona Walsh)

AUS 6 – NED 8 (Shannan Martin 2, Montana Perkins, Rebecca Curtis, Jayde Appel, Fiona Walsh)

AUS 13 – CZE 4 (Pascalie Casey 3, Belinda Symons 2, Rebecca Curtis 2, Ainsley Masek, Shannan Martin, Stephanie El Safty, Megan du Toit, Tiana Andersen, Fiona Walsh)

AUS 4 – HUN 20 (no data, sorry)

AUS 9 – CAN 9 (Jayde Appel 3, Megan du Toit 3, Ainsley Masek, Belinda Symons, Shannan Martin)

**Final placing:** Nederland, Hungary, USA, Australia, Canada, Czech Republic.

## September/October 2012

### AIS Training Camp. Training games with QAS and NSWIS, Canberra, 26/09-6/10, 2012.

This was one of the best and the most successful Camps we have ever had. We had the absolute privilege to have an opportunity to train in such prestigious environment. It is one of the best sporting facilities in the World. A Big and Special Thank You goes to the Senior Women's Water Polo Program for all organising matters and logistics. We cannot forget that at this AIS pool Australian National Team have produced last two Olympic medals and a number of other international achievements. We tried to uphold the mark of AUS Women's Water Polo Program and

these athletes did their absolute best to prove it. I am absolutely proud of each individual in my Squad for how they conducted themselves during this tough Camp.

All training requirements and wishes were absolutely fulfilled by the friendly AIS staff. We had great support from number of different departments at AIS. I would like to mention just a few of them: High Performance department, Physiotherapy department, Performance analyses department, Strength and Conditioning department, Sport Science department... Without all of them our Camp wouldn't have been possible. Many thanks go to Deb Waser and Karen Buffier for helping us with all the logistics for this Camp.

I am absolutely sure that the girls will remember the AIS Pool, Dining Hall and New Residents Rooms for the rest of their lives and we all greatly appreciate the opportunity provided by AIS and WPA.

The Camp went well with lots of work and improvement shown in the ten days at the AIS. All athletes displayed great passion and dedication in training and games. During this Camp we had an opportunity to play eight training games against QAS and NSWIS. I would like to acknowledge both Institutes for their input into this Camp, Eddie Denis, Jack Lusic, Ryan Moar and all SIS/SAS athletes for their valuable time and contribution during our Camp. Also, I would like to thank to the referees Noel Harrod, Rowan Woodburn and Rene Bol for their help officiating all of our games.

It was our last Camp before the announcement of the Team for the World Youth Championships.

## November 2012 Pre-World's Training Camp, Perth, 24-30 November, 2012.

We used this time as adaptation to the environment and to finalise our tactics. Also, we played few training matches with Hungary as the final preparation for World's.

## December 2012 FINA World Youth Championships, Perth, 1-9 December, 2012.

Australian National Team finished seventh at FINA World Youth Championships.

## FINA WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

AUS 22 – CZH 2 (Shannan Martin 5, Lenke Dauda-Board 3, Madison Schmid 2, Madeleine Quinn 2, Belinda Symons 2, Jessica

Zimmerman 2, Chloe Bar 2, Kassia Ralston 2, Ainsley Masek 1, Fiona Walsh 1)

AUS 27 – IND 2 (Shannan Martin 5, Chloe Bar 5, Lenke Dauda-Board 1, Madison Schmid 1, Madeleine Quinn 3, Belinda Symons 3, Jessica Zimmerman 1, Kassia Ralston 2, Ainsley Masek 1, Fiona Walsh 3, Montana Perkins 2)

AUS 18 – UZB 1 (Shannan Martin 2, Chloe Bar 3, Madison Schmid 2, Madeleine Quinn 3, Belinda Symons 1, Jessica Zimmerman 4, Kassia Ralston 1, Montana Perkins 2, Fiona Walsh 1)

Q-tr final : AUS 3 – HUN 10 (Belinda Symons 1, Fiona Walsh 1, Lenke Dauda-Board 1)

5th v 8th playoff : AUS 7 – CAN 16 (Jessica Zimmerman 2, Madeleine Quinn 2, Kassia Ralston 1, Madison Schmid 1, Chloe Bar 3)

Game for the 7th place : AUS 10 – BRA 6 (Jessica Zimmerman 3, Madison Schmid 2, Chloe Bar 2, Belinda Symons 1, Madeleine Quinn 1, Shannan Martin 1)

## GENERAL COMMENTS

From the start I suspected that it was always going to be difficult to prepare the Team in this age group. One of the negative factors is the workload that this age group is faced with at this time of their schooling life (years 11 and 12). The majority of our athletes are private school kids and there is extra pressure from the parents and the schools on academic achievements. Plus there is the financial commitment and pressure associated with all of the camps, tournaments, and trips.

Lack of experience and exposure to this level of competition was a key factor. As a solution for this situation we need to work more closely with these athletes on the State level. I think intensity and quality could be better. We definitely need to keep State based camps as I have found them great. Also, we need to find a way of gaining extra exposure as a Team to the competition level. We need to add this Team to U18's competition when they are 16 and to U20's when they are 18.

I think we have established good Team ethics and respect to the sport and each other. We did represent the country in a great manner and with pride. My main goal was to improve "love to the sport" and keep (or extend) numbers for the future Teams. I think we succeeded on this. Overall I am happy and proud for this group of athletes and the work that has been done with them.

## Alexsandr Osadchuk

*Head Coach Born 94 Youth Women*



# Born 96 Youth Women's REPORT

Twelve months has past and whilst the B96 girls haven't toured as yet, they certainly haven't been idle. Last October, the U16 National club championships were held in Brisbane. Unfortunately, I couldn't attend as I had an unexpected stay in hospital. Thankfully, Greg McFadden the Australian senior women's coach and Georgina Kovacs my assistant, attended the championships. After discussions with me at the hospital, selections were made and a list drawn up.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Greg and Georgina for their time and effort, as it wasn't an easy job.

Prior to the championships Greg came up with a suggestion that we should look at selecting a large squad. The idea was, rather than have one centralized camp, we have a series of camps in four states. So a squad of 76 was selected and we had camps in QLD, WA, NSW and VIC.

This proved to be extremely beneficial as 76 girls were given the opportunity to experience some of the best coaching available, as Greg McFadden, once again gave up much of his time to assist Georgina and me during all these camps.

The benefits of the camps became evident at the U18s National Club Championships in Perth. One could see that the drills and tactics learnt at the camps were being implemented. I would strongly suggest this format be repeated with future age groups. This exercise not only exposed a greater field of talent, it also helped to keep costs down as most of the girls attended camps in their respective states.

Immediately following the U18s in Perth, 26 girls were selected to attend a four day camp. All of the girls must be congratulated for their commitment and effort during this camp. We were very fortunate to be able to billet them and I must thank the WA parents for their generosity and kindness over this time. The girls themselves must also be commended for their exemplary behaviour.

From these 26 girls the difficult task of selecting 15 to tour Europe began. I mention the task was difficult as the margin of difference between some of the girls was minimal. The final 15 girls for the tour consisted of 3 goalkeepers and 12 field players. They are:

Born 96 Youth Women's Team
Chelsea Allen
Julia Barton
Kristy Donkin
Emily Grellman
Georgia Hole
Tess Hosking
Georgia McConville
Emily McGowan
Samantha Mitchell
Tori Morrissey
Ashleigh Roberts
Pia Rodgers
Ellodie Ruffin
Madeleine Steere
Emma Whaling

During this European tour, we will be visiting The Netherlands, Germany, Greece and Hungary.

This tour offers the girls the opportunity to train and play against some of the top international teams, learn and implement new skills and give exposure to pressure games at international level. For many of the girls this will be their first overseas trip and along with their advancement in water polo, they will experience new cultures, new friendships and new sights.

Whilst the European tour is underway, a combined B95 and B96 girl's team will tour USA and Canada, coached by Georgina Kovacs. From the original 26 girls, five girls will participate in the US tour. They are Sarah McGowan, Dayna O'Leary, Chloe Parer, Monique Rebelo and Kate Abby-Wardale.

Mention must also be given to Bronte Halligan, a B96, who was selected in the B93 team and is currently touring in Europe and will play in the B93, World Championships. We wish her all the very best. In conclusion, I know all the girls in both squads are extremely proud to represent their country. I truly hope they come back with many fond memories, both from water polo and personally.

### Jack Lusic

Head Coach Born 96 Youth Women



B96 youth women



Zoe Arancini, Isobel Bishop, Rowena Webster & Glencora Ralph



Richie Campbell, Billy Miller, Rhys Howden, Johnno Cotterill



Retiring Dual Bron



# 2012 OLYMPIC GAMES



Rowena Webster, Jayde Appel, Keesja Gofers, Glencora Ralph, Ashleigh Southern, Nicola Zagame, Lea Barta, Bronwen Knox, Isobel Bishop



Stingers & Sharks supporters at the 2012 London Olympics

Tyler Martin, Joel Swift,

Gold Medallist Olympians Alicia McCormack, Melissa Rippon & Kate Gynther

Aidan Roach & Jarrod Gilchrist



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Joel Dennerley & James Clark

# NEW UNIFORM 2013

# Athletes' Commission REPORT

**THE WATER POLO AUSTRALIA LIMITED ATHLETES' COMMISSION (AC) IS PROUDLY REPRESENTED BY CHAIRMAN THOMAS WHALAN, SECRETARY JANE MORAN AND COMMISSIONERS JOEL DENNERLEY, SOPHIE SMITH AND GAVIN WOODS.**

An election was held post London 2012 by members of the Olympic Men's and Women's teams to elect the commissioners for the Rio 2016 cycle.

As a result of his selection as Chairman, Thomas Whalan also holds a seat on the board of directors for Water Polo Australia; an initiative recommend by the Australian Olympic Committee and implemented by WPA in 2004.

The AC has been actively involved in recommendations for the Rio 2016 High Performance Plan (HPP), individual WPA player contracts, distribution of Direct Athlete Support and establishing networks available to representative players to support them throughout their careers.

The AC compiled a survey of all Olympic water polo athletes post London 2012 in order to work out the priorities for the Rio 2016 cycle by gaining valuable and anonymous feedback on the High Performance Plan in the lead up to London 2012.

As a result of the surveys and dialogue with players, the AC has come up with priorities to work towards in supporting the athletes, HPP and in achieving the best results in the lead up to and including 2016:

1. Increase communication channels between WPA and athletes and provide greater involvement of the AC in the decision making of the HPP;
2. Provide a transparent selection process of coaching staff which includes, but is not limited to player feedback collated by WPA and supported by the AC
3. Increase the level of support available to Australian athletes outside the pool, emphasizing vocational support.
4. Offer advice and support to athletes considering overseas professional or university contracts.
5. Recommendations to the WPA board that support greater promotion of WPA athletes and encourage initiatives to provide greater financial support to athletes.

The AC has created a LinkedIn group and encourages all WPA Alumni to join the group "WPA Alumni". This will be used as a networking tool for athletes in job support and mentoring opportunities whilst balancing their national training and competition duties and we encourage everyone in the WPA community to join.

One of the greatest challenges for national team athletes is balancing training and competition with careers and university studies and we encourage all lovers of water polo in Australia to support our athletes in their vocational goals. If you believe you could offer support through mentoring or career support we would be keen to hear from you.

**Thomas Whalan**

*Chairman Water Polo Australia Athletes' Commission*



**Aussie Sharks at the BHP Aquatic Super Series**



# Referees' Commission REPORT

THE COMMISSION HAS CONTINUED TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE AWPI BOARD ON REFEREES TO BE INCLUDED ON THE FINA LIST AND IN RELATION TO APPOINTMENTS TO INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC TOURNAMENTS. THIS YEAR HAS ALSO SEEN THE COMMISSION LIASE WITH THE HIGH PERFORMANCE MANAGER TO PROVIDE REFEREES FOR NTC TOURNAMENTS AND NATIONAL TRAINING CAMPS.

2013 FINA Referees are: Daniel Flahive, Andrew Carney, Nicola Johnson, Nick Hodggers, Daniel Bartels, Rowan Woodburn and Gabor Boris.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE:

Our aim in 2013 and 2014 is to reduce our referee numbers marginally to encourage consistency in interpretation and quality of refereeing. The difficulty lies in the number of games played and locations but our aim is to continue to improve quality over quantity.

We continue to develop our list of game delegates. If you have someone in your club that has international experience as a player or referee and is interested in developing referees and acting as delegate for NL games please contact the commission.

If the budget is available we will endeavour to have our Fina List referees travel more frequently to provide teams with our elite referees.

### NATIONAL AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS:

We have continued to ask for nominations for each Age Nationals and have also continued to provide all referees with performance feedback and written reports at the end of each Tournament. In line with added referee assessments we have increased mentoring and the amount of detail provided to referees during tournaments.

Providing enough quality referees for the number of National Tournaments is becoming increasingly difficult with genders being separated and held in different States.

We have also heard that many referees are tired of being abused and many young referees no longer care enough to remain in the game and withstand the level of disrespect. In order to support young referees we need more qualified delegates at games so they take the heat and solve problems in order to protect our future referees. This delegate intervention won't protect the referee from constructive criticism from the delgate but it will protect them from highly emotional situations.

### 2012-13 CURRENT COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Michael McNeill, Michael Hart, Mike DeFina, Phil Scales and Noel Harrod

I believe later this year (2013) elections will be held for for all commission seats and nominations will be called for from the senior referee group.

Personally I won't be renominating as I wish to spend more time with my family. I would like to thank everyone involved in the commission, the National Coaches who have assisted me greatly and to all of my water polo friends who have made my time since 2006 enjoyable.

I wish those who remain in the commision my sincere best wishes and look forward to scanning the WPA website regularly.

### Michael McNeill

*Chairman Water Polo Australia  
Referees' Commission*



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# National CAPITATION

	SENIOR		JUNIOR		SCHOOL		FLIPPA		AFFILIATE		TOTAL		TOTAL
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
QLD	323	223	363	1342			66	97	43	52	704	1490	2194
NSW *	945	640	745	786	94	78	165	108	49	50	1998	1662	3660
ACT	79	59	129	97					2	2	210	158	368
VIC	355	179	401	181			8	9	27	8	791	377	1168
TAS	36	13	160	146	266	302	74	37	8	8	544	506	1050
SA	75	37	82	48			34	27	5	5	196	117	313
WA	522	383	339	246			774	480			1635	1109	2744
NT													
<b>TOTALS</b>	2335	1534	2219	2846	360	380	1121	758	134	125	6078	5419	11497
	3869		5065		740		1879		259		11497		

\* based on 2011-12 figures

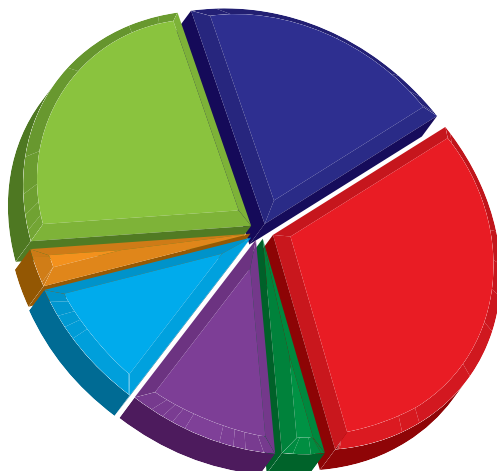
### % OF TOTAL GENDER

38% 28% 37% 53% 6% 7% 18% 14% 2% 2%

### % OF TOTAL

20% 13% 19% 25% 3% 3% 10% 7% 1% 1% 53% 47%

	2007/8		2008/9		2009/10		2010/11		2011/12		2012/13	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
QLD	2492	21.7	2730	21.7	2806	25.0	2088	19.0	2112	20.7	2194	19.1
NSW *	5100	44.4	5048	40.1	3925	35.0	4155	37.8	3660	35.9	3660	31.8
ACT	160	1.4	248	2.0	326	2.9	384	3.5	431	4.2	368	3.2
VIC	1253	10.9	1347	10.7	1338	11.9	1395	12.7	1044	10.2	1168	10.2
TAS	525	4.6	704	5.6	683	6.1	601	5.5	711	7.0	1050	9.1
SA	219	1.9	273	2.2	234	2.1	225	2.0	193	1.9	313	2.7
WA	1742	15.2	2253	17.9	1896	16.9	2157	19.6	2057	20.2	2744	23.9
NT	Nil											
<b>TOTAL</b>	11491		12603		11208		11005		10208		11497	



# Senior Men

## RESULTS 2012/2013



Vodafone Cup, Budapest, Hungary, July 2012:	
<b>Team:</b>	Jamie Beadsworth, Richie Campbell, James Clark, Tim Cleland, Johnno Cotterill, Joel Dennerley, Rhys Howden, Sam McGregor, Billy Miller, Aidan Roach, Joel Swift, Thomas Whalan, Gavin Woods, Aaron Younger. <b>Head Coach:</b> John Fox. <b>Assistant Coaches:</b> Paul Oberman, Frank Otto. <b>Manager:</b> Jon Harmer. <b>Physiotherapist:</b> Ian Gard.
<b>Day 1:</b>	Australia 10 (R Campbell 4, R Howden, J Swift 2, S McGregor, A Younger) Italy 9.
<b>Day 2:</b>	Day 2: Australia 7 (R Campbell, A Roach 2, J Beadsworth, S McGregor, J Cotterill) Spain 7.
<b>Day 3:</b>	Hungary 8 Australia 4 (A Roach, J Beadsworth, S McGregor, A Younger).
<b>Final Placings:</b>	Hungary, Australia, Spain, Italy.



**Richie Campbell**

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Olympic Games, London, England, July-August 2012:	
<b>Team:</b>	Jamie Beadsworth, Richie Campbell, James Clark, Tim Cleland, Johnno Cotterill, Joel Dennerley, Rhys Howden, Sam McGregor, Billy Miller, Aidan Roach, Thomas Whalan, Gavin Woods, Aaron Younger. <b>Head Coach:</b> John Fox. <b>Assistant Coaches:</b> Paul Oberman, Frank Otto. <b>Manager:</b> Jon Harmer. <b>Physiotherapist:</b> Ian Gard. <b>Referee:</b> Danny Flahive.
<b>Day 1:</b>	Italy 8 Australia 5 (T Cleland, R Campbell, R Howden, A Roach, J Cotterill).
<b>Day 3:</b>	Australia 7 (R Howden 2, S McGregor, J Beadsworth, G Woods, A Roach, T Cleland) Kazakhstan 4.
<b>Day 5:</b>	Spain 13 Australia 9 (B Miller 5, R Howden, J Beadsworth, G Woods, A Roach).
<b>Day 7:</b>	Croatia 11 Australia 6 (T Whalan 3, G Woods, S McGregor, J Cotterill).
<b>Day 9:</b>	Australia 13 (R Howden 3, R Campbell, J Beadsworth, B Miller 2, T Cleland, G Woods, A Younger, T Whalan) Greece 8.
<b>Group points:</b>	Croatia 10, Italy 7, Spain 6, Australia 4, Greece 3, Kazakhstan 0.
<b>Day 11:</b>	<b>Quarterfinal:</b> Serbia 11 Australia 8 (R Campbell, J Beadsworth 2, R Howden, T Whalan, B Miller, T Cleland).
<b>Day 13:</b>	<b>Round 5-8 semifinal:</b> Hungary 10 Australia 9 (S McGregor, T Whalan, B Miller 2, R Howden, T Cleland, A Younger).
<b>Day 15:</b>	<b>Play-off 7th &amp; 8th:</b> Australia 10 (B Miller, R Campbell 3, T Whalan, G Woods, R Howden, J Beadsworth) USA 9.
<b>Final Placings:</b>	Croatia, Italy, Serbia, Montenegro, Hungary, Spain, Australia, USA, Greece, Romania, Kazakhstan, Great Britain.

BHP Billiton Aquatic Super Series, Perth, Australia, January 2013:	
<b>Team:</b>	Richie Campbell, James Clark, Johnno Cotterill, Mitch Emery, BJ Howden, Rhys Howden, Daniel Lawrence, Tyler Martin, Billy Miller, Aidan Roach, Eddie Slade, Joel Swift, Daniel Young. <b>Head Coach:</b> Paul Oberman. <b>Assistant Coach:</b> Chris Wybrow. <b>Manager:</b> Jon Harmer. <b>Physiotherapist:</b> Danielle Woodhouse. <b>Referee:</b> Danny Flahive.
<b>Results</b>	Croatia 7 Australia 5 (J Swift 2, B Miller, R Howden, J Cotterill).

European Tour, June-July 2013:	
<b>Team:</b>	Richie Campbell, James Clark, Johnno Cotterill, Joel Dennerley, George Ford, Jarrod Gilchrist, Rhys Howden, Daniel Lawrence, Matt Martin, Tyler Martin, Billy Miller, Nathan Power, Aidan Roach, Joel Swift, Aaron Younger. <b>Head Coach:</b> Elvis Fatovic. <b>Assistant Coaches:</b> Paul Oberman, Chris Wybrow. <b>Manager:</b> Prue Egan. <b>Physiotherapist:</b> Ian Gard. <b>Strength &amp; Conditioner:</b> Dean Kotic.

Danube Cup, Bratislava, Slovakia, June 2013:	
<b>Day 1:</b>	Australia 10 (R Campbell 3, A Younger, J Swift 2, B Miller, J Gilchrist, R Howden) Slovakia 5, Australia 9 (J Swift 3, R Campbell, J Cotterill, J Gilchrist, A Roach, A Younger, B Miller) Germany 7.
<b>Day 2:</b>	Australia 9 (J Gilchrist, R Howden 2, R Campbell, J Cotterill, A Younger, B Miller, N Power) Romania 8, Australia 10 (R Campbell, A Younger 2, J Swift, B Miller, D Lawrence, R Howden, A Roach, G Ford) Netherlands 1.
<b>Day 3:</b>	Bye.
<b>Final Points:</b>	Australia 8, Germany 6, Romania 4, Slovakia 2, Netherlands 0.

# Senior Women

## RESULTS 2012/2013

### Olympic Games, London, England, July-August 2012:

<b>Team:</b>	Gemma Beadsworth, Victoria Brown, Kate Gynther, Bronwen Knox, Holly Lincoln-Smith, Alicia McCormack, Jane Moran, Glencora Ralph, Melissa Rippon, Sophie Smith, Ashleigh Southern, Rowena Webster, Nicola Zagame. <b>Head Coach:</b> Greg McFadden. <b>Assistant Coaches:</b> Dalibor Maslan, Ryan Moar. <b>Manager:</b> Lynne Morrison. <b>Physiotherapist:</b> Liz Steet. <b>Referee:</b> Danny Flahive.
<b>Day 2:</b>	Australia 10 (K Gynther 3, N Zagame 2, G Ralph, R Webster, A Southern, H Lincoln-Smith, B Knox) Italy 8.
<b>Day 4:</b>	Australia 16 (R Webster 5, A Southern 3, G Beadsworth, K Gynther 2, G Ralph, S Smith, B Knox, N Zagame) Great Britain 3.
<b>Day 6:</b>	Australia 11 (N Zagame 4, B Knox, K Gynther 2, G Beadsworth, J Moran, R Webster) Russia 8.
<b>Group points:</b>	Australia 6, Russia 4, Italy 2, Great Britain 0
<b>Day 8:</b>	Quarterfinal: Australia 20 (G Ralph 4, N Zagame, A Southern, H Lincoln-Smith 3, M Rippon, K Gynther, G Beadsworth 2, R Webster) China 18 in penalty shootout (FT: 14-14. ET: 16-16. Pens: 4-2).
<b>Day 10:</b>	<b>Semifinal:</b> USA 11 Australia 9 (A Southern 4, R Webster 2, N Zagame, G Ralph, G Beadsworth) in extra time v USA (FT: 9-9).
<b>Day 12:</b>	<b>Bronze medal:</b> Australia 13 (G Beadsworth 4, A Southern, H Lincoln-Smith, R Webster 2, K Gynther, N Zagame, J Moran) Hungary 11 (FT: 11-11).
<b>Final placings:</b>	USA, Spain, Australia, Hungary, China, Russia, Italy, Great Britain.

### BHP Billiton Aquatic Super Series, Perth, Australia, January 2013:

<b>Team:</b>	Zoe Arancini, Elle Armit, Lea Barta, Hannah Buckling, Keesja Gofers, Olivia King, Bronwen Knox, Holly Lincoln-Smith, Jessica Martin, Glencora Ralph, Nanda Stoltz, Nicola Zagame, Kelsey Wakefield. <b>Head Coach:</b> Greg McFadden. <b>Assistant Coaches:</b> Alex Osadchuk, Peter Szilagyi. <b>Referee:</b> Gabor Boros.
<b>Results:</b>	Australia 7 (H Buckling 2, Z Arancini, B Knox, E Armit, H Lincoln-Smith, N Stoltz) China 6.

### FINA World League, Asia-Oceania Series, Auckland, New Zealand, May, 2013:

<b>Team:</b>	Zoe Arancini, Elle Armit, Lea Barta, Isobel Bishop, Eliesha Browne, Keesja Gofers, Olivia King, Bronwen Knox, Holly Lincoln-Smith, Jess Martin, Ashleigh Southern, Kelsey Wakefield, Rowena Webster, Nicola Zagame. <b>Head coach:</b> Greg McFadden. <b>Assistant Coach:</b> Aleksandar Osadchuk. <b>Manager:</b> Jenny Liessmann. <b>Physiotherapist:</b> Liz Steet. <b>Referee:</b> Daniel Bartels.
<b>Day 1:</b>	Australia 15 (A Southern 4, B Knox, I Bishop, R Webster, Z Arancini, K Gofers 2, N Zagame) China 13 in penalty shootout (FT: 11-11).
<b>Day 2:</b>	Australia 10 (K Gofers, H Lincoln-Smith, R Webster, A Southern, B Knox, E Browne, I Bishop, N Zagame) Japan 2.
<b>Day 3:</b>	Australia 10 (R Webster 4, B Knox 2, N Zagame, A Southern, I Bishop, H Lincoln-Smith) New Zealand 5.
<b>Day 4:</b>	Australia 17 (E Armit 5, A Southern 4, I Bishop, N Zagame 2, R Webster, B Knox, Z Arancini, J Martin) China 7.
<b>Day 5:</b>	Australia 12 (B Knox 3, O King, K Gofers 2, N Zagame, A Southern, R Webster, I Bishop, H Lincoln-Smith) Japan 5.
<b>Day 6:</b>	Australia 15 (B Knox 4, R Webster 3, N Zagame, A Southern 2, H Lincoln-Smith, J Martin, I Bishop, Z Arancini) New Zealand 7.
<b>Final points:</b>	Australia 17, China 13, New Zealand 5, Japan 1.
<b>Player of the Tournament:</b>	Rowena Webster (AUS).

### FINA World League Super Final, Beijing, China, June 2013:

<b>Team:</b>	Jayde Appel, Zoe Arancini, Lea Barta, Isobel Bishop, Hannah Buckling, Keesja Gofers, Bronwen Knox, Holly Lincoln-Smith, Glencora Ralph, Ashleigh Southern, Kelsey Wakefield, Rowena Webster, Nicola Zagame. <b>Head Coach:</b> Greg McFadden. <b>Assistant Coaches:</b> Eddie Denis, Dalibor Maslan. <b>Manager:</b> Jenny Liessmann. <b>Physiotherapist:</b> Miranda Wallis. <b>Doctor:</b> Daelyn Vivers. <b>Psychologist:</b> Kirsten Peterson. <b>Referee:</b> Andrew Carney.
<b>Day 1:</b>	Australia 12 (G Ralph 3, H Buckling, A Southern, N Zagame 2, I Bishop, R Webster, K Gofers) Canada 8.
<b>Day 2:</b>	Spain 10 Australia 9 (R Webster 3, G Ralph, N Zagame, B Knox 2).
<b>Day 3:</b>	Italy 12 Australia 11 (R Webster 3, Z Arancini, I Bishop 2, N Zagame, B Knox, A Southern, H Lincoln-Smith).
<b>Group B points:</b>	Spain 9, Italy 6, Australia 3, Canada 0.
<b>Day 4:</b>	<b>Quarterfinal:</b> Hungary 17 Australia 16 (R Webster 4, N Zagame, B Knox 3, A Southern, I Bishop 2, Z Arancini, H Buckling) in penalty shootout (FT: 13-14. Pens: 4-3)
<b>Day 5:</b>	<b>Round 5-8 semifinal:</b> Spain 14 Australia 13 (R Webster 4, B Knox 3, A Southern, H Lincoln-Smith 2, G Ralph, N Zagame) in penalty shootout (FT: 10-10. Pens: 3-4).
<b>Day 6:</b>	<b>Classification 7-8:</b> Australia 9 (R Webster, Z Arancini 2, J Appel, K Gofers, A Southern, I Bishop, N Zagame) Canada 8.
<b>Final placings:</b>	China, Russia, USA, Hungary, Spain, Italy, Australia, Canada.

# Junior Men

## RESULTS 2012/2013



### JUNIOR MEN - BORN '93

#### European Tour, July-August 2012:

<b>Team:</b>	Gabriel Addley, Connor Arnold, William Dayman, Lachlan Edwards, Daniel Egan, George Ford, Stewart Greenbank, Matthew Hannan, Anthony Hrysanthos, Matthew Perrot, Nathan Power, Tyler Sinclair, Callum Smith, Fraser Smith.
<b>Coach:</b>	Duncan Greenbank.
<b>Manager:</b>	Garry Rydberg.
<b>Referee:</b>	Gabor Boros.

### JUNIOR MEN - BORN '93

#### Acireale Memorial Tournament, Catania, Italy, July 2012:

<b>Day 1:</b>	Serbia 15 Australia 6 (D Egan 2, G Ford, N Power, C Smith, L Edwards).
<b>Day 2:</b>	Italy 12 Australia 5 (D Egan, G Ford, N Power, W Dayman, L Edwards), Montenegro 10 Australia 7 (D Egan 3, L Edwards 2, M Hannan, N Power).
<b>Day 3:</b>	Croatia 12 Australia 4 (M Hannan, G Ford, M Perrot, L Edwards), Greece 11 Australia 7 (M Perrot 3, M Hannan, G Ford, C Arnold, C Smith).
<b>Day 4:</b>	<b>7th &amp; 8th:</b> Australia 5 (N Power 2, G Ford, D Egan, L Edwards) Montenegro 3.
<b>Final placings:</b>	Hungary, Croatia, USA, Serbia, Italy, Greece, Australia, Montenegro.

### JUNIOR MEN - BORN '93

#### Hamburg Cup, Hamburg, Germany, August 2012:

<b>Day 1:</b>	Slovakia 12 Australia 8 (G Ford 3, M Perrot 2, M Hannan, L Edwards, C Smith).
<b>Day 2:</b>	Australia 8 (C Smith 2, G Ford, N Power, M Hannan, L Edwards, S Greenbank, T Sinclair) Turkey 7.
<b>Day 3:</b>	Germany 8 Australia 6 (D Egan 3, M Hannan 2, S Greenbank).
<b>Final placings:</b>	Slovakia, Germany, Australia, Turkey.
<b>Goalkeeper of the tournament:</b>	Anthony Hrysanthos (AUS).

### JUNIOR MEN - BORN '93

#### Vikelas Cup, Syros, Greece, August 2012:

<b>Day 1:</b>	Greece 12 Australia 3 (D Egan, M Hannan, C Smith).
<b>Day 2:</b>	Australia 9 (N Power 2, G Ford, M Perrot, D Egan, M Hannan, C Smith, C Arnold, L Edwards) Serbia 7, Hungary 7 Australia 4 (T Sinclair 2, N Power, M Perrot).
<b>Day 3:</b>	Italy 11 Australia 5 (M Perrot, C Smith 2, C Arnold).
<b>Final placings:</b>	Hungary, Italy, Serbia, Greece, Australia.
<b>Goalkeeper of the tournament:</b>	Anthony Hrysanthos (AUS).

### JUNIOR MEN - BORN '94

#### FINA World Youth Championships, Perth, Australia, December 2012:

<b>Team:</b>	Blake Buckley, Sam Cocokios, Reed Cotterill, Lachlan Edwards, Anthony Hrysanthos, Gordon Marshall, William MacKay, Luke Pavillard, Matt Perrott, Matthew Skinner, Callum Smith, Justin Trabinger, Davis Verboon, Ciaran Wolohan. <b>Head Coach:</b> Chris Wybrow. <b>Assistant Coaches:</b> Paul Oberman, David Swift. <b>Manager:</b> Michael Smith. <b>Referee:</b> Daniel Bartels.
<b>Day 1:</b>	Croatia 8 Australia 6 (M Skinner, L Edwards, J Trabinger, D Verboon, L Pavillard, W Mackay).
<b>Day 2:</b>	Bye.
<b>Day 3:</b>	Australia 15 (G Marshall 7, W Mackay, J Trabinger 2, B Buckley, D Verboon, M Skinner, R Cotterill) South Africa 4.
<b>Day 4:</b>	Australia 10 (R Cotterill 3, W Mackay 2, M Skinner, L Edwards, M Perrott, C Wolohan, L Pavillard) New Zealand 6.
<b>Day 5:</b>	Australia 15 (C Wolohan, L Pavillard 3, G Marshall, B Buckley, W Mackay, R Cotterill 2, M Perrott) Colombia 2.
<b>Final group points:</b>	Croatia 8, Australia 6, New Zealand 4, Colombia 2, South Africa 0.
<b>Day 6:</b>	Second round: Australia 21 (M Perrot 6, R Cotterill 3, J Trabinger 3, L Pavillard 2, M Skinner 2, B Buckley, W Mackay, D Verboon, G Marshall, C Wolohan) Iran 2.
<b>Day 7:</b>	<b>Quarterfinal:</b> Hungary 14 Australia 7 (L Pavillard 3, B Buckley, M Perrott, J Trabinger, C Wolohan). Greece 10 Australia 9 (R Cotterill 3, G Marshall, M Skinner, C Wolohan, L Pavillard, B Buckley, M Perrott) in extra time. (FT: 9-9).
<b>Day 8:</b>	<b>For 7th &amp; 8th place:</b> Australia 5 (G Marshall 2, C Wolohan, M Perrott, B Buckley) USA 4.
<b>Day 9:</b>	Italy, Hungary, Serbia, Croatia, Greece, Romania, Australia, United States of America, Brazil, New Zealand, Canada, Iran, Uzbekistan, Egypt, Colombia, Kazakhstan, South Africa, Trinidad & Tobago, Peru.
<b>Final Placings:</b>	



# Junior Women

## RESULTS 2012/2013

JUNIOR WOMEN - BORN '93	
<b>European Tour, August-September 2012:</b>	
<b>Team:</b>	Morgan Baxter, Emily Benson, Jessica Brooks, Emily Carr, Bronte Colenso, Matil Connor, Michaela Davies, Cathryn Earl, Laura Izzy Malcolm, Claire Negus, Bridget O'Connor, Tara Pitman, Tayla Walsh, Emma Williams. <b>Head Coach:</b> Ryan Moar. <b>Manager:</b> Tracey Mirabito. <b>Referee:</b> Megan Varlow.

JUNIOR WOMEN - BORN '93	
<b>International Match, Alpen, Netherlands, August 2012:</b>	
<b>Results:</b>	Australia 9 (M Baxter 3, B Colenso 2, M Connor, C Earl, E Carr, E Benson) Netherlands 9.

JUNIOR WOMEN - BORN '93	
<b>Pythia Cup, Itea, Greece, August-September 2012:</b>	
<b>Day 1:</b>	Australia 8 (E Benson 3, B Colenso, C Negus, J Brooks, M Baxter, T Walsh) France 5, Netherlands 9 Australia 5 (B Colenso 2, T Pitman 2, C Earl).
<b>Day 2:</b>	Greece 14 Australia 9 (B Colenso, C Earl, T Walsh 2, C Negus, J Brooks, M Connor).
<b>Day 3:</b>	Italy 9 Australia 4 (T Walsh 2, E Carr, B Colenso).
<b>Final placings:</b>	Netherlands, Italy, Greece, Australia, France.

JUNIOR WOMEN - BORN '93	
<b>International Series, Eger, Hungary, September 2012:</b>	
<b>Match 1:</b>	Hungary 11 Australia 10 (C Earl 4, B Colenso 2, M Baxter, J Brooks, M Connor, M Baxter).
<b>Match 2:</b>	Hungary 14 Australia 9 (M Baxter, M Connor 2, B O'Connor, C Earl, C Negus, B Colenso, E Benson).

JUNIOR WOMEN - BORN '94	
<b>European Tour, July 2012:</b>	
<b>Team:</b>	Tiana Andersen, Jayde Appel, Stephanie Calaizis, Pascalle Casey, Rebecca Curtis, Megan du Toit, Stephanie El Safty, Georgia Farrell, Lillian Hedges, Shannan Martin, Ainsley Masek, Montana Perkins, Kassia Ralston, Belinda Symons, Fiona Walsh. <b>Coach:</b> Aleks Osadchuk. <b>Manager:</b> Jenny McGregor. <b>Referee:</b> Nicola Johnson.

JUNIOR WOMEN - BORN '94	
<b>Olympic Hopefuls Tournament, Dunaujvaros, Hungary, July 2012:</b>	
<b>Day 1:</b>	USA 8 Australia 2 (S Martin, F Walsh).
<b>Day 2:</b>	Netherlands 8 Australia 6 (S Martin 2, M Perkins, R Curtis, J Appel, F Walsh).
<b>Day 3:</b>	Hungary 20 Australia 2 (S Martin, F Walsh).
<b>Day 4:</b>	Australia 13 (P Casey 3, B Symons, R Curtis 2, A Masek, S Martin, S El Safty, M du Toit, T Andersen, F Walsh) Czech Republic 4.
<b>Day 5:</b>	Australia 9 (J Appel 3, M du Toit 3, A Masek, B Symons, S Martin) Canada 9.
<b>Final placings:</b>	Netherlands, Hungary, USA, Australia, Canada, Czech Republic.

JUNIOR WOMEN - BORN '94	
<b>FINA World Youth Championships, Perth, Australia, December 2012:</b>	
<b>Team:</b>	Chloe Barr, Stephanie Calaizis, Lenke Dauda-Board, Lillian Hedges, Shannan Martin, Ainsley Masek, Montana Perkins, Madeleine Quinn, Kassia Ralston, Maddison Schmid, Belinda Symons, Fiona Walsh, Jessica Zimmerman. <b>Head Coach:</b> Aleksandr Osadchuk. <b>Assistant Coach:</b> Peter Szilagyi. <b>Manager:</b> Jennifer MacGregor. <b>Referee:</b> Nicola Johnson.
<b>Day 1:</b>	Bye
<b>Day 2:</b>	Australia 22 (S Martin 5, L Dauda-Board 3, M Schmid, M Quinn, B Symonds, J Zimmerman, C Barr 2, K Ralston 2, A Masek, F Walsh) Czech Republic 2.

<b>Day 3:</b>	Australia 27 (S Martin, C Barr 5, B Symons, M Quinn, F Walsh 3, M Perkins, K Ralston 2, J Zimmerman, M Schmid, L Dauda-Board, A Masek) Indonesia 2.
<b>Day 4:</b>	Australia 18 (J Zimmerman 4, C Barr 3, M Quinn, M Perkins, S Martin, M Schmid 2, B Symons, K Ralston, F Walsh,) Uzbekistan 1.
<b>Final group points:</b>	Australia 6, Czech Republic 4, Uzbekistan 2, Indonesia 0.
<b>Day 5:</b>	Bye
<b>Day 6:</b>	<b>Quarterfinal:</b> Hungary 10 Australia 3 (B Symons, F Walsh, L Dauda-Board).
<b>Day 7:</b>	Canada 16 Australia 7 (J Zimmerman, M Quinn 2, K Ralston, C Barr, M Schmid).
<b>Day 8:</b>	<b>For 7th &amp; 8th:</b> Australia 10 (J Zimmerman 3, M Schmid, C Barr 2, B Symons, S Martin, M Quinn) Brazil 6.
<b>Final placings:</b>	Greece, Hungary, Russia, United States of America, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Brazil, Italy, Czech Republic, South Africa, Uzbekistan, Indonesia, Zimbabwe, India.

JUNIOR WOMEN - BORN '96	
<b>International Series, Auckland, New Zealand, July 2012:</b>	
<b>Team:</b>	Octavia Bellekens, Emily Grellman, Amy Ridge, Bronte Halligan, Kristy Donkin, Ellodie Ruffin, Katie Laycock, Monique Rebelo, Kate Abbey-Wardale, Maddy Steere, Lena Mihailovic, Chelsea Allen, Sally Coburn, Julia Barton. <b>Head Coach:</b> Jack Lusic. <b>Assistant Coach:</b> Georgina Kovacs.
<b>Match 1:</b>	Australia 9 (M Steere, L Mihailovic 3, E Ruffin, K Abbey-Wardale, C Allen) New Zealand 5.
<b>Match 2:</b>	Australia 5 (C Allen, L Mihailovic 2, M Steere) New Zealand 4.
<b>Match 3:</b>	Australia 7 (C Allen 3, B Halligan, K Abbey-Wardale 2) New Zealand 6.
<b>Results:</b>	Australia wins series 3-0.

# National Championships

## RESULTS 2012/2013



### 20 & UNDER MEN'S

#### National State Championships, Sydney, January 2013:

1.	New South Wales Blues
2.	Western Australia
3.	Victoria
4.	Queensland
5.	New South Wales Waratahs
6.	Australian Capital Territory
7.	South Australia
8.	New Zealand

### 20 & UNDER WOMEN'S

#### National State Championships, Sydney, January 2013:

1.	New South Wales Blues
2.	Queensland
3.	Western Australia
4.	South Australia
5.	New South Wales Waratahs
6.	Victoria
7.	New Zealand

### 18 & UNDER BOYS'

#### National Club Championships, Canberra, April 2013:

1.	Sydney University Blue
2.	Cronulla Sharks
3.	Melbourne Collegians
4.	Hunter Blue
5.	UWA Torpedoes
6.	Melville Sharks
7.	Barracudas
8.	Melville Saints
9.	UNSW Wests
10.	Adelaide Jets
11.	Hunter Grey
12.	KFC Breakers
13.	Drummoyne Devils
14.	ACT Fins
15.	Balmain Tigers
16.	Tamworth
17.	Sydney University Gold

### 18 & UNDER GIRLS'

#### National Club Championships, Perth, April 2013:

1.	Sydney Northern Beaches
2.	Hunter Hurricanes
3.	Cronulla Sharks
4.	Claremont Dolphins
5.	UWA Torpedoes
6.	Sunshine Coast
7.	Drummoyne
8.	UNSW Wests
9.	Essendon
10.	All Hallows
11.	Melville
12.	Balmain Tigers
13.	Brisbane Barracudas
14.	Tamworth
15.	Stuartholme
16.	Barbarians

### 16 & UNDER BOYS'

#### National Club Championships, Brisbane, September 2012:

1.	Melville Sharks
2.	Brisbane Barracudas
3.	Drummoyne Devils
4.	KFC Breakers Red
5.	Sydney University Blue
6.	Hunter Hurricanes Blue
7.	UWA Torpedoes Blue
8.	Melbourne Collegians
9.	Cronulla Blue
10.	ACT Fins
11.	Sydney Northern Beaches
12.	Sunshine Coast Blue
13.	UNSW Wests Magpies
14.	Adelaide Jets
15.	Richmond
16.	Melville Saints
17.	Hunter Hurricanes Grey
18.	UWA Torpedoes Green
19.	Alstonville
20.	Barracudas Barras
21.	Sydney University Gold
22.	KFC Breakers White
23.	Cronulla Black
24.	Tasmania
25.	Sunshine Coast Gold

### 16 & UNDER GIRLS'

#### National Club Championships, Brisbane, September 2012:

1.	Sydney Northern Beaches
2.	All Hallows A
3.	Cronulla Blue
4.	Hunter Hurricanes Blue
5.	UNSW Yellow
6.	Barracudas Barras
7.	Drummoyne Red
8.	Dolphins
9.	Melville
10.	Brisbane Girls' Grammar
11.	UWA Torpedoes
12.	Stuartholme Red
13.	Ovens & Murray
14.	Essendon
15.	KFC Breakers
16.	All Hallows Dev
17.	ACT Fins
18.	Drummoyne Black
19.	Tasmania
20.	Cronulla Black
21.	Melbourne Collegians
22.	Barracudas Cudas
23.	Adelaide Jets
24.	Sydney University
25.	UNSW Black
26.	Stuartholme Gold
27.	Hunter Hurricanes Grey



Action from the World Youth Championships  
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# National Championships/NWPL

## RESULTS 2012/2013

14 & UNDER BOYS'	
National Club Championships, Adelaide, April 2013:	
1.	UNSW Wests
2.	Melville Sharks
3.	Cronulla
4.	City Beach Bears
5.	Sunshine Coast
6.	Hunter Hurricanes
7.	Drummoyne Devils
8.	KFC Breakers
9.	Claremont Dolphins
10.	Melville Piranhas
11.	Sydney University
12.	Adelaide Jets
13.	Richmond
14.	Melbourne Collegians
15.	Sydney Northern Beaches
16.	Balmain Tigers
17.	City Beach Red
18.	Adelaide Vikings
19.	Tasmania Blue
20.	ACT Fins
21.	Tasmania Red

14 & UNDER GIRLS'	
National Club Championships, Brisbane, April 2013:	
1.	Drummoyne Red
2.	All Hallows A
3.	Melville
4.	City Beach Bears
5.	KFC Breakers Red
6.	Uni NSW Killer Whales
7.	Cronulla Blue
8.	Sunshine Coast
9.	Sydney Northern Beaches
10.	Barracudas
11.	ACT Fins
12.	Drummoyne Black
13.	Dolphins
14.	Tasmania
15.	Hunter Hurricanes
16.	Triton
17.	Stuartholme
18.	Essendon
19.	Tamworth
20.	City Beach Red
21.	Cronulla Black
22.	All Hallows Dev
23.	Balmain Tigers
24.	KFC Breakers White
25.	Adelaide Jets

NWPL MEN	
Finals Series, Sydney, May 2013:	
1.	Victorian Tigers
2.	UWA Torpedoes
3.	Fremantle Mariners
4.	Brisbane Barracudas
5.	UNSW Wests Magpies
6.	Drummoyne Devils
7.	Hunter Hurricanes
8.	Sydney University Lions
9.	KFC Queensland Breakers
10.	Cronulla Sharks
11.	Balmain Tigers
12.	Fyfe Adelaide Jets

NWPL WOMEN	
Finals Series, Sydney, May 2013:	
1.	Brisbane Barracudas
2.	Longmont Fremantle Marlins
3.	KFC Queensland Breakers
4.	Cronulla Sharks
5.	Victorian Tigers
6.	Fyfe Adelaide Jets
7.	UWA Torpedoes
8.	Balmain Tigers
9.	Sydney University Lions
10.	UNSW Wests Killer Whales
11.	Hunter Hurricanes
12.	Drummoyne Devils

AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY MEN'S	
Championships, Canberra, May 2013:	
1.	Australian Capital Territory
2.	New South Wales
3.	Victoria
4.	Western Australia
5.	Australian Capital Territory Sharks
6.	Australian Defence Force

AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY WOMEN'S	
Championships, Canberra, May 2013:	
1.	Australian Capital Territory
2.	New South Wales
3.	Queensland
4.	Victoria
5.	Western Australia
6.	Australian Defence Force



WA girls at the U20 National Championships Photo credit: Anthony Pearse



# Director's Report FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

**WATER POLO AUSTRALIA LTD**  
**ABN: 86 159 573 403**  
**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2013**

Your directors present this report on Water Polo Australia for the financial year ended 30 June 2013.

## **Directors**

The name of each person who has been a director during the year and to the date of this report are:

Mr Peter Kerr	(Chairman)
Ms Kay Copeland	
Mr David Martin	
Ms Amy Hetzel	(retired 25/11/2012)
Mr Noel Harrod	(elected 25/11/2012)
Mr Phil Scales	(re-elected 25/11/2012)
Ms Suzannah Fraser	(re-appointed 9/10/2012)
Mr Trent Franklin	(resigned 26/10/2012)
Mr Thomas Whalan	(elected 26/10/2012)
Mr Phil Garling	(appointed 4/1/2013)

The Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

## **Principal Activities**

The principal activity of Water Polo Australia Limited during the financial year was to promote the high performance and development of the sport through the following four pillars:

1. Management and Governance
2. Sporting Development
3. High Performance
4. Operations

## **Short-Term and Long –Term Objectives**

Water Polo Australia Limited's short-term objectives are to:

- Create a stable and financially secure business operation that oversees the growth, management and administration of the sport in Australia

Water Polo Australia Limited's long-term objectives are to:

- To be recognised as the premier water polo country in the world when collectively evaluating all results of both junior and senior teams

# Director's Report

## FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

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### **Strategies**

To achieve its stated objectives, Water Polo Australia has adopted the following strategies:

#### **1. Management and Governance**

##### **National Office**

- Develop new strategic and management structure to enhance the sustainability and growth of the sport

##### **Leadership**

- Enhance and build relationships with WPAL's members and stakeholders

##### **Finance**

- Ensure fiscally responsible management of the budget

#### **2. Sports Development**

##### **Participation**

- Develop and implement a sustainable sports development program

##### **Coach/official development**

- Develop and implement a sustainable coach/official development program

##### **Media**

- Increase the visibility and awareness of water polo in the community

#### **3. High Performance**

##### **Leadership**

- Leverage existing partnerships with ASC,AOC,AIS,SIS/SAS
- Develop sound funding principles to support high performance vision and strategic focus

##### **Research and Innovation**

- Identify innovations that support high performance programs

##### **Athletes**

- Enhance the athlete pathway through structured talent id and development based on 'best in world athlete profile'
- Establish an athlete support and retention model

##### **Coaching**

- Establish a coaching structure to support world class outcomes for the women's program and top 5 senior international result for the men's program



# Director's Report

## FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

### 4. Operations

#### Foundation

- Promotion of Water Polo Australia Foundation to our membership, corporate and general public

#### Events

- National competitions structure that supports sports development and high performance programs

#### Database

- Database used for member knowledge and management, marketing, sponsorship and communication

### Key Performance Measures

Water Polo Australia measures its own performance through the use of both quantitative and qualitative benchmarks. The benchmarks used by the directors to assess the financial sustainability of Water Polo Australia Ltd and whether its short-term and long-term objectives are being achieved.

### Information on Directors

#### Mr Peter Kerr AM

#### Chairman (non-executive)

Qualifications:

LLB (USyd), MAppFin (Macq)

Qualifications:

Partner, Kemp Strang Lawyers  
Director, Physiotherapy Board of Australia  
Member, FINA Doping Panel

Special Responsibilities:

Chair, WPAL Business Development Committee

Number Meetings Attended: 9 of 9

#### Ms Kay Copeland

#### Director

Qualifications:

Bachelor of Applied Science (Physiotherapy), Masters of Science (Physical Education) (Indiana State), Bachelor of Applied Science (Human Movement), FASMF, APAM

Experience:

Executive Officer, Sports Medicine Australia Victorian Branch (until 2004)  
Medical Program Manager, Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games  
Chair, Australian Conference of Science and Medicine in Sport

Special Responsibilities:

Chair, WPAL Finance, Audit & Risk Committee

Number Meetings Attended: 7 of 9

# Director's Report

## FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

**Mr David Martin**

**Director**

Qualifications:

Bachelor of Laws (Adelaide)

Experience:

Current Managing Partner and former Chairman, Finlaysons Lawyers  
Director, Southern Cross Care (SA & NT) Inc;  
Director, The South Australian Cycling Federation Inc  
Member of Executive, Life Member (and former President) of Urban Development Institute of Australia (SA Division) Inc.

Special Responsibilities:

Chair, WPAL Remuneration Committee

Number Meetings Attended: 6 of 9

**Mr Noel Harrod**

**Director** (elected 25/11/2012)

Qualifications:

Bachelor Business (Accounting and Tourism), Graduate Certificate Management, Graduate Diploma Company Director, Graduate of the Mt Eliza Business School Executive Management Program

Experience:

Accounting Manager Corporate National Health Organisation, member various boards. Professional Accountant.

Special Responsibilities:

Board Delegate, WPAL Referees' Commission

Number Meetings Attended: 4 of 4

**Mr Phil Scales**

**Director** (re-elected 25/11/2012)

Qualifications:

Graduate Certificate Public Sector Management, Graduate Diploma Business, Diploma Computer Programming

Experience:

Senior Officer in the Western Australian Public Sector.

Special Responsibilities:

Chair, WPAL National Competitions Committee

Number Meetings Attended: 8 of 9

**Ms Suzannah Fraser**

**Director** (re-appointed 9/10/2012)

Qualifications:

Bachelor of Laws (Honours Class 1) and Bachelor of Science (in the field of Biomedical Science)

Experience:

Solicitor in Commercial Litigation and Dispute Resolution department at Allens (2009 to present date); Member of Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) team of solicitors who administer CAS Oceania matters (2009 to present date); Member of Australian Olympic Women's Water Polo team (Beijing Olympic Games 2008).

Special Responsibilities:

Member, WPAL Remuneration Committee

Number Meetings Attended: 9 of 9

# Director's Report

## FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

### **Mr Trent Franklin**

**Director** (resigned 26/10/2012)

**Qualifications:**

Bachelor of Science (Geology & Geophysics), The University of Sydney  
Diploma Financial Services (Financial Planning) and (Insurance Broking)  
Australian New Zealand Institute of Insurance & Finance (ANZIIF) - Senior Associate

**Experience:**

As well as driving the growth of Enrizen, Trent is the previous Vice Captain of Australia's National Water Polo team. He has represented his country on numerous occasions, including playing central roles in the 2004 Athens and the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

**Special Responsibilities:**

Former Chair, WPAL Athletes' Commission

**Number Meetings Attended:** 4 of 4

### **Mr Thomas Whalan**

**Director** (elected 26/10/2012)

**Qualifications:**

Combined Bachelor of Commerce \* Laws (LLB), Sydney University, Graduate Certificate in Applied Finance

**Experience:**

Member of the Aussie Sharks 1998 – 2012, Professional water polo player with various European clubs 2002 – 2010  
Managing Director SunSpray Australia Pty Ltd and Founder, Water Polo by the Sea (current)  
Senior Associate, Private Wealth, UBS, (2011)  
Analyst - JBS Investments; (2011/12)  
Managing Director AussieOi Pty Ltd, - retail sportswear business (current)  
Business Strategy consultant, RentaSpace Self Storage

**Responsibilities:**

Chair, WPAL Athletes' Commission

**Number Meetings Attended:** 4 of 5

### **Mr Phil Garling**

**Director** (appointed 4/1/2013)

**Qualifications:**

Bachelor of Building (UNSW), Advanced Diploma (AICD), Fellow Australian Institute of Company Directors, Fellow Australian Institute of Building, Fellow Institute of Engineers Australia

**Experience:**

10 Years listed company director experience, including Chair roles.

**Other Current Directorships:** Charter Hall Limited, Downer EDI Limited, Australia Renewable Fuels (Chair), Networks NSW

**Special Responsibilities:**

Member. WPAL Business Development Committee

**Number Meetings Attended:** 3 of 3

# Director's Report

## FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

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**Ms Amy Hetzel**

Qualifications:

Number Meetings Attended: 3 of 3

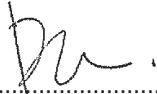
**Director** (retired 25/11/2012)

Bachelor of Arts with studies in Marketing, Psychology and Human Movements & Bachelor of Occupational Therapy

**Auditor's Independence Declaration**

The lead auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 30 June 2013 has been received and forms part of the financial reports for Water Polo Australia.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors



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**Peter Kerr (Chairman)**

Dated this ..... 21 ..... Day of ..... October ..... 2013



# Director's Declaration

## FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

**WATER POLO AUSTRALIA LTD**

**ABN: 86 159 573 403**

**DIRECTOR'S DECLARATION**

**For the year ended 30 June 2013**

In accordance with a resolution of the directors of Water Polo Australia Limited, the directors declare that

1. the financial statements and notes are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and :
  - i. comply with the Australian Accounting Standards applicable to the company
  - ii. give a true and fair view of the financial position of the company as at 30 June 2013 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements
2. In the director's opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors

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Peter Kerr (Chairman)

Dated this 21 day of OCTOBER 2013

# Independent Auditor's REPORT

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WATER POLO AUSTRALIA LTD.**

### **Report on the Financial Report**

I have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Water Polo Australia Ltd., which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2013, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory information and the directors' declaration.

### **Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report**

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 of the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The directors' responsibility also includes such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. I have conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

### **Independence**

In conducting my audit, I have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*. I confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of Water Polo Australia Ltd., would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of the auditor's report.

**CORPORATE BUSINESS SERVICES**

B.W. SPAUL B.Com FCA

**PERSONAL TAXATION SERVICES**

Liability limited by a scheme approved under Professional Standards Legislation



# Independent Auditor's REPORT

## Auditor's Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report of Water Polo Australia Ltd. is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- a. giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2013 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b. complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

## Basis of Accounting

Without modifying my opinion, I draw attention to Note 1 of the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the directors' financial reporting responsibilities under the *Corporations Act 2001*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

**Name of Firm:** Munro Spaul  
Chartered Accountants

**Name of Principal:**

  
Bruce W. Spaul

**Address:** 1st Floor, 33 MacMahon Street HURSTVILLE NSW 2220

Dated this 14th day of October 2013

# Auditor's Independence DECLARATION

## AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 307C OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001 TO THE DIRECTORS OF WATER POLO AUSTRALIA LTD.

I declare, that to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2013 there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

**Name of Firm:** Munro Spaul  
Chartered Accountants

**Name of Partner:**

  
Bruce W. Spaul

**Address:** 1st Floor, 33 MacMahon Street HURSTVILLE NSW 2220

Dated this 21st day of October 2013

# Statement of Profit or Loss and other Comprehensive Income

## FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

	NOTE	2013 \$	2012 \$
<b>Revenue from Continuing Operations</b>	<b>2</b>		
High Performance		2,289,812	2,742,470
Sport Development		153,500	68,713
National Water Polo League		489,784	469,824
National Championships		262,315	159,488
Management and Governance		757,080	633,557
World Junior Championships		844,346	-
<b>Total Revenue from Continuing Operations</b>		<b>4,796,837</b>	<b>4,074,052</b>
<b>Expenditure from Continuing Operations</b>	<b>3</b>		
High Performance		2,239,812	3,092,895
Sport Development		153,123	27,461
National Water Polo League		491,641	470,324
National Championships		261,675	155,555
Management and Governance		676,754	889,914
World Junior Championships		831,697	-
<b>Total Expenditure from Continuing Operations</b>		<b>4,654,702</b>	<b>4,636,149</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) from Continuing Operations</b>		<b>142,135</b>	<b>(562,097)</b>
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>			
Gain/(Loss) on Disposal of Assets		4,000	(2,703)
Inventory write-off		-	(169,025)
<b>Other Comprehensive income for period</b>		<b>4,000</b>	<b>(171,728)</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive Income for the Year</b>		<b>146,135</b>	<b>(733,825)</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these statements.

# Statement of Financial Position

## AS AT 30 JUNE 2013

	NOTE	2013 \$	2012 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	4	895,380	206,902
Accounts Receivables and Other Debtors	5	694,721	506,005
Other Current Assets	6	357,428	309,489
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>1,947,529</b>	<b>1,022,396</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Plant & Equipment	7	15,748	20,125
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>15,748</b>	<b>20,125</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>1,963,277</b>	<b>1,042,521</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payables and Other Payables	8	416,782	366,157
Provisions	11	38,352	87,449
Income Received in Advance	9	878,722	185,000
Deferred Income	10	303,959	235,675
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>1,637,815</b>	<b>874,281</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>			
Provisions	11	24,730	13,643
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>		<b>24,730</b>	<b>13,643</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>1,662,545</b>	<b>887,924</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>300,732</b>	<b>154,597</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Accumulated Funds		300,732	154,597
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>300,732</b>	<b>154,597</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these statements.

## Statement of Changes in Equity

# FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

	NOTE	Accumulated Funds	Total Equity
<b>Balance at 1 July 2011</b>		<b>888,422</b>	<b>888,422</b>
Surplus/(Deficit) attributable to the entity		(733,825)	(733,825)
<b>Balance as 30 June 2012</b>		<b>154,597</b>	<b>154,597</b>
Surplus/(Deficit) attributable to the entity		146,135	146,135
<b>Balance as 30 June 2013</b>		<b>300,732</b>	<b>300,732</b>

## Statement of Cash Flows

# FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

	NOTE	2013 \$	2012 \$
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>			
Receipts from Grants		2,966,712	2,338,500
Receipts from Other		2,349,732	1,767,741
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		(4,645,878)	(4,618,808)
Interest Received		18,683	23,807
<b>Net Cash inflows/(outflows) from Operating Activities</b>	<b>12b</b>	<b>689,249</b>	<b>(488,760)</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>			
Proceeds from Sale of Plant & Equipment		4,000	-
Payments for Plant and Equipment	8	(4,771)	(20,291)
<b>Net Cash inflows/(outflows) from Investing Activities</b>		<b>(771)</b>	<b>(20,291)</b>
<b>Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash held</b>		<b>688,478</b>	<b>(509,051)</b>
<b>Cash at the Beginning of the Financial Year</b>		<b>206,902</b>	<b>715,953</b>
<b>Cash at the End of the Financial Year</b>	<b>12a</b>	<b>895,380</b>	<b>206,902</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these statements.



# Notes to the Financial Statements FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

The financial statements cover Water Polo Australia Ltd as an individual entity, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Water Polo Australia Ltd is a company limited by guarantee.

The nature of the operations and the principal activities of the company is to administer the sport of water polo in Australia and to foster, manage, promote, encourage, and develop the sport of water polo throughout Australia from the junior to elite level.

The financial statements were authorised for issue on 5 October 2013 by the directors of the company.

## NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The directors have prepared the financial statements on the basis that the company is a non-reporting entity because there are no users who are dependent on its general purpose financial statements. These financial statements are therefore special purpose financial statements that have been prepared in order to meet the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001, for the purpose of acquitting grants received from the Australian Sports Commission and for distribution to its members. The company is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the mandatory Australian Accounting Standards applicable to entities reporting under the Corporations Act 2001 and the significant accounting policies disclosed below, which the directors have determined are appropriate to meet the needs of members and major stakeholders. Such accounting policies are consistent with those of previous periods unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

## ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### a) Revenue and Other Income

Government grants are recognised as revenue in accordance with the requirements and conditions of the Australian Sports Commission Funding & Service Level Agreement.

Non-reciprocal grant revenue is recognised in profit or loss when the entity obtains control of the grant and it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the grant will flow to the entity and the amount of the grant can be measured reliably.

If conditions are attached to the grant which must be satisfied before it is eligible to receive the contribution, the recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

When grant revenue is received whereby the entity incurs an obligation to deliver economic value back to the contributor, this is considered a reciprocal transaction and the grant revenue is recognised in the statement of financial position as a liability until the service has been delivered to the contributor, otherwise the grant is recognised as income on receipt.

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised on delivery of the goods to the customer.

Interest revenue is recognised upon receipt of funds.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

### b) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, foreign currency account, deposits held at call with banks and other short term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

### c) Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from state associations, clubs, athletes and any outstanding grant receipts. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

At the end of each reporting period, the carrying amount of accounts receivable and other debtors are reviewed to determine whether there is any objective evidence that the amounts are not recoverable. Bad debts are written off when identified.

### d) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities, which are recoverable from or payable to the ATO, are presented as operating cash flows included in receipts from customers or payments to suppliers.

### e) Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value, less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses.

## PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and any impairment losses.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by management to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the asset's employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

### DEPRECIATION

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets, is depreciated on a diminishing value basis over the asset's useful life to the entity commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Class of Fixed Asset	Depreciation Rate
Computer Equipment	33-40%
Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings	20-25%

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation surplus relating to that asset are transferred to accumulated funds.

### f) Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the Water Polo Australia reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

### g) Employee Provisions

Provision is made for the company's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee provisions that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled. Employee provisions payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. In determining the liability, consideration is given to employee wage increases and the probability that the employee may not satisfy vesting requirements. Those cash outflows are discounted using market yields on national government bonds with terms to maturity that match the expected timing of cash flows attributable to employee provisions.

Contributions are made by the entity to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred.

### h) Accounts Payable & Other Payables

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the company during the reporting period which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability.

### i) Income Tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the entity is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

### j) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the entity has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

### k) Comparative Figures

Where required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financial year.

When an entity applies an accounting policy retrospectively, makes a retrospective restatement or reclassifies items in its financial statements, a statement of financial position as at the beginning of the earliest comparative period must be disclosed.

### l) Economic Dependence

Water Polo Australia Ltd is dependent on the Australian Sports Commission and its Members for the majority of its revenue used to operate the business. At the date of this report the Board of Directors has no reason to believe the Australian Sports Commission or its Members will not continue to support Water Polo Australia Ltd.

### m) Change in Accounting Policy

#### **AASB 108: Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors**

The directors of the company believe, in the interest of providing the most relevant and reliable information to the users of this report, that deferred income should be included in the financial statements independent of income received in advance. The company has chosen to reclassify these accounts in order to reflect the true nature of the transaction at the end of the reporting period.

Deferred income includes those revenues that have been invoiced at the end of the reporting period, however the revenue relates to the subsequent reporting period, and no payment has been received as at the end of the reporting period.

Income received in advance refers to those revenues that have been invoiced at the end of the reporting period, where payment has been received as at the end of the reporting period, however this revenue relates to the subsequent reporting period.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

The aggregate effect of the change in accounting policy on the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2013 is as follows (No taxation effect results from these changes):

	Previously stated	2013 Adjustments	Restated
	\$	\$	\$
<b>Statement of Financial Position</b>			
Income Received in Advance	(1,182,681)	356,011	(826,670)
Deferred Income	-	(356,011)	(356,011)
<b>Statement of Financial Position</b>			
	Previously stated	2012 Adjustments	Restated
	\$	\$	\$
Income Received in Advance	(420,675)	235,675	(185,000)
Deferred Income	-	(235,675)	(235,675)

### n) New Accounting Standards for Application in Future Periods

The AASB has issued a number of new and amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have mandatory application dates for future reporting periods, some of which are relevant to the company. The company has decided not to early adopt any of the new and amended pronouncements. The company's assessment of the new and amended pronouncements that are relevant to the company but applicable in future reporting periods is set out below:

- AASB 119: *Employee Benefits* (September 2011) and AASB 2011-10: *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 119 (September 2011)* (applicable for annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2013).

These standards introduce a number of changes to accounting and presentation of defined benefits. The company does not have any defined benefit plans and so is not impacted by the amendment.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

	2013 \$	2012 \$
<b>NOTE 2: REVENUE</b>		
<b>(a) High Performance</b>		
Australian Sports Commission Grants	1,674,680	2,086,250
Australian Olympic Committee Grants	79,062	90,000
Athlete Contributions	421,584	449,141
Sponsorship	-	68,000
Sundry	64,486	49,079
Provision for Doubtful Debt Write Back	50,000	-
	<b>2,289,812</b>	<b>2,742,470</b>
<b>(b) Sporting Development</b>		
Australian Sports Commission Grants	153,500	68,500
Accreditation & Courses	-	213
	<b>153,500</b>	<b>68,713</b>
<b>(c) National Water Polo League</b>		
Australian Sports Commission Grants	20,000	40,000
NWPL Participation Fees	466,907	416,099
Sponsorship	2,273	12,500
Sundry	604	1,225
	<b>489,784</b>	<b>469,824</b>
<b>(d) National Championships</b>		
Australian Sports Commission Grants	51,000	45,000
National Championship Fees	76,200	60,175
Sundry	135,115	54,313
	<b>262,315</b>	<b>159,488</b>
<b>(e) Management and Governance</b>		
Australian Sports Commission Grants	200,000	100,000
WA State Government Grant	-	20,000
Capitation & Insurance Fees	419,779	417,308
Prizemoney	63,067	-
Merchandise Sales	8,225	51,923
Sponsorship	-	2,697
Bank Interest	18,683	23,807
Hall Of Fame	-	6,023
Affiliation Fees	700	600
Sundry	29,577	11,199
Donations	10,000	-
Exchange Gain on USD Account	7,049	-
	<b>757,080</b>	<b>633,557</b>

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
<b>(f) World Junior Championships</b>		
WA State Government Grant	76,800	-
Contributions SIS/SAS	24,712	-
Merchandise	4,596	-
Accommodation	703,279	-
Sundry	34,959	-
	<b>844,346</b>	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>4,796,837</b>	<b>4,074,052</b>

### NOTE 3: EXPENDITURE

#### (a) High Performance

Employee Expenses	262,266	201,974
National Team Travel & Competition Costs	1,327,373	2,021,229
Grants - High Performance Programs	556,794	639,758
Fees for Service -High Performance Sport	82,666	117,499
Provision for Impairment -Debtors	-	50,000
Other	10,713	62,435
	<b>2,239,812</b>	<b>3,092,895</b>

#### (b) Sporting Development

Employee Expenses	59,950	-
Fees for Service	20,200	16,042
Coaching and Officiating Courses and Material	3,179	1,668
Grants - State Associations	37,500	7,500
Travel & General Office Costs	32,294	2,251
	<b>153,123</b>	<b>27,461</b>

#### (c) National Water Polo League

Employee Expenses	12,481	15,000
Travel Costs	393,999	341,881
Competition Costs	85,161	113,443
	<b>491,641</b>	<b>470,324</b>

#### (d) National Championships

Employee Expenses	31,789	32,700
Competition & Travel Costs	229,886	122,855
	<b>261,675</b>	<b>155,555</b>

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
<b>(e) Management and Governance</b>		
Employee Expenses	166,878	241,585
Provision for Annual Leave and Long Service leave	21,201	10,334
Audit Fees	19,000	12,000
Fee for Service-Legal	36,912	38,454
Fee for Service -Accounting	32,000	64,775
Fee for Service -Human Resources	-	29,387
Fee for Service -Media & Website	44,415	49,315
Fee for Service -Secretary & Administration	20,815	63,092
Telephone and Internet Costs	12,286	14,448
Computer & Equipment Costs	323	2,500
National Data Base Costs	-	-
General Office Costs	6,130	13,870
Insurance	69,671	71,482
Athlete Payments-Fred Mayer Foundation	-	20,000
Travel Costs	51,347	39,699
Staff Training & Development	1,356	-
Occupancy Costs	18,591	28,915
Merchandise -Cost of Sales	-	28,151
Publicity, Promotions and Website	37,203	37,732
Corporate Functions & Entertainment	24,350	12,377
Hall of Fame	-	23,981
Bank Charges	4,334	3,336
Provision for Impairment- Debtors	34,805	20,873
Board Meeting & Member Travel Costs	28,850	25,484
Annual General Meeting & Half Yearly Conference Costs	13,466	23,363
Depreciation	9,148	11,951
Sponsorship Write - Back	20,000	-
Other	3,673	2,810
	<b>676,754</b>	<b>889,914</b>
<b>(e) World Junior Championships</b>		
Travel & Accommodations Costs	615,179	-
Competition Costs	59,480	-
Fee for Services	55,880	-
Publicity & Promotions	62,033	-
Corporate Functions & Entertainment	13,304	-
Other Costs	25,821	-
	<b>831,697</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>4,654,702</b>	<b>4,636,149</b>

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
<b>NOTE 4: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		
Cash at Bank	802,130	104,775
US Dollar Foreign Currency Account	93,250	102,127
	<b>895,380</b>	<b>206,902</b>

Water Polo Australia operates a US Dollar Foreign Currency account to hold competition prize money paid by FINA and to make payments for FINA international competitions. The operation of the account removes the uncertainty of fluctuations between the US dollar and Australian dollar. The amount \$93,250 appearing in the statement of financial position is the accumulated value of the transactions at the currency rate applying at the time of each transaction. At balance date the amount held in the foreign currency account was \$USD 86,489 and as at 30 June 2013 its value was \$AUD 93,250 at the conversion rate of 0.9275.

### NOTE 5: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND OTHER DEBTORS

#### Current:

Accounts Receivables	688,134	432,762
Provision for bad and doubtful debts	(47,320)	(75,000)
Other Debtors-FINA	4,397	49,063
Other Debtors - Sponsorship	18,058	22,000
Other Debtors - Travel Advance	21,650	-
Other Debtors-Sundry	9,802	77,180
	<b>694,721</b>	<b>506,005</b>

#### (a) Accounts Receivables -Aged Analysis

0-30 days	426,436	240,948
31-60 days	30,202	41,354
61-90 days	55,487	27,126
91+ days	176,009	123,334
	<b>688,134</b>	<b>432,762</b>

### NOTE 6: OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

#### Current:

Prepayments	357,428	309,489
	<b>357,428</b>	<b>309,489</b>

### NOTE 7: PROPERTY PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

#### Plant & Equipment at Cost

Gross Carrying Amount	30,029	42,193
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(14,281)	(22,068)
<b>Net Carrying Amount</b>	<b>15,748</b>	<b>20,125</b>

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
<b>NOTE 8: ACCOUNTS PAYABLES AND OTHER PAYABLES</b>		
<b>Current:</b>		
Accounts Payable	282,339	340,035
Accruals & Other Payables	134,443	26,122
	<b>416,782</b>	<b>366,157</b>

<b>NOTE 9: INCOME RECEIVED IN ADVANCED</b>		
<b>Current:</b>		
Australian Sports Commission	826,670	132,500
Australian Olympic Committee	-	52,500
Other	52,052	-
	<b>878,722</b>	<b>185,000</b>

<b>NOTE 10: DEFERRED INCOME</b>		
<b>Current:</b>		
Australian Sports Commission	70,000	-
Other	233,959	235,675
	<b>303,959</b>	<b>235,675</b>

<b>NOTE 11: PROVISIONS</b>		
<b>Current:</b>		
<b>Employee Entitlements</b>		
Annual Leave	38,352	87,449
	<b>38,352</b>	<b>87,449</b>

<b>Non Current :</b>		
<b>Employee Entitlements</b>		
Annual Leave	22,226	-
Long Service Leave	2,504	13,643
	<b>24,730</b>	<b>13,643</b>

### NOTE 12: STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

#### (a) Reconciliation of Cash

For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows cash includes cash at bank and cash on hand. Cash at 30 June 2013 as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the Balance Sheet as follows

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
<b>Cash at Bank</b>	<b>895,380</b>	<b>206,902</b>

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013



### (b) Reconciliation of Net Cash provided by Operating Activities to Surplus/(Deficit) from ordinary activities

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	146,135	(733,827)
<b>Plus/(Less): Non Cash Items</b>		
Depreciation and Amortisation	9,148	11,951
(Gain)/Loss on Disposal	(4,000)	2,703
<b>Changes in Assets and Liabilities</b>		
(increase)/Decrease in Receivables	(188,716)	46,071
(increase)/Decrease in Inventory	-	170,720
(increase)/Decrease in Other Assets	(47,939)	(150,012)
Increase/(Decrease) in Payables	50,625	198,858
Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities	762,006	59,925
Increase/(Decrease) in Provisions	(38,010)	(95,148)
	<b>689,249</b>	<b>(488,759)</b>

### NOTE 13: RELATED PARTIES

For the reporting period the Board of Water Polo Australia Ltd comprised Peter Kerr (Chairman), Kay Copeland, David Martin, Amy Hetzel (retired 25/11/2012), Noel Harrod (elected 25/11/2012), Phil Scales (re-elected 25/11/2012), Susannah Fraser, (re-appointed 9/10/2012), Trent Franklin (resigned 26/10/2012), Thomas Whalan (elected 26/10/2012), Philip Garling (appointed 4/1/2013). In their capacities as Board Members they received no remuneration and any transaction between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions.

### NOTE 14: EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER BALANCE DATE

There are no events after the balance date that have materially affected or may materially affect the results reported.

### NOTE 15: ENTITY DETAILS

The registered office of the company and principal place of business is:

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