



2011 / 2012 Annual Report



Sport and recreation for all abilities

MESSAGE FROM THE ASC



Australian Government

Australian Sports Commission

The Australian Government is committed to getting more Australians participating and excelling in sport. Sport not only inspires and unites us as a nation, it also motivates us to get involved and active.

The staging of the Olympic and Paralympic Games is an exciting time for all Australians, and highlights the substantial contribution of sport to our community, from athletes competing at the Games to those involved in weekend club competition and social play, as well as parents and volunteers.

Australia's performance at the London Olympic and Paralympic Games is the culmination of extensive long-term efforts across the Australian high performance system. Following the Games, there will be opportunities to celebrate the successes and critically review our next steps to ensure we focus and align our efforts to deliver the best possible results in the next Olympic and Paralympic cycle.

It is two years since the Australian Government delivered its new vision for sport in 'Australian Sport: The Pathway to Success' and substantially increased ongoing funding to the Australian Sports Commission. Since then, we have focused on implementing our new plans, delivering key programs, supporting national sporting organisations (NSOs) to deliver participation and high performance outcomes (as well as building their capacity), and building collaboration, alignment and effectiveness within the Australian sport sector.

The announcement in the May 2012 Budget of the continuation of the Active After-school Communities program will ensure we carry on providing primary school-aged children with a positive introduction to sport. We will continue working with sporting organisations at all levels to ensure the program provides maximum value to sports and supports the transition of program participants into local clubs.

Linked to the London Olympic and Paralympic Games, the Prime Minister's Olympic and Paralympic Challenges will encourage and inspire children to participate in sport and to get active, have fun and earn rewards. This initiative, as well as participation funding programs delivered by NSOs, continues the Australian Government's commitment to ensuring more people can access sport and all the benefits it provides.

The support received from the Australian Government for Australian sport is essential and plays an integral role in connecting our young sporting participants with their dreams of podium success in the future.

This is an exciting and challenging time for Australian sport. The Australian Sports Commission looks forward to working with sporting organisations, state and territory institutes and academies of sport, and state and territory departments of sport and recreation, to promote access to, and participation in, sport across the community, and supporting Australia's continued sporting success.



Mr David Gallop
Acting Chairman
Board of the Australian Sports Commission
30 June 2012

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ABOUT AAWD



To be the peak national body for state and other sports and recreational organisations representing people with a physical disability

Brief History

Australian Athletes with a Disability Limited (AAWD) was formed in 2003 to represent the interests of its member disability sporting organisations, through the creation of an "umbrella" body established to coordinate relations with the Australian Sports Commission (ASC).

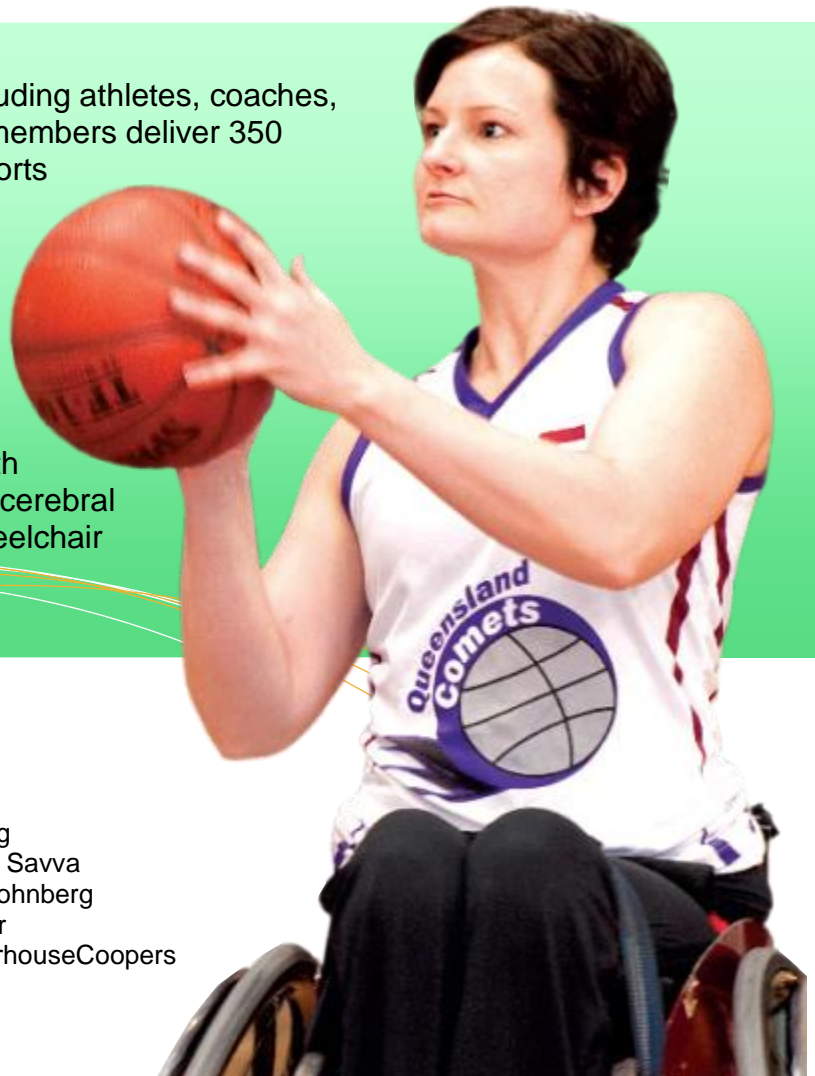
AAWD presents 10 state and other sports and recreational organisations representing people with a physical disability.

The founding national member organisations were:

ASOD	Australian Sports Organisation for the Disabled Inc
CPASRF	Cerebral Palsy Australian Sport and Recreation Federation Inc
WSA	Wheelchair Sports Australia Limited

AAWD represents 6,000 participants including athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers. AAWD and our members deliver 350 programs and competitions across 14 sports from grassroots to national level.

Through its members, AAWD helps people with a physical disability to develop and engage with the community through sports participation and recreational opportunities. This includes sporting pathways for people with a variety of physical disabilities including cerebral palsy, amputees and people who are wheelchair users.



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EXECUTIVE OFFICER & CHAIR'S REPORT

This year has seen a historical shift and momentous occasion for the AAWD Board and members following a review of membership in 2011. AAWD and its members agreed to amalgamate their national operations to form a combined national organisation. This decision was a momentous occasion for AAWD and its members. ASOD dissolved, management agreements were executed between WSA and AAWD, and CPASRF and AAWD. This resulted in AAWD undertaking the administrative responsibilities of its national members, with the outcome significantly reducing the administration of the group.

Following a vote of members on 31 January 2012, AAWD expanded its membership base to include the state members of its three founding national member organisations to ten members. The objective of this change was to enable AAWD to directly support its member organisations to develop, promote and deliver participation opportunities for people with a disability. This includes sporting pathways and participation opportunities for people with a variety of physical disabilities including cerebral palsy, amputees and wheelchair users.

This new structure allows for simpler corporate governance, streamlining and better use of available resources. AAWD is now the single national voice for members. The merging of traditions and operations into a single common pool of experience, awareness and purpose has enabled real progress in the evolution of sport for people with disabilities.

AAWD is continuing to simplify its operating environment for the benefit of all stakeholders. In May 2012, the Australian Sports Commission facilitated a workshop investigating a range of possible future operating models. AAWD is currently meeting with members regarding its new proposed strategy.

In 2011 / 2012 the AAWD Board made the following changes:

- ◆ Tanya Cox retired as Chair (10 years) and continues as Director
- ◆ Paul Croft retired as Director (6 years)
- ◆ Esme Bowen appointed as new Director and AAWD Chair
- ◆ Paul Bedbrook appointed as new Director and Deputy Chair
- ◆ Michael Lane appointed as new Director

AAWD continues to administer the National Wheelchair Basketball League (NWBL) and Women's National Wheelchair Basketball League (WNWBL) in partnership with Basketball Australia. In 2012, AAWD trialled a new competition format for wheelchair rugby called the National Wheelchair Rugby Series (NWRS), with financial support from GIO, Australian Paralympic Committee (APC) and Telstra. Member organisations also hosted national championships for sports including lawn bowls, boccia and 7-a-side football.

AAWD conducted reviews of the operations of the NWRS, WNWBL, NWBL, and lawn bowls, identifying areas of strength and areas that require improvement.

AAWD plans to refresh its memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Basketball Australia (BA) after the Paralympic Games as well as progress MOUs with Volleyball Australia and Bowls Australia.



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AAWD provided funding support to its members to conduct programs and development activities, supporting participation from grassroots to national level, including:

- ◆ Sports programs
- ◆ Coach training and accreditation
- ◆ Officials training and development
- ◆ International sports committee representation

Since 2003, AAWD has provided over \$100,000 in grants directly to support coach and official training and development across multiple sports (eg. wheelchair rugby international referee accreditation, wheelchair basketball referee development).

AAWD anticipates that 345 programs and competitions will have been conducted by the end of 2012, offering similar participation opportunities for people with a disability compared to previous years (approximately 350 in 2011). This includes programs/events conducted either in partnership or directly by:

- ◆ State Sports Organisations for people with a Disability (SSODs)
- ◆ State Sports Organisations (SSOs)
- ◆ National Sports Organisations (NSOs)

Sports programs range from introductory programs to state and national competitions, which all form part of the critical development pathway. Approximately \$10 million is invested by AAWD and its members every year in participation opportunities for people with a disability.

AAWD SSODs currently offer sports participation programs and links to participation programs for people of all ages with a physical disability. These programs include:

- ◆ Weekly social competition
- ◆ Hospital programs
- ◆ Junior development
- ◆ Coach and official development
- ◆ Club development
- ◆ Regional area clubs to provide accessible opportunities

Our SSODs deliver sporting programs, depending on available human and funding resources, such as:

- ◆ Programs where there is no NSO or SSO (eg. boccia, wheelchair rugby)
- ◆ Deliver programs in collaboration with SSOs or other stakeholders (eg. wheelchair basketball)
- ◆ Being the intermediary to introduce people with a disability to multiple sports as part of the NSO or SSO sporting pathway, particularly for juniors (eg. athletics, swimming)
- ◆ Offer range of programs in metropolitan areas and increasingly in regional areas



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At the elite level, athlete members participated in many successful Australian teams such as the Australian Steelers Wheelchair Rugby Team, Australian Gliders Women's Wheelchair Basketball Team and Rollers Men's Wheelchair Basketball Team. Many athlete members participated in the Australian Paralympic team in London, 104 out of 161 (65%) current or former athlete members of the AAWD member network comprised the team.

A number of members and their supporters are to be congratulated on the achievement of awards in 2011/2012. These include:

- ◆ Order of Australia – Michael Godfrey-Roberts, former President of Wheelchair Sports NSW, was awarded an Honorary Member (AM) of the Order of Australia, for service to sport for people with a disability, particularly through Wheelchair Sports NSW.
- ◆ Lord's Taverners Award 2011 – Darren Pickering (VIC) and Des Doherty (WA) awarded as joint recipients in recognition of significant contribution to Junior Wheelchair Sport in Australia.
- ◆ Australian Paralympic Hall of Fame 2012 - Louise Sauvage, Frank Ponta and Sir George Bedbrook were inducted into the Australian Paralympic Hall of Fame.

Congratulations to the following SSODs for celebrating their 50th Anniversaries:

- ◆ Wheelchair Sports NSW (2011)
- ◆ Disability Sport and Recreation (formerly Wheelchair Sports Victoria) (2012)

AAWD Directors attended many sports functions, workshops and events during 2011/2012, including:

- ◆ National Wheelchair Basketball League
- ◆ Women's National Wheelchair Basketball League
- ◆ National Wheelchair Rugby Championships
- ◆ Australia v Japan International Wheelchair Rugby Test Series
- ◆ Rollers and Gliders World Challenge
- ◆ Federal ministers' meetings
- ◆ Australian Sports Commission workshops

AAWD and its members, continue to operate in an environment where funds are increasingly difficult to secure. We continue to look for ways to use our funds more effectively to ensure positive outcomes for our stakeholders. We take this opportunity to thank the ASC for their ongoing support of AAWD. We would like to acknowledge the Directors of AAWD for their work over the past 12 months and their commitment to the future of disability sport in Australia.

Thanks to the players, coaches, officials and volunteers who continue to commit to Australian Athletes With a Disability, making many of our programs possible. Heartfelt thanks to Gillian, Samantha, Tamara and Bill the diligent and hard working office team at AAWD. We would also like to thank the board, state CEOs and staff for their dedication and Tanya Cox for guiding AAWD to be the organisation it is today. Finally thanks to the sub-committees who guide each of their respective sports, ensuring that there are sporting and recreational opportunities for people of all abilities.

We look forward to continuing to work together over the next 12 months.

Gillian Ting
Executive Officer

Esme Bowen
Chair



AAWD STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Our Vision

To be the peak national body for state and other sports and recreational organisations representing people with a physical disability.

Our Mission

Through our members we help people with a physical disability to develop and engage with the community through sports participation and recreational opportunities

Primary Purposes

- ◆ Perform the role of national coordinating body, providing a single point of contact between partner organisations (eg. ASC, APC and NSOs) and state and territory members (eg. Wheelchair Sports NSW, Sporting Wheelies and Disabled Association etc).
- ◆ Provide opportunities for development of athletes at a national level and supporting pathways from grassroots to national level.
- ◆ Administer the wheelchair rugby and wheelchair basketball national leagues, and the Lawn Bowls Multi-Disability National Championships.

Objectives

Over the long term AAWD aims to advance sporting opportunities for people with a physical disability in Australia by achieving the following goals:

1. To grow participation of people with a physical disability in sport and recreation
2. To present one strong national brand and voice for members
3. To increase the effectiveness of its advocacy and lobbying at the national level focusing on recognition, rights and opportunities
4. To support “mainstreaming” of all sports in partnership
5. To develop new sources of funding

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AAWD aims to advance sporting opportunities for people with a disability in Australia by focusing on five Key Result Areas (KRA). This section outlines the strategies and activities that AAWD conducted during 2011 / 2012 in the pursuit of this aim.

KRA 1: Athletic Opportunity

To support the development of an efficient and effective Australian sports system that offers wider opportunities for people with a disability.

- ◆ Worked with members to further develop sporting participation opportunities for people with a disability at grass roots level.
- ◆ Assisted members to promote participation opportunities and development sports programs.
- ◆ Provided funding for members to run competitions across a wide range of sports including wheelchair rugby, wheelchair basketball, 7-a-side football, boccia, lawn bowls and volleyball.
- ◆ Allocated funding for national wheelchair rugby development and participation workshops.
- ◆ Provided funding to assist the creation of a D-Volleyball promotion kit.

KRA 2: Sports Officials

To establish a well-defined pathway that provides opportunities for officials, coaches and classifiers to reach their highest level.

- ◆ Continued discussions with the APC on the development of a coaching accreditation manual for wheelchair rugby.
- ◆ Provided funding for a wheelchair rugby score table clinic with two new officials trained and three officials provided with refreshment training. AAWD also provided funding assistance for Head Referee to attend International events to further his experience, and for another referee to attend and achieve international accreditation at the IWRF Asia Oceania Championships held in Korea on 2-10 November 2011. One classifier gained experience as “Head Classifier” at the 2012 National Wheelchair Rugby Championships.
- ◆ Provided funding for coaches to attend accreditation courses in wheelchair basketball and cycling, and for the development of new and existing coaches in wheelchair basketball.
- ◆ Recommended and provided volunteer and funding assistance for Basketball Australia to coordinate a Referee Committee and commence referee coach training as part of national wheelchair basketball league games.
- ◆ Allocated funding towards the development of new and existing wheelchair basketball referees (13).
- ◆ Provided funding for delegates to represent Australia at international sports committee meetings and events for wheelchair basketball and wheelchair rugby.

KRA 3: National Sports

To assist athletes to achieve the highest level of performance in national level sports.

- ◆ Provided funding towards national training camps including volleyball.
- ◆ Assisted and allocated funding to member organisations to coordinate national competitions in boccia, lawn bowls and 7-a-side football.
- ◆ Allocated funding and administered national leagues for men's and women's wheelchair basketball (in partnership with Basketball Australia) and national competition in wheelchair rugby.
- ◆ Continued to foster relationships with state and National Sporting Organisations, including Basketball Australia, Bowls Australia and Volleyball Australia.

KRA 4: Management

To increase the operational efficiency of AAWD's national member organisations, their state and territory members, and increase collaboration between member and partner organisations.

- ◆ Increased operational efficiency and amalgamation of AAWD.
- ◆ Increased collaboration between member and partner organisations.
- ◆ Maintained good financial management practices and ensured compliance with financial policies and procedures.
- ◆ Monitored operational risks and compliance with risk management strategies.
- ◆ Fostered good governance and ensured compliance with constitutional requirements.



KRA 5: Service Delivery

To improve the effectiveness of funding procedures, marketing and communication processes, and administration services.

- ◆ Promoted and facilitated discussions with members regarding amalgamation.
- ◆ Distributed \$43,000 in funding grants.
- ◆ Promoted AAWD through production and display of banners at events and television coverage of 2012 National Wheelchair Rugby Championships, NWBL and WNWBL Finals.
- ◆ Commenced a further upgrade to the website including refreshment of home page and enhancement of search function for the event calendar.
- ◆ Published a bi-monthly newsletter and a tri-annual update for stakeholders.
- ◆ Updated policies including Member Protection Policy and made these available to members.
- ◆ Conducted a forum with industry stakeholders in Sydney October in 2011.
- ◆ Undertook a review of NWRL, NWBL and WNWBL Rules and Regulations.
- ◆ Implemented new template for National Championships bids.



Beyond 2012

During 2012, AAWD created a new strategic statement focussed on its role as the peak national body for state and other sports and recreational organisations representing people with a disability.

This role includes helping people with a physical disability to develop and engage with the community through sports participation and recreational opportunities provided by our member organisations.

AAWD Future Focus:

- ◆ Participation growth
- ◆ One national voice
- ◆ Effective advocacy
- ◆ Mainstreaming sports in partnership
- ◆ New sources of funding

AAWD is developing a Charter for AAWD and its members and conducting a complete review

of its constitution to ensure alignment with the new vision and strategy.

AAWD will be undertaking a review of membership breadth during 2012 / 2013.

MARKETING REPORT

During 2012, AAWD continued the implementation of its marketing strategy. As part of the AAWD strategy, marketing objectives focussed on building awareness and providing support for AAWD members through activities outlined below.

AAWD reached a wider audience through on-going projects and new initiatives such as live streaming.

Website

The AAWD website continues to be a key communication tool for AAWD. The AAWD website is the highest ranked website for athletes with a disability and associated events throughout Australia. To ensure continuing relevance, AAWD refreshed the website with a new homepage that has improved navigation.

Analysis also identified that the AAWD calendar, which is the only calendar to display all disability sporting events available in Australia, is the critical information tool for visitors seeking information regarding events anywhere in Australia.

As part of the website upgrade, the calendar search capabilities were enhanced. Users can now search with a combination of filters such as location, sport, division or event type for sporting events around Australia or internationally, making the information more accessible. AAWD then links the user to the website which holds further information regarding the event.



Television Broadcast

During 2012, the three National League Finals were broadcast on Aurora Community Channel:

- ◆ National Wheelchair Basketball League
- ◆ Women's National Wheelchair Basketball League
- ◆ National Wheelchair Rugby Championships

Programs were either 90 or 60 minutes replaying the Grand Final match. The wheelchair basketball television programs also contained highlights from the Bronze playoff and interviews with key players. Each television program was screened 12 times, airing from June to December 2012 with 36 time slots in total.

AAWD also refreshed its 30 second television commercial (TVC). Over the past year the AAWD TVC has been aired over 200 times. This exposure was provided by Aurora Community Channel and was complimentary (valued at approx \$30,000).

Live Webcast

For the first time the National Wheelchair Rugby Championships were live streamed to the official NWRL website. Fans who could not come to watch the National Championships at the Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre, could watch both the Bronze and Gold medal matches live through the internet. Website traffic to the NWRL website increased approx 600% since the posting of the videos (approx 1,000 unique visitors per week).



MARKETING REPORT



These webcasts, along with a player interview and promotion clip, continue to be available on the official website with a download facility, increasing the opportunities for awareness of wheelchair rugby and accessibility to a wider audience.

Communication

AAWD continues to issue a bi-monthly newsletter and tri-annual member and stakeholder update to maintain communication on its activities. This direct communication nurtures relationships with our members and other key stakeholders, also raising awareness of AAWD and member events. For key events, AAWD regularly creates media releases to aid pre-promotion and generate post event publicity. These communication materials are also available to a wider audience via the AAWD website.

Sponsorship

Throughout 2012 AAWD secured sponsorship funds and services to the value of over \$100,000 to aid disability sport. Primary sponsorships include:

- ◆ AAWD in conjunction with Wheelchair Sports NSW secured sponsorship of GIO for the National Wheelchair Rugby Championships.
- ◆ Aurora Community Channel co-production, free broadcasting of 3 television programs and AAWD 30s TVC.
- ◆ APC | Telstra for providing funds to assist classification and the national wheelchair rugby competition.

AAWD would like to thank the many sponsors who help disability sports for their generosity and on-going support.

Future Marketing Focus

Moving forward AAWD's marketing strategy aligns with its new Strategic Plan. The marketing focus in 2012 / 2013 will be directed to achieving:

- ◆ Build one strong national brand and voice
- ◆ Effective advocacy and lobbying at national level for recognition, rights and opportunities
- ◆ To develop new sources of funding

AAWD remains committed to nurturing our relationships with members and stakeholders, including the ASC, gaining support for events, communicating the role of AAWD, and building awareness. AAWD will continue to be proactive in its communication effort to support members and athletes.

PROJECT FUNDING



Australian Government Australian Sports Commission

AAWD provides funding to increase the number of activity based opportunities for people with a disability and to encourage and support participation in these activities. Supported by the ASC, a primary objective of AAWD is to increase the number of people participating and to maximise the number of sporting opportunities for people with a disability. In addition, AAWD aims to provide a clearly defined pathway for officials, coaches and classifiers.

During 2011 / 2012, AAWD considered eligible applications for funding from, AAWD member organisations, state members of AAWD, national members and associated sports committees.

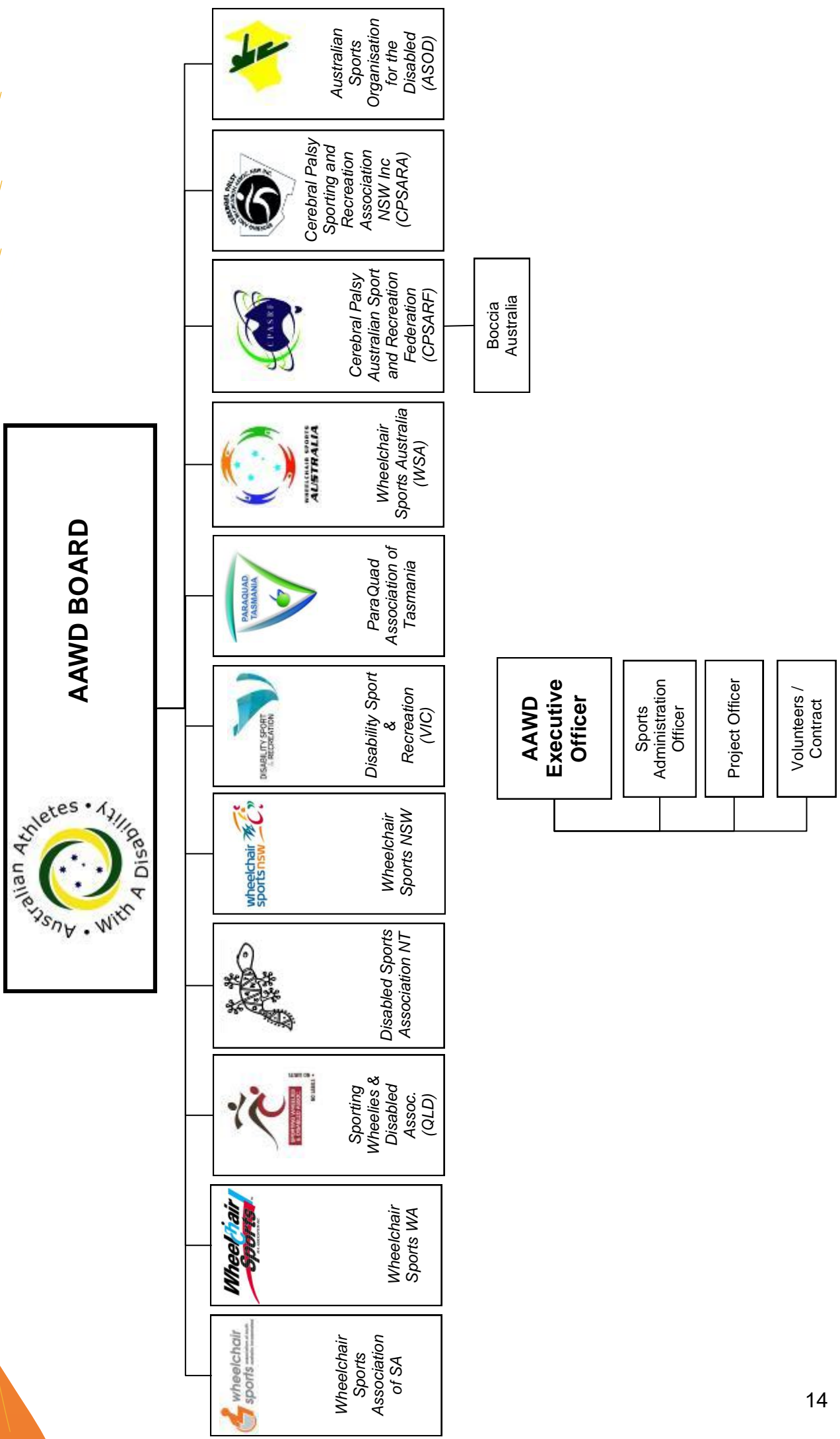
AAWD Funding Support

During the 2011 / 2012 fiscal year, AAWD provided project funding to support:

- ◆ National championships for wheelchair rugby, boccia, lawn bowls and 7-a-side football
- ◆ National leagues for men's and women's wheelchair basketball
- ◆ Television broadcast and promotion of national leagues for men's and women's wheelchair basketball and national championships for wheelchair rugby
- ◆ National wheelchair rugby development workshop, plan and pathway
- ◆ Support to delegates attending international sports committee meetings
- ◆ Coach accreditation for wheelchair basketball and cycling
- ◆ International referee development and accreditation for wheelchair rugby
- ◆ National referee development for wheelchair rugby and wheelchair basketball



AAWD ORGANISATIONAL CHART



Women's National Wheelchair Basketball League

The 2012 WNWBL season was coordinated by AAWD and Basketball Australia. The League Advisory Committee (LAC) whose members include the WNWBL Executive and one representative from each team of the WNWBL guided the thirteenth WNWBL season.

The 2012 WNWBL season comprised of five teams who competed over six rounds from March to June. Teams included the Sydney University Flames, Stacks Goudkamp Bears, The Be Active Western Stars, Victoria Dandenong Rangers and the MineCraft Comets. The Victoria Dandenong Rangers hosted the Finals at their home stadium the Dandenong Basketball Stadium.

The 2012 WNWBL Champions were the Victoria Dandenong Rangers.

All 12 members of the Australian Gliders Wheelchair Basketball Team participated in the WNWBL this season. The Gliders won the silver medal at the 2012 London Paralympics.



Wheelchair Basketball

The WNWBL Executive and NWBL Executive continue to conduct joint meetings and operate as a Combined Executive. This is to ensure consistency of direction, joint communication and to create efficiencies across wheelchair basketball in Australia and the two leagues. Basketball Australia is also part of this Combined Executive.



National Wheelchair Basketball League



The NWBL Executive Council, a sub-committee of AAWD, conducted the 2012 NWBL. AAWD continues to administer the National League in partnership with Basketball Australia as part of the mainstreaming of wheelchair basketball.

This season was the twenty-fifth NWBL season. Six teams participated in eight weekends of competition held from March to June. The 2012 teams included the RSL Queensland Spinning Bullets, Wollongong Roller Hawks, Victoria Dandenong Rangers, The Be Active Perth Wheelcats, Sydney University WheelKings and Adelaide Thunder.

The Finals were hosted by Wollongong Roller Hawks in conjunction with AAWD. The event was held at the Shellharbour City Stadium in Wollongong to a sell out crowd on Grand Final day. The Wollongong Roller Hawks reclaimed their title and are the 2012 NWBL Champions.

All 12 members of the Australian Rollers Wheelchair Basketball Team participated in the NWBL this season. The Rollers won silver at the 2012 London Paralympics.



Kevin Coombs Cup



The Junior Wheelchair Basketball Championships "Kevin Coombs Cup" is held every second year, and was held on 17-21 April 2012 in Perth, WA, in conjunction with the Australian U18 Basketball Championships conducted by Basketball Australia. The focus of this event is to provide opportunities for development and coaching for young wheelchair athletes with a competitive focus. It is anticipated that Basketball Australia will continue to work with AAWD to integrate this event with one of its National Championships biennially or annually in the near future.

National Wheelchair Rugby Series

The 2012 season became a development series to increase participation in wheelchair rugby across Australia. In the eleventh year of national wheelchair rugby competition, 49 athletes participated in the NWRS. Twelve athletes were classified during the season, of which eight were rookies. Five mixed teams participated at the tournament in Victoria, competing in 14 games over 3 days.

Five teams also competed in the National Wheelchair Rugby Championships, the GIO NSW Gladiators, Victoria Coloplast Thunder, SA Sharks, Jetstar Gold Coast Wheelchair Rugby Team and the Enforcers (WA/NSW combined team). The NWRC was hosted by Wheelchair Sports NSW in conjunction with AAWD and was held at the prestigious Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre. GIO was a major sponsor of the national championships, providing financial support for filming and the Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre venue.

The Jetstar Gold Coast Rugby Wheelchair Team was victorious, claiming the 2012 Champion title, knocking the GIO NSW Gladiators from the podium which they had held for six consecutive years.

AAWD also provided assistance to the NWRS by providing funding and human resources to administer the NWRS competition and grants for referee development and a score table clinic. Our thanks also to the Australian Paralympic Committee and Telstra for their on-going financial support.

All members of the Australian Steelers Wheelchair Rugby Team participated in the NWRS this season. The Steelers won the gold medal at the 2012 London Paralympic Games.



Lawn Bowls



The 2012 Lawn Bowls Multi-Disability National Championships were hosted by Wheelchair Sports NSW in April. The event was assisted by a grant from AAWD. Forty athletes represented four states including New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Australian Capital Territory and Victoria.

James Reynolds won the men's singles; Carolyn Nelson (NSW) won the women's singles. Barry Charity and David Bailey (SA) won the Open Pairs. The Interstate Aggregate Champions award was won by South Australia.



The Clover Lester Encouragement Award was presented to John Mason from the ACT. The Graham Golly International Award was awarded to Carolyn Nelson (NSW) who at the 2011 IBD World Championships won silver in the singles and gold in the Ladies Pairs.



The 2012 Lawn Bowls Multi-Disability National Championships formed the basis of selection to join the 2012-2013 AAWD Gold Squad. Selection into the Gold Squad was based on performance and potential identified at the national championships. The purpose of AAWD Gold Squad is to focus on developing an Australian squad of bowlers for the 2014 Commonwealth Games and other future international competitions.

AAWD and Bowls Australia continue to progress towards a formal MOU for the benefit of athletes with a disability.

Boccia

Boccia is administered by Boccia Australia. In April 2012, the National Boccia Championships were held at the Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation and hosted by Boccia NSW, with funding assistance from AAWD. 141 participants competed in 32 games over 4 days. This included the junior BC3 team, showing that development is being encouraged across Australia. Also 5 officials were accredited as National Referees during 2012 and 3 new referees made their debut at the National Championships.

20 players attended a development camp at the end of the National Championships.

The 2012 State Champions were New South Wales.

2012 Boccia National Championship Results:

- ◆ BC1 Ind – Tyler Ellis (ACT)
- ◆ BC2 Ind – Scott Elsworth (NSW)
- ◆ BC3 Ind – Angie McReynolds (NSW)
- ◆ Open/BC4 Ind – Dean Nottle (NSW)
- ◆ BC1/2 Teams – QLD (L Kavanagh; F Lyons; B Harris; W Marshall)
- ◆ BC3 Pairs – Young Guns (S Daley; T Jenkins; D Michel)
- ◆ Open/BC4 Pairs – NSW (A Del Biondol; D Nottle)



7-A-Side Football



The 2012 National Paralympic 7-a-Side Championships were held in April for athletes with Cerebral Palsy and Acquired Brain Injury. AAWD providing funding assistance for this event. The 7-a-Side Championships were hosted by Sporting Wheelies and Disabled Association in Frenchville Sports Club in QLD and held over 4 days.

The competition attracted representative teams from five states including Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia. Over fifty athletes attended the event and classification was provided for 23 athletes.

The 2012 National Champions were New South Wales.



D-Volleyball

Volleyball Australia, with the assistance of an AAWD grant, selected a team for the first World Organisation Volleyball for Disabled (WOVD) Beach Volleyball event, the Ambank Beach Volleyball Masters on 25-28 October 2011 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The Australian team came 7th after drawing Poland (eventual winners) and Germany (silver medal) in their pool matches.

With the assistance of another AAWD grant, Volleyball Australia produced promotional brochures for D-Volleyball.

AAWD and Volleyball Australia continue to progress towards a formal Memorandum of Understanding for the benefit of athletes with a disability.



2012 London Paralympic Games



The Paralympic Games occur once every four years and are the pinnacle of disability sport worldwide. 104 athletes from the AAWD member network were proudly selected to compete as part of the 2012 Australian Paralympic Team. This team comprised of 161 athletes as selected by the Australian Paralympic Committee. Since inception, AAWD and its member organisations pride themselves on providing opportunities for all sporting abilities and creating development pathways for all athletes with a disability to have the opportunity to progress to elite level.

At the 2012 London Paralympics, Australia claimed an impressive 85 medals.



The AAWD member network athletes won 54 medals, providing two thirds of the total medal count for the Australian team (65%):

- ◆ 19 gold medals (59%)
- ◆ 17 silver medals (74%)
- ◆ 18 bronze medals (60%)



The various teams from the AAWD member network who competed at the 2012 London Paralympics:

- ◆ Gold medallists Australian Steelers Wheelchair Rugby team
- ◆ Silver medallists Australian Rollers Wheelchair Basketball team
- ◆ Silver medallists Australian Gliders Wheelchair Basketball team
- ◆ Australian wheelchair tennis team
- ◆ Australian shooting team
- ◆ Australian power lifting team

AAWD and its member organisations salute our athletes for their hard work, commitment and the dedication that produced the ability to compete at the 2012 London Paralympic Games, the culmination of the effort over their respective careers.

BOARD PROFILES



Tanya Cox, MBA, MAICD, FCIS, FCSA, Chairperson (until 06/12)

With over 25 years' experience in the finance industry, Tanya is currently the Executive General Manager, Property Services and Chief Operating Officer of DEXUS Property Group, a \$15 billion publicly listed real estate investment trust. Her current responsibilities include ensuring the performance of DEXUS's \$30 million property management business, as well as steering its corporate responsibility and sustainability practice, and delivering information technology and operational risk management systems across the Group.



Esme Bowen, RN, B Sc (Nursing), GAICD, Chairperson (06/12)

Esme is a company director of a Perth based family retail surf business and has been involved in tourism in the far north Kimberley region of WA. Esme is also involved in Community Road Safety, and is the Senior Vice President of the Royal Automobile Club of WA and a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Esme has almost 30 years of disability experience, and has been President of Wheelchair Sports WA from 2002 to 2012. Esme has served as President of Wheelchair Sports Australia since 2008.



Paul Bedbrook, Bc Sc, FSIA, FAICD, Deputy Chairperson

Paul Bedbrook has had a career of over 30 years in financial services. Paul was an executive for 26 years with the Dutch global banking, insurance and investment group, ING. Paul performed the roles of President and CEO, INGDIRECT Bank, Canada; CEO and director of ING Australia and Regional CEO, ING Asia Pacific in Hong Kong. Paul holds directorships on the boards of: the National Blood Authority, Zurich Australia Ltd and Credit Union Australia. Paul's father, the late Sir George Bedbrook, was a pioneer in wheelchair sports as early as the 1950s.



Paul Croft, B Ec (Hon), Grad Dip Ed TAFE, JP NSW (until 06/12)

Paul was a Head Teacher of Organisational Science, Accounting and Finance and Business with New South Wales TAFE where he taught for 33 years. Paul is the current Secretary of Sitting Volleyball Australia (NSW) Inc and is the Senior Athletics representative on the Bankstown and District Sports Club Sports Committee. Paul has represented Australia in four Paralympic Games (team captain in Seoul, 1988), three FESPIC Games and two World Championships in three sports, Distance and Middle Distance running, Table Tennis and Sitting and Standing Volleyball.

BOARD PROFILES



Amanda J Garland-Hunt, Grad Dip Mkt Mgn, MBA

Amanda has over 25 years' experience in marketing, communications and management roles in Small and Medium Enterprises and Government. Amanda is currently in a twelve month contract to Delta Electricity in a communications role dealing with stakeholder and media management. Amanda is currently completing a Master in Environmental Management. She was Treasurer of NSW Womensport and a member of the National Council of Women Environmental Committee and continues to support these organisations.



Michael Lane, B BC (Microbiology)

Michael has over 20 years' experience in the commercial property industry having worked for organisations such as Coles Myer, Growth Equities Mutual, Lend Lease and DEXUS Property Group. Michael is currently General Manager, Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability at DEXUS Property Group. Michael sits on the National Sustainability Roundtable for the Property Council of Australia, the NSW Sustainable Development Committee and the City of Sydney Better Buildings Partnership Leadership Panel. Michael has completed various management courses with the Australian Graduate School of Management.



Liz Pollock, B App Sc, B Bus, Grad Dip PE & Rec for Disabled, MBA

Liz is currently the Deputy Program Director for a new Registration and Licensing system at VicRoads. Liz has over 30 years of disability experience, starting in 1980 when she was working in the rehabilitation field and was introduced to Wheelchair Basketball. During Liz's time in rehabilitation she was instrumental in getting people involved in sport and recreation opportunities. Liz is currently a Director of Volleyball Victoria Inc. She is an International Volleyball Referee and involved in referee education and development in Victoria.



Cornelis Van Eldik, B Ed, Grad Dip IT

Cornelis is a retired teacher of Advanced Mathematics and Science from Brisbane's largest high school. Cornelis has over 30 years of disability experience beginning as a Board Member of Sporting Wheelies and Disabled Association. He was a founding director of CPASRF in 1989. He has been a team manager to two Paralympics; to the FESPIC games; and to three World CP games. Cornelis represents CPASRF at Cerebral Palsy International Sports and Recreation Association (CPISRA) meetings, and was an Executive Committee member from 1997 to 2004. He volunteers as the Director of Services for CPASRF.

2012 SPORTS COMMITTEES

WNWBL and NWBL Combined Executive

- ◆ NWBL Representative (League Commissioner) Greg Love
- ◆ WNWBL Representative (WSA Director) Jane Spring
- ◆ AAWD Executive Officer Gillian Ting
- ◆ Basketball Australia General Manager Lorraine Landon
- ◆ Executive Member Matthew Wells
- ◆ Executive Member Marilyn Groenewegen
- ◆ AAWD Chair Esme Bowen

WNWBL League Advisory Committee

- ◆ WNWBL Executive:
 - League Commissioner* Greg Love
 - WSA Director* Jane Spring
 - Basketball Australia General Manager* Lorraine Landon
 - AAWD Executive Officer* Gillian Ting
- ◆ Team representatives:
 - Sydney University Flames* Sarah Stewart
 - Stacks Goudkamp Bears* Lisa Edmonds
 - Victoria Dandenong Rangers* Leigh Gooding
 - The Be Active Western Stars* Joel Mackenzie
 - MineCraft Comets* Amy Nicol

NWBL Executive

- ◆ League Commissioner Greg Love
- ◆ Executive Member Matt Wells
- ◆ Executive Member Marilyn Groenewegen
- ◆ Ex. Officio (AAWD Executive Officer) Gillian Ting
- ◆ Ex. Officio (Classification) Don Perriman
- ◆ Guest (AAWD Chair) Esme Bowen

NWBL Main Council

- ◆ NWBL Executive:
 - League Commissioner* Greg Love
 - AAWD Chair* Esme Bowen
 - Basketball Australia General Manager* Lorraine Landon
 - AAWD Executive Officer* Gillian Ting
 - Executive Member* Matthew Wells
 - Executive Member* Marilyn Groenewegen
 - Ex. Officio (Classification)* Don Perriman
- ◆ Team representatives:
 - Sydney University WheelKings* Gerry Hewson
 - Wollongong Roller Hawks* Pablo Jimenez
 - Victoria Dandenong Rangers* Leigh Gooding
 - The Be Active Perth Wheelcats* Joel Mackenzie
 - Adelaide Thunder* Darryl Buchanan/Jacob Gracey
 - RSL Queensland Spinning Bullets* Amy Nicol

NWRL Executive

- ◆ League Commissioner Darryl Wingard
- ◆ WSA Director Wayne Robins
- ◆ AAWD Executive Officer Gillian Ting
- ◆ Ex. Officio (Head Official) Terry Vinyard

Lawn Bowls Committee

- ◆ AAWD Chair Esme Bowen
- ◆ AAWD Executive Officer Gillian Ting
- ◆ Wheelchair Sports SA David Bailey
- ◆ Disability Sport and Recreation (VIC) Freya Mellor-Prior
- ◆ Sporting Wheelies & Disabled Assoc (QLD) Bernie Wolland
- ◆ Wheelchair Sports NSW William Tan
- ◆ Disabled Sports Association NT Jan Palazzi (Head Coach)
- ◆ ParaQuad Tasmania Kevin Faulkner

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