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AWPI will be recognised and accepted as a successful major sporting organisation both in Australia and internationally through its astute and planned management, the performance of international teams and the presentation of water polo at all levels.

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Affiliation

Australian Water Polo Inc is affiliated to Swimming Australia Ltd.

The purpose of this Annual Report is to report to our stake-holders — Members, Federal Government, State Governments, Australian Sports Commission, Australian Institute of Sport, Australian Olympic Committee, State Institutes of Sport and Academies, Sponsors and the Water Polo Community — our year's achievements as we strive to promote water polo at all levels.

COVERS: Front: Australian women's captain Mel Rippon holds aloft the FINA World Cup won in Tianjin, China. Back: The FINA World Championships silver-medal-winning women.



Office Bearers 2006-07

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Youth Girls

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A Message from the Australian Sports Commission

The Australian Government is a strong supporter of Australian sport. The Australian Sports Commission is the government body that develops, supports and invests in sport at all levels in Australia.

The Commission funds and works closely with a range of national sporting organisations, State and local governments, schools and community bodies to ensure sport is well run and accessible so that everyone can participate and enjoy the benefits. The Commission upholds the integrity of sport through many innovative programs to promote ethical sporting practices and sport free of performance-enhancing drugs.

In 2006-07, the Australian Government, through the Commission, supported Australian Water Polo through funding of more than \$2 million for the development of the sport and its continued enhancement and support at the grass-root and elite levels, including through the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) Water Polo Program.

The Australian women's water polo squad also received an additional \$234,000 through the Australian Government Sports Training Grant Scheme. This grants scheme, which is targeted at achieving outcomes at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, provides direct financial support to medal-potential athletes.

The Commission also welcomed the independent review that was conducted into the Men's Water Polo High Performance Program. The review highlighted a number of key issues impacting upon the delivery of the men's high performance program and has provided Australian Water Polo Inc with a number

of key recommendations to further strengthen and develop men's water polo in Australia.

This year Australia played host to the 12th FINA World Championships. These championships provided both the Australian men's and women's water polo teams with the opportunity to take on the best teams from around the world in front of a parochial home crowd. The highlight of the championships was the silver medal won by the women's team in a rematch of the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games gold-medal game against the United States.

Another highlight of the year was the announcement of the women's water polo team as the 2006 AIS Team of the Year. The women's team is the first multiple winner of this team award in the 25-year history of the AIS. In addition to this team award, the women's national team coach and AIS Head Coach, Greg McFadden, was named the 2006 AIS Coach of the Year.

These awards are further acknowledgment of the continued success of the Australian women's water polo team and the successful partnership with the AIS and its integral role in the preparations of the team for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

As we enter the final stages of the preparations for Beijing, the Australian Sports Commission looks forward to maintaining its strong partnership with Australian Water Polo.

Mark A Peters
Chief Executive Officer



► President's Report



The undoubted highlight of the year was the XII FINA World Championships held in Melbourne during March. This proved to be a great opportunity to showcase our sport to the broader community and I congratulate all who played a role in the staging of these championships.

Close behind the FINA World Championships was the incredible success of our women's team in winning the FINA World Cup for a third time last August in Tianjin, China. This led to the team being named the AIS Team of the Year and coach Greg McFadden, the AIS Coach of the Year.

The year presented many challenges culminating in the Board of Australian Water Polo Inc contracting a consultant to review the men's high performance program. The report addressed many areas in the program and touched on other key issues, all of which have been dealt with by the Board and staff during the year. These include the men's high performance program, participation at the 16 and under national championships, the National Water Polo League, development pathways, future AIS programs, governance and facilities.

The national women's team played a wonderful series at the FINA World Championships, finishing with a silver medal and plenty of praise for all those involved. My congratulations and thanks go to coach Greg McFadden and his coaching team, and to the athletes who played so well. They were true ambassadors for our sport, with on-air television interviews, appearances in magazines and newspapers across the country. In addition, the women's team while overseas at tournaments and training camps represented Australia with their best endeavours. Thank you, and well done.

Although the men's team was placed 10th at the FINA World Championships, it played some outstanding water polo including a single-goal loss to the ultimate gold medallist Croatia. Coach David

Neesham stepped down after the championships with John Fox taking up the reins as coach. I would like to acknowledge and thank David for his contribution to the men's program and for the development of the players. Also thanks to his support staff for its significant contribution. John Fox moved into the dual role of senior coach and men's junior coach preparing the teams for the World League and FINA World Junior Championships respectively. The players all contributed and played some outstanding water polo at times. Many personal sacrifices were made by the players for which I thank them.

I would like to thank all the volunteer coaches who have assisted Australian Water Polo, either at senior level or in the junior ranks. Your contribution has a significant impact on the development of our players and the standing of Australian Water Polo internationally.

Although maligned on occasions, the referees in Australia play such an important role in our sport, and their participation is vital. Every one of these referees is a volunteer, many sacrificing much time to assist in the conduct of water polo around the country. Thank you. A plea to retired players, if you want to continue your involvement in the sport, please consider refereeing. Our appreciation goes to the Referees' Commission, (Chairman Phil Scales), for its ongoing role in supporting the referees.

The Australian Government through the Australian Sports Commission is the principal sponsor of Australian Water Polo. Its assistance is not only financial but includes access to the expertise within the ASC and other sources for our staff and personnel. Our thanks go to Mark Peters, Chief Executive Officer, and his team. The Australian Institute of Sport provides wonderful support for the women's program and Greg McFadden for which we are grateful to Dr Peter Fricker and his staff. In partnership with the State Institutes, our elite players have an opportunity to train, grow and develop in their home States and AWPI acknowledges the support of the State institutes and coaches.

We have many other major sponsors including Qantas, Stanwell Corporation Limited, Turbo, Mikasa Sports and joining us for the first time this year, Moves Travel. Our thanks are extended to those companies for their ongoing contribution to water polo.

One of the showcards of Australian Water Polo is the National League. The 2007 season was a challenge for all concerned with the season played in three sectors to accommodate the FINA World



World Cup champions... Back row (from left): Bronwen Knox, Alicia McCormack, Gemma Beadsworth, Bec Rippon, Suzie Fraser, Fiona Hammond, Nicole Dyson. Front row, Kate Gynther, Emma Knox, Mia Santoromito, Mel Rippon (Captain), Taniele Gofers, Patrice O'Neill.

Championships and associated lead-up training.

Congratulations to KFC Breakers and Fremantle Marlins in winning the men's and women's competitions respectively. The NWPL is now under the guidance of the NWPL Commission and I would like to thank Chairman Russell Small and the Commissioners for their contribution during the season. The final night function was a great success.

At the Annual Conference held in Sydney on December 3, 2006, David Martin of South Australia was elected to the Board with Rob Gronow retiring. I would like to acknowledge Rob's contribution to the Board and to the 2007 FINA World Championships. Without Rob's efforts, our involvement in the event would not have been so satisfying.

The Board is committed to making your participation in water polo as rewarding as it can be and is constantly reviewing its own performance. A new website was launched late in 2006, giving a much more dynamic view of water polo and providing easy access to information and we will take further steps to increase the communication between our stakeholders and AWPI.

During the latter part of this financial year, our Secretary General, John Whitehouse, suffered a medical setback which saw him out of action for four months, while for some of this time, Glen Ransley, Finance Manager, was also laid up through illness. Both have made a full recovery and we wish them good health in the future. At the same time, the Board appreciates your understanding during this difficult time.

David Marks has resumed the role of High Performance Manager for both the men's and women's programs and his contribution in this area is acknowledged.

To the balance of the national staff, including Scott Schweickle, Peter Hobday, Julia Annells and Denis Kerslake, well done and thank you.

Obviously, our minds now turn to the 2008 Olympic Games. We wish our teams success moving towards these goals, and I conclude in thanking all those who contributed to this year in the sport of water polo.

Peter Kerr
President



► Secretary General's Report



Governance and Management

The Board met on 10 occasions during the period of review.

Directors	Present	Leave with Approval
Peter Kerr	10	
Leanne Barnes	9	1
John Birch	8	2
Rob Gronow	3	
Tom Hoad	4	6
David Martin	6	1
Chris Mackay	3	7
Nathan Thomas	10	
Russell Small	5	4
Officers		
John Whitehouse	6	4
David Marks	7	1
Peter Hobday	10	

- Please note, David Martin was elected at the Annual General Meeting, December 3, 2006 replacing Rob Gronow.
- Please note, Russell Small was appointed following the Half Yearly Conference and was eligible to attend nine (9) meetings.

The addition to the Board of a National Water Polo League's Director represented the final phase of the Memorandum of Understanding between the National League clubs and Australian Water Polo Inc and representation clearly reflects the importance and significance of the National Water Polo League as the elite domestic competition within Australia.

The comprehensive review of the national men's program by Mr Ken Norris, Principal, Podium Performance, addressed many areas of the organisation, including governance and management, administrative structure, competition and development and, of course, the national men's program.

The Board strategically and systematically addressed the report and recommendations and has implemented a process of review to assess progress

against same.

The reporting procedures relating to the annual accounts were changed in 2005-2006 to reflect the focus areas identified in the Strategic and Operational Plans and while it was difficult to reflect completely accurate comparative figures last year, this will not be so on this occasion.

Administration

It has been a difficult year for the National Office with the forced and extended absences through illness of Glen Ransley, the Finance Manager, and myself, creating a considerable strain on already "stretched" personnel and Peter Hobday who assumed the role of Acting Secretary General, Glen Ransley, Finance Manager, Denis Kerlake, Finance Assistant, and Julia Annells, Administrative Assistant, are to be complimented on the work done.

Also during this period David Marks assumed the role of High Performance Manager for both the national men's and women's programs.

Competition

International

The FINA World Championships held in Melbourne, Australia in March 2007 was undoubtedly the highlight, bringing together a total of 32 men's and women's teams.

The performance of the national women's team in narrowly going down to the United States in the final, while disappointing, gave great encouragement looking towards the 2008 Olympic Games as did the performance of this group at the Super Final of the FINA Women's World League held in Montreal, Canada in June 2007.

The national men's team's 10th placing at the FINA World Championships was disappointing, mindful of the closeness of its encounter with Croatia, the eventual winner, and Italy's last-gasp win, which eliminated the team from the top eight.

Both our national junior teams toured Europe during 2006 with quite outstanding success; the performance of these teams will certainly provide a springboard for the participation of these teams in the respective FINA Junior World Championships in 2007.

Our national youth team also toured Europe and again this trip was most successful; the national girls' team participated in a training camp and international tournament held in Vancouver, Canada.

Domestic

National League

The National League in 2006-2007 saw 23 teams (11 men's and 12 women's) participate in what was a somewhat disrupted NWPL season that was spe-



The 18 and under national club championships in Brisbane in June 2007.

cifically constructed around the preparation of the respective national men's and women's teams for the FINA World Championships 2007; the co-operation and support of the National League clubs is to be commended by making the national interests a priority in this regard.

The Final Series was held at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre for the first time in a number of years and proved to be an excellent venue.

Congratulations to the winner, KFC Breakers in the men's competition and its inaugural victory in this event and again to the Fremantle Marlins in the women's competition.

National Championships

Congratulations to the teams for winning the following:

14 & Under Boys (Club)	Melville (WA)
14 & Under Girls (Club)	Cronulla Blue (NSW)
16 & Under Boys	New South Wales
16 & Under Girls	New South Wales
18 & Under Boys (Club)	Hunter (NSW)
18 & Under Girls (Club)	Cronulla (NSW)
20 & Under Boys	New South Wales
20 & Under Girls	New South Wales
Country Men	New South Wales (1)
Country Women	New South Wales

(1) New South Wales was the first-ranked Australian team

Programs

AIS Women's Program

The success of this program clearly is reflected in the results of our national women's team as both are integrally entwined.

Scholarships have continued to be reviewed at six-monthly intervals or less, which clearly has had a very positive effect on the athletes and performance; the program has again been very ably managed by Greg McFadden.

National Training Centres and Elite Development Centres

The sport has continued to operate six National Training Centres and Elite Development Centres with the support of the State Institutes and Academies of Sport.

The management and relationship is co-ordinated effectively through Joint Management Committees (JMCs) comprising representatives from the Institute/Academy, State Associations and National Association, the programs being essential.

The work of the respective coaches is acknowledged, namely: Simon Daley/Aleksandr Osadchuk (QAS), Les Kay/Mark Hubbard/Ryan Moar (NSWIS), Scott Schweickle (ACT), Greig Richardson/Peter Smith (VIC), Eddie Denis (SASI) and Andrei Kovalenko and Simone Hankin/Peter Szilagyi (WAIS).

High Performance Program

The management and control of both High Performance Programs were re-established under the responsibility of David Marks, the High Performance Manager.

The initiate by the Australian Sports Commission to institute a two-tiered Beijing Athlete Program (BAP) process occurred for the first time with the introduction of Operational Strategic BAP Management Committees.

Participation Program

Updated syllabuses for the NCAS coaching courses and a new resource for secondary schools were just some materials prepared by Scott Schweickle, the National Development Manager; Scott relocated to Canberra, Australian Capital Territory, during the course of the year to also take on the role of Head Coach of the Elite Development Centre in Canberra.

Partners in Water Polo

Australian Sports Commission

The Australian Sports Commission continues to be the principal sponsor of water polo, allocating \$1,655,000 towards the sport's high performance programs and \$61,000 for water polo's participation programs.

The national women's program received additional support of \$115,640 to assist in its preparation for the FINA World Championships 2007.

The national women's squad was also a recipient of \$234,000 under the Australian Government Sports Training Grant (AGSTG).

It is also appropriate to acknowledge here the assistance and support of our Sports Consultant at the Australian Sports Commission, Bryan Wilson, who has



always made "his door open" to us, something that has been greatly appreciated by both the Board and officers of the Association.

Australian Institute of Sport

The support of the Australian Institute of Sport cannot be over stated in its backing of the AIS women's decentralised program.

The AIS has continually supported the program and made every attempt to provide additional resources available whenever requested, which has been greatly appreciated by all concerned. The support has been very well "repaid" in terms of the performance of the national women's team.

Sports Institutes and State Academies of Sport

The sport has a very good relationship with its partners, the respective Institutes and Academies of Sport (SIS/SAS) and is indeed grateful of the continuing support that they provide in assisting to deliver the national training centre and elite development centre programs. Without their support this would not be possible.

Joint Management Committee agreements form the cornerstone of the relationship between the national organisation and the SIS/SAS network.

Stanwell Corporation

The relationship with the Stanwell Corporation is now entering its fifth year and our national women's team has been great beneficiaries of the support that Stanwell has provided during this period.

The increased opportunities that have resulted from Stanwell's support have clearly been a positive influence on the national women's program and Stanwell's recent advice that it will continue its involvement through to 2009 was tremendous news.

Qantas, Our Official Carrier

The Association's continuing relationship with Qantas is now entering its 26th year, a relationship that has proved to be mutually beneficial.

Moves Travel Group

The appointment of a travel manager was a first for the organisation in January 2007 and hopefully will expand to incorporate further activities and reduce the workload of the national office.

The appointment will be reviewed before the expiration of the initial term in order to gauge its benefit to the Association.

Turbo

The exclusive relationship between Turbo (Crotton, SA) and Australian Water Polo has delivered in excess of \$45,000 in product to our national men's, women's, junior men's and junior women's teams



Pietro Figlioli scoring one of his four goals against eventual champion Croatia at the FINA World Championships in Melbourne.

during the course of the year by way of its outfitting with gear.

The Association is now commencing to drive additional income from it being the sole agent for all Turbo products in Australia and New Zealand.

Mikasa

Mikasa Sports Australia, through its principal Neil Cocks, continues to support water polo at both the national and State levels.

The preferred water polo ball status is the hallmark of this continuing relationship, which commenced initially in 2002.

Acknowledgements

Without the support of staff and volunteers the operations of the Association would clearly suffer and, accordingly in closing, it is appropriate to acknowledge same.

The Operations Manager, Peter Hobday, who assumed numerous roles and responsibilities in addition to his own many varied and onerous roles in my absence including that of Acting Secretary General, and handled all with great aplomb — both well done and thank you.

To the High Performance Manager, David Marks,



for his acceptance to take charge of the responsibilities of both high performance programs once again, thank you.

The National Development Manager, Scott Schweickle, who relocated to Canberra (ACT) during this period, has continued to produce many development and educational resources; the National Media Manager, Russell McKinnon, for his continued reporting of our sport and the production of the quarterly National Water Polo News.

To all national coaches and respective team managers, thank you for all that you have done to support and assist our athletes both domestically and on the international stage.

I would also like to thank Peter Kerr, the President, and the Board for their work throughout what has been a most difficult and at times arduous year in terms of the issues that were required to be addressed; in addition its understanding and patience during my extended absence was personally much appreciated.

Finally to all the staff, Glen Ransley, Julia Anmells and Denis Kerlake at the National Office, thank you for all your countless hours of work and support during this quite unusual year.

John Whitehouse
Secretary General

► High Performance Report



Current Situation — High Performance Plan Summary

The current High Performance Program for men is a decentralised National Training Centre-based program with centres in Brisbane, Perth and Sydney supported by the SIS/SAS network and Elite Development Centres in Adelaide and Canberra (limited program) supported by the SIS/SAS network and a centre in Melbourne. The athletes attending the centres in Brisbane, Perth and Sydney are generally national senior or junior squad members.

New South Wales Institute of Sport, together with New South Wales Water Polo Inc and Australian Water Polo Inc, continues to run the trial pilot program of a youth development group for male athletes in the 16-18 years old age group. This program commenced in 2006 and is proving to be most effective. Should this program prove to be successful it is envisaged that similar programs will be trialed in other centres.

A number of men's national team athletes play in professional leagues overseas.

The responsibility to continue to assist in the implementation and management of the documented AWPI High Performance Plan as it applies to the men's national team programs (men's, junior and youth) was restored to this position in April 2007.

The women's high performance program is again a decentralised National Training Centre and Elite Development Centre-based program, utilising the same centres as the men's program. However, the AIS involvement is as a camps-based program, which permits the national squad to train together under ideal circumstances. The athletes attending the centres in Brisbane, Perth and Sydney are again generally national senior or junior squad members.

A number of female athletes have in the past played professionally overseas.

The NTCs are supported by underpinning programs by member associations.

Water polo continues to achieve remarkable success in international junior and senior competition. The high performance program has created a depth of talent indicated by international results.

Future Directions and Opportunities

The following highlights Australian Water Polo Inc's forward high performance direction:

It is proposed to continue to fund for the period 2005-2009 the NTCs in Brisbane, Perth and Sydney financed by funds from the HP budget. Although the centres in the other States are developmental centres and in the past have been funded from sources other than the HP budget, for the coming period these centres will also be funded from the HP budget.

It is proposed to continue the AIS camps-based women's program.

As previously indicated a trial (youth development group) is being successfully conducted with



the expectation that this format will be implemented in other centres.

Impacts and Challenges

- There is concern about being able to retain senior athletes in the program post 2006/07.
- Being able to provide access to coaching programs for all national squad athletes.
- Continuing uncertainty regarding ability to have a men's program reinstated to the AIS.
- A need to create an acceptable coaching infrastructure for sub-elite coaches.
- Developing referees to world standard.

While AWPI has an excellent working relationship with our SIS/SAS partners and, in fact, has entered into agreements with our partners in accordance with a template developed in conjunction with the National Elite Sporting Council and our sport, it is pleasing to note that discussions are being conducted with the Victorian Institute of Sport with the anticipation that some water polo athletes might be included in its programs in the near future.

Key Changes

- Alteration of existing NTC Program.
- Creation of Development Elite Program.
- Strengthen National Leagues.



Suzie Fraser passes during the clash with Russia at the FINA World Championships in Melbourne.

Acknowledgements

On behalf of AWPI, I take this opportunity to sincerely thank AWPI's sponsors, national senior, junior and youth coaches, assistant coaches (where applicable), managers, support staff, AIS coaches and support staff and the National Training Centre coaches and the SIS/SAS network for their dedication to their various tasks.

David Marks

High Performance Manager

► Operations Report



Matters addressed by the Operations Manager during the year, July 2006 to June 2007, include:

Executive Officers' Meetings

These meetings, held on the day prior to the Annual Conference, have become a firm fixture on the AWPI calendar. A range of national strategies is discussed and the outcomes presented to the Annual Conference. It is pleasing to see the State association executive officers exchanging information so freely and I thank them for their cooperation.

Insurance

In conjunction with Enrizen Insurance Solutions, the policies held by AWPI on behalf of the members have been reviewed and enhanced to the benefit of members. All details of the policies and claim forms are held on the AWPI website.

Insurance cover for its members, clubs and associations includes:

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



National Championships

A full cycle of championships was completed during this reporting period. Adelaide, South Australia, hosted the 16 and under championships at both Adelaide Aquatic Centre and St Peter's College, which saw New South Wales defeat Queensland in the boys' and New South Wales defeat Western Australia in the girls' gold-medal games.

The 20 and under men's and women's championships were conducted in Perth, Western Australia, at Challenge Stadium where both titles were won by New South Wales.

Queensland Water Polo Inc hosted the 14 and under club championships with 31 teams competing. Melville won the boys' championship and Cronulla was successful in the girls' championship.

The final national event for the year was the 18 and under club championships played at the Hobart Aquatic Centre in Hobart. Cronulla won the girls' title while Hunter Hurricanes won gold in the boys' section.

A masters championship was held in conjunction with the Pan Pacific Masters Games in November 2006 at the Gold Coast where more than 90 competitors took part in a warmly received event played over three age groups.

The staff and volunteers of the State associations work very hard in organising these championships and undertaking various roles during the championships for which we thank you.

Volunteer "technical coordinators" who organise referees and other officials make these events work and we appreciate their efforts. The referees who give their time to officiate at these championships are an integral part of the water polo community. Thank you.

Governance, Policies and Procedures

The second operational plan was developed based upon the four-year Strategic Plan. Policies and procedures were reviewed and monitored to maintain accountability to the members of AWPI.

Website

A new website was launched with the assistance of Toby Jenkins of BlueWire Media. Not only does the website add a new image to AWPI but it also adds a new resource with much of the information required by players, clubs and associations now freely available and accessible via the website.

Acknowledgements

My thanks to John Whitehouse, Glen Ransley,

Julia Annells, Scott Schweickle, David Marks, Russell McKinnon for their assistance. Lastly, thank you, the members, for your support, and encouragement.

Peter Hobday
Operations Manager

► Development Report



The development of any sport is important and Australian Water Polo (AWPI) understands the requirement to have suitable development programs in place supporting its ongoing and future structure. Without the funding of the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) we would not be able to provide many basic services and for this I would like to thank the ASC for their support, input and guidance during the past 12 months.

In past years in my capacity as the part-time National Development Manager the biggest challenges faced are those of change management and communication flow from States to their member clubs and from clubs to their registered members regarding the area of sports development.

This issue of communication has been addressed in some capacity with the re-design of the AWPI website. But the yearly change of volunteer State association or club committees where no succession planning is in place for new member boards/committees is an area of some concern for the delivery of communication. The development page of the AWPI website, albeit still in its infancy, has many current sections that are available for members as to what is happening in development. Some of these are:

- A current accredited coaching list where coaches can look up to see whether or not they are accredited.
- Coach Education Page – which contains information about the NCAS Accreditation system for coaches.



- Coaching Forms Page – includes forms for download covering;

1. Recognition of Prior Learning Application Form (RPL) is the acknowledgment of skills and knowledge held as a result of formal training, work experience and/or life experience. AWPI encourages all participants to apply for RPL in its coaching courses. RPL is granted upon approval of the National Development Manager, deeming that the form and evidence supplied satisfactorily meets the criteria.

2. Elapsed Accreditation Update Form (EAF) is the form used by coaches who have let their accreditation lapse for not more than 12 months. This is usually due to a change in address where the coach has not notified the ASC of their relocation. Therefore the renewal which is sent by the ASC goes to their old address.

3. AWPI Membership Protection Declaration Form is a requirement of any coach who does not have appropriate child legislation in their State and must be completed as an adjunct to the above forms.

4. AWPI Coach Code of Behaviour is a legal document and forms part of the AWPI Membership Protection Policy. All new and renewing coaches must sign the Coach Code of Behaviour.

5. Coach Resources Page – which contains free downloads for coaching. These are just some of the resources that can be found on the Development Webpage.

Junior Development

Significant inroads have been made in the area of junior development. For the first time we now have in place a National Junior Development Policy.

The purpose of the AWPI's junior sport policy is to assist in the provision of quality water polo experiences for young people. It will encourage the provision of safe, enjoyable and accountable environments for everyone involved in junior water polo. The policy covers players from nine years to 18 years of age.

National guidelines have been developed for the following core areas: long-term involvement; getting young people involved; physical growth and maturation; water polo development pathways; forming links; quality coaching and officiating for junior water polo players; making water polo safe.

Club Development

A club administration package on CD has been



Kate Gynther, voted to the All Star team at the FINA World Championships in March.

developed and is available to all clubs. Contents include club committees, creating a club, club planning, club financial management, managing meetings, marketing and fundraising, membership protection, legal issues, event management, volunteers, training.

Coach/Officiating Education

NCAS Level 1

Courses have been conducted in most States with the level 1 course being conducted with uniform coach education resources provided to all State associations.

NCAS Level 2

The NCAS Level 2 course had been under construction due to the lack of current material that was available and it has taken some time to combine these resources into a workable format. I am pleased to report that the NCAS Level 2 Coaching Course was conducted in Queensland, being the first State to stage the new coaching course. Seventeen current Level 1 coaches completed a three-day theory course in June 2007 and are currently undertaking the practical component.

Accreditation

Accreditation still seems to be a major issue with many coaches either coaching teams without any formal training or just letting their current accreditation lapse. This creates a major risk issue to AWPI, State bodies, clubs and coaches themselves. Some States have been very proactive in this area. A list of current qualified coaches is available on the AWPI website to check and see whether coaches in your State are currently accredited.



Coach Education/Development Structure Review

It was identified that AWPI had not undertaken a review of coach education and development since 1991 and that the athlete development pathway had changed significantly. In 2005 a review was commenced and was segmented into three stages being as a matter of urgency.

The coaching education and development plan forms stage three of this review and addresses the following core areas:

- Accreditation structure
- Coach education
- Coach development
- Administration
- Quality control
- Quadrennial plan

Further information regarding the review will be released in due course.

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Scott Schweickle

National Development Manager

► Media Report



The women's successes of the past year proved excellent for our media exposure while the FINA World Championships gave us optimum coverage.

The senior women returned from China with the FINA World Cup crown in August, gaining massive exposure and linking the team with the women's national basketball and hockey teams in frequent stories.

The FINA World Championships in Melbourne in March saw water polo reach new heights with all sorts of media wanting to get involved. There was a long lead-in period of news stories, which proved invaluable.

FINA World Championships

There was a multitude of media requests before and during the World Championships, tying up a lot of time. It proved worthwhile as the Australian media made the most of my services, making for more accurate reporting during the event. Sitting with the journalists through all 96 games was invaluable, leaving a legacy of reporters with a greater knowledge of the game. ABC Radio, in particular, carried a lot of water polo, while Television posted a modest share of games. The large press clippings board at the water polo venue showed what was appearing in local and national papers, which was most satisfying.

Elite Sports Properties

Communications firm, Elite Sports Properties, was engaged to aggressively market the World Championships with stories in various publications, which proved profitable in the lead-up to the event. James Ward acted as the teams' media liaison and thanks to him for his fine efforts.

National Water Polo News

Once again it continues to cover every AWPI event and is a valuable historical tool as well as a means of showcasing what AWPI is doing. Please use this publicity tool to get the message across to sponsors and water polo friends alike. Thanks to those people who have supplied photographs from various championships.

Website

The AWPI website took on a new look late last year, thanks to Toby Jenkins of Bluewire Media. There have been many compliments as people get used to negotiating the site. With monitoring we can now track where the viewers are from and the number of hits.

Media Releases

These continue to be the main arm of getting the news out there as timely as possible. AAP send out the major paragraphs while every other outlet gains the full release electronically. Follow-up phone calls during the year, especially ensured that we were pushing the message and assisting journalists on a



UWA Torpedoes' Stefan Vahalla faces this penalty shot in an NWPL match in Perth.

frequent basis.

Press Clippings

These were abundant again. The World Championships dominated, obviously, along with the World Cup win. It shows that many of the major papers use brief sentences on the national teams; results appear in results columns; water polo gets mentioned many times in non-water polo stories; smaller water polo centres get better coverage on youth players than bigger metropolitan areas and some centres have a better rapport with their papers than others. National League results appear but we need to find more good stories that attract media to use snippet stories.

Electronic Media

This reached the pinnacle with the FINA World Championships. Jo Fox and Simon Asher were guest commentators for the television coverage of water polo. Thanks to their astute insights to the games. I was lucky enough to be a guest commentator on Radio Grandstand in the second week on the Australian matches. Sadly, the exciting endings of some games were chopped because of the 10pm news but there were many emails commenting on the coverage.

National League

Daily media releases when games were played kept the media abreast of the competition. The NWPL website was integrated with the AWPL site keeping everything under one umbrella. It was updated daily with all the results and details, which was not easy over such a long season with so many games. Thanks

to all those managers who made the scoresheets available to us as quickly as possible. The website had a huge number of hits on the various pages.

National Championships

There continues to be full coverage of all national competitions with every goal-scorer being included with many papers carrying full results at times. Peter Hobday's assistance is most helpful. Results are sent out mid-afternoon each day in the hope they make the early editions of the papers. I would ask people to contact their local papers before the event starts to see whether they will be carrying the results during these events. Persistence achieves results.

FINA Press Commission

In the past year, as a member of the FINA Press Commission, I attended the women's FINA World Cup in Tianjin, China and the FINA World Championships in Melbourne.

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Russell McKinnon

National Media Manager

► National League Report



Due to the staging of the FINA World Championships in Melbourne during March 2007, the NWPL season was broken into three segments. This enabled the league to provide a springboard for the national



NWPL women's champions Fremantle Marlins.



NWPL men's champions KFC Breakers.

team players into the international arena with the best possible preparation.

Played during November/December, January and April/May, the league tested the resources of the clubs in accessing pool time and volunteers. Thanks to the clubs for their cooperation in making this happen.

The 2007 National Water Polo League season, the 18th, showcased a total of 23 teams, 11 men and 12 women, playing in 269 games at 18 venues in five States.

A major step in the development of the league was completed with the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the league clubs and AWPL and the establishment of the National Water Polo League Commission with representation on the Board of AWPL.

2007 NWPL Awards

Champion men's club:

KFC Queensland Breakers

Champion women's club:

Fremantle Marlins

Southern Cross Trophy men:

Wests waterpolo Magpies

Southern Cross Trophy women:

Fremantle Marlins

Charles Turner Medal (MVP men season):

Gavin Woods (Balmain Tigers)

Debbie Watson Medal (MVP women season):

Taryn Woods (Balmain Tigers)

Tom Hoad Medal (MVP men, finals series):

Anthony Martin (KFC QLD Breakers)

MVP women, finals series:

Katie Finucane (Fremantle Marlins)

John Whitehouse Medal (final series referees):

Daniel Bartels, Andrew Carney, Danny Flahive, Noel Harrod, Michael Hart, Nick Hodgers, Nicola Johnson, Nick Schilling

All Star team, men:

James Stanton (Fremantle Mariners)

Richard Campbell (Wests Magpies)

Aaron Feltham (Victorian Tigers)

Rhys Howden (Brisbane Barracudas)

Craig Miller (Cronulla Sharks)

Phil Reid (Hunter Hurricanes)

Gavin Woods (Balmain Tigers)

All Star team, women:

Lea Barta (UNSW Killer Whales)

Gemma Beadsworth (Fremantle Marlins)

Lisa Callahan (Adelaide Jets)

Nikita Cuffe (Sydney University Lions)

Mel Rippon (Brisbane Barracudas)

Jenna Santoromito (Cronulla Sharks)

Taryn Woods (Balmain Tigers)

Highest goal-scorer men:

Richard Campbell (Wests Magpies) 57

Highest goal-scorer women:

Nikita Cuffe (Sydney University Lions) 70



Season Highlights

- Fremantle Marlins won their third women's title in four years.
- KFC Queensland Breakers broke through for their first men's title.
- Fremantle Mariners won the men's Southern Cross Trophy for the fifth time.
- Trent Franklin played a record number of NWPL games — 300.
- Corporate Vehicle Management continued its association with the NWPL as the official vehicle hire organisation.
- Qantas continued its ongoing support for the NWPL.
- AWPI continued its valued support for the NWPL.
- Australian Sports Commission again contributed to the NWPL through the High Performance Program.
- The NWPL website was merged with the AWPI website with great results and response.

NWPL Management

At the 2006 annual NWPL club meeting, the "Agreement to Participate" as presented by AWPI was adopted, with some agreed amendments. All clubs have signed this agreement.

The NWPL Commission, chaired by Russell Small, undertook the management of the league. Other NWPL club-elected Commissioners were David Martin and Warren Hawtin, and the AWPI-nominated Commissioners were John Birch and Chris Harrison.

Sponsors and Supporters

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- Damir Stajduhar, referee appointments officer.
- David Neesham, national men's coach and Greg McFadden, national women's coach.

Peter Hobday

NWPL General Manager

► Senior Men's Report



The year commenced with a week-long camp in Sydney in early July against the United States of America, who had just finished three weeks of intensive training in Europe.

The hard, physical competition was just what the squad needed prior to embarking on its FINA World League campaign. We played two games and lost one by a goal and the second by two goals.

FINA World League

The team then proceeded to Yongzhou for the FINA World League preliminaries against China, Japan and France. We won all six games, sending us to the semifinals in Los Angeles. The stay was a very interesting experience and a worthwhile one.

Our stay in the USA was again interesting and the hospitality very good. We were able to get to various shopping centres and other sights and famous beaches (eg Newport Beach).



Aussie Shark Sam McGregor in action during the FINA World Championships.

We won all but our last game against the USA where we drew and eventually lost on penalties with the team continually improving.

From the USA we went to Greece where we trained by ourselves in Athens and then with Greece and the USA again in Chalkida. This was a great location with excellent accommodation and food. Our hotel was right on the coast and the town was touristy and on a canal linking the port to the ocean.

We returned to Athens for the Super Finals of the FINA World League where we continued to improve with good results against Spain, Greece and Serbia & Montenegro, a penalty win over the USA to get into the play-off for bronze where we lost to Greece by a goal.

Post-Season

The September-December period saw players return for a break to their clubs in Australia and overseas for pre-season training and competition. The Institute and Academy coaches in the men's program met in Adelaide in October and this led to a commitment to do an audit of our junior players to determine how we were placed in each area of the game (eg, there was an obvious lack of centre forwards in the 17-21 age group).

The involvement of various Institute and Academy coaches was progressively more integrated in the men's program.

Training Camps

In December, the squad, minus overseas players,

got together for a camp with Serbia, which was without its players competing in other countries. This was an excellent week and allowed a number of promising juniors to get experience training with the senior team. In two official matches we won one by a goal and lost the other by three.

At the end of January in Perth after the National Championships (junior men – 20 years & under), the national junior squad trained with Canada for four days and then the senior squad trained with Canada for another four days. Following that the senior squad trained with Hungarian club team Eger for another seven days. We proved too strong for both their teams and won all the training games.

At the end of February we returned to Sydney for a week of training with Montenegro. Again this was very good training although there was some difficulties with access to facilities as other demands on pools were at their peak. We won both official games.

I must thank Mark Hubbard and the NSWIS boys for their assistance during the camp.

As a final preparation for the FINA World Championships in Melbourne, we returned to Perth (now with all our overseas-based players) to train with Greece and Spain. Apart from training sessions, we played and lost by two goals to Spain and beat Greece twice by two goals and three goals respectively.



FINA World Championships.

The World Championships proved a mixed result. Our first game against the USA was full of expectation but the 9-3 result was our worst for the previous two years.

A review of the game highlighted a good game execution with many opportunities generated in field extra-man and counter-attack but our finishing in all cases was poor.

We then played Croatia and again we played well but initially executed our extra-man poorly with the team not following instructions. Once this was done we started to score in extra man and put in a very exciting performance, eventually losing by a goal.

We then beat South Africa comfortably and crossed to the second round against Italy. We controlled most of the game, again playing very well and led by three goals with five minutes to play. We lost two of our key defenders and a lack of game awareness by senior players allowed the Italians to get back into the game and draw to go into extra time, and we lost a closely fought contest by a goal.

The next game was against Romania, and the team again played very well to win comfortably. The final game for ninth and 10th place was against the USA and again a closely contested match saw the USA win by a goal.

The outcome expectation for the team set by AWPI was a top-eight finish and this was not achieved. Under these circumstances, AWPI exercised its option to terminate my contract.

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When I started I had a goal to move our men's program to a consistent top-four finish. This would always require structural change as well as coaching advancement.

I believe we had made some good progress and I look forward to seeing the team continue to improve its results into the future.

David Neesham
Head Coach

► Senior Women's Report



The 2006-07 year was a very busy but hugely successful period for the Australian women's water polo program. Within this period we competed in three major championships for gold and silver medals plus a fourth place.

World League

In July 2006 a touring squad consisting of 15 players competed in the World league rounds in Yongzhou, China. This tournament, which included New Zealand, China and China B, was also used as a selection process for the World League Super Finals and World Cup. Seven members of this squad would meet up with another eight players for the World League semifinals in California. We played each team twice and won all our games comfortably, however, injuries to Elysha O'Neill and Taniele Gofers put a dampener on the tour.

We then headed to California for the semifinals. After defeating New Zealand, China and Brazil we unfortunately let a three-goal, halftime lead slip against Canada, which turned out to be 12-12 tie at fulltime before losing in a penalty shoot out. This then meant we had to beat the USA to finish first but unfortunately we lost 12-11. However, we did not play Melissa Rippon in this game as she was just returning from a broken wrist and we did not want to risk her seeing that the World Cup in August was our main goal. This meant we qualified in third position from our group in the finals.

We went into the semifinals underdone in terms of game preparation with most of our players not playing any competitive games since the end of the National League.

While taking this team to China could have been an option it meant that they all then would have been away for seven weeks and having our major competition at the end of the tour I didn't think it was the best preparation for us. It also would not have



Taking a break during the FINA World Championships in Melbourne.

been allowed us to expose some other players to senior international tournament play.

After Los Angeles we headed to Montreal for a training camp with the Canadians before going to the Super Finals.

The World League Finals were held in Cosenza, Italy. We did not get to play against the other teams from our semifinal group as the results from those previous games carried. This meant to make the final we had to win every game against the European teams.

The first game was against Italy who won the European group. It was a very inspiring last quarters in which we came back from a three-goal deficit to level 8-8 but unfortunately we blew a couple of chances late in the quarter. We went on to win the penalty shoot-out.

Our second game saw us after a poor first quarter against Russia behind 4-2. However, we outscored them 10-4 in the next two quarters with some great counter-attacking play and went on to win 14-12.

This then meant we had to beat the Netherlands in our last game and hope that Italy lost to Canada for us to make the final as due to our tie in regulation time against Italy it meant we dropped one valuable point. We did beat the Netherlands 12-11 after a fairly

disappointing performance but unfortunately for us Italy knocked off Canada 6-3 thus knocking us out of the gold-medal game.

We then had to beat Canada for a place in the bronze-medal game and in a very physical encounter we won 6-5 in another patchy performance, in which we came back from a 1-3 deficit in the third quarter with four straight goals to take control of the match.

This put us into a rematch with Russia for the bronze medal but unfortunately too many missed opportunities allowed Russia to win convincingly 12-7 and stopped us from repeating our bronze-medal effort from Kirishi the previous year.

As half of the team had been away for four weeks with very little break from water polo, we decided to have a three-day break in Milan before heading to Tianjin, China for the World Cup.

FINA World Cup

After the World League finals we trimmed the squad from 15 to 13 and sent three women home while bringing Taniele Gofers back into the team after rehabilitation in Canberra from a dislocated finger and also Emma Knox who had not represented Australia since the 2004 Olympics.

We had three days of training with the Greeks prior to the World Cup in Tianjin, which proved very



valuable in defining players' roles and the team's defence.

Our group had been labelled the group of death as we had 2005 World Championships bronze medallist Canada, 2004 Olympic Champion Italy and 2005 World Champion Hungary while the other group had the 2005 World Championships silver medallist USA, Russia, a depleted Greek team and China.

Our game was against the Canadians who we had played at least 10 times in the last six months and we were confident if we played close to our ability we would have a comfortable result. After an even first quarter our counter-attack left the Canadians floundering and we went on to a comfortable 12-8 win.

We now were up against the Italians and as expected it was a very physical game. We started strongly for a 2-1 lead and held that one-goal margin at the end of every quarter to eventually win 7-5.

This put us in the situation where we could lose by one goal to Hungary and still qualify top of our group. A 4-1 opening quarter put us in a great position and we increased that lead to four goals by the end of the third period. A very controlled last quarter allowed us to win 9-6.

This then set us up for a semifinal berth with Russia and a chance of revenge from the Super Finals bronze-medal match. The game was very tight with neither team leading by more than one goal until we finally grabbed a two-goal advantage with 3:40 left in the game. We managed to control the rest of the game even though Russia scored with 22 seconds remaining for a 10-9 win.

So, through to the first major competition final since Sydney 2000 and a chance to repeat the World Cup wins 22 and 11 years prior. We took control of the match straight away against the Italians and went out to a 3-0 lead by the end of the first quarter. We increased this to 5-0 and then to 7-1 just one minute from halftime. Only a lucky goal with one second before halftime gave the Italians a sniff as we led 7-3. The third quarter saw us control the game and maintain a four-goal lead and then an early goal in the fourth put the game out of the Italians' reach. Only a late goal gave the score some respectability as the women held on for a well-deserved 10-7 win.

Throughout the tournament we improved with every game and our dominance of the final was a



Bec Rippon in Melbourne.

fantastic reward for the girls after a long tour and lots of hard work over the previous 18 months.

Pre-World Championships

From November until March we held and competed in the following camps and tournaments:

- November — Institute Challenge at AIS – Result QLD 1st, WA 2nd, NSW 3rd & Composite team 4th. This was followed with a six-day training camp where 26 players were selected from the Challenge.
- December — Exhibition games in USA against USA and Netherlands followed by the six-team Holiday Cup — third place.
- January — Four-day goalkeeper and centre forward and centre back camp in Perth.
- Twelve-day World Championships selection camp at AIS.
- February — Four-team Thetis Cup Athens — 2nd place, six-day training camp with Greece.
- Four-team Spanish Cup, Madrid — 3rd place, four-day Training Camp with Spain.
- March — Six-team Sydney International — 2nd place.

FINA World Championships

The pressure was on us to defend our No 1 ranking, which we earned at the World Cup in August.

We had a good lead-up to the tournament but unfortunately we got hit with injuries to Alicia McCormack, Rebecca Rippon, Sophie Smith, Jenna Santoromito and Patrice O'Neill. Fortunately for us Alicia and Rebecca overcame these to be selected in the final team.

Our first game was against Canada once again,



and the winner of this game was more than likely going to finish top of our group. However, the referees forgot the rules and the game was one of the heaviest of the World Championships. This suited the Canadians more than us and only eight exclusions were called during the game. Fortunately, we were able to come from behind four times and score the only goal of the last quarter to win 5-4. We had 30 shots to the Canadians' 17 but a very good performance by the Canadian goalie and our own nerves seemed to affect our ability to score.

The next game was against Puerto Rico and by the end of the first quarter we proved that nerves were no longer a factor as we raced to 7-0 and went on to a very comfortable 26-1 win. This was then backed up by another comfortable 11-3 win over Brazil to qualify us through to the quarter-finals.

This set up a replay of the 2006 World Cup final as our opponent was once again Italy in a high-pressured match. We started strongly again and were quickly ahead 3-1 by the end of the quarter. We then extended this to a 6-3 lead at halftime. A fantastic 4-1 third period put the game out of reach for the Italians and only two late goals gave the 12-8 score line some respectability for the Italians. This now set us up for an entertaining semi final with the Russians.

Russia scored first but a 4-0 run saw us take command of the game. We then started strongly in the second and increased the lead to 5-1 but for some unknown reason we then lost our confidence and didn't attack with the vigour we had been playing with in the first quarter and previous games. The Russians clawed their way back into the game and with 3:18 remaining in the third hit the lead at 7-6. This stung us into action and three quick goals saw us go into the last quarter 9-7 ahead. We quickly extended that to 10-7 and controlled the remainder of the game to win 12-9.

So to the gold-medal match. We started strongly but unfortunately could only convert one of our many chances to go ahead 1-0 at the end of the first. Once again strong defence dominated the second quarter and our missed opportunities were starting to make us pay and allowed the USA to level at 1-1. The third quarter saw the Americans score first but fortunately we would continually peg their lead back until with five seconds to go they scored to lead 5-4 at the three-quarter break. The last quarter we tried everything and finally drew level with four minutes to

go. A poor defensive error left a USA player free on two metres to score what turned out to be the winner with 1:25 left. Our first possession saw a turnover but in our last attack we forced two corners before a time-out play was called and with less than five seconds remaining a controversial turnover ruined any chance of us snatching a draw.

Even though we failed to win the tournament, we proved that we are one of the best teams in the world and that we are in a good position in the lead-up to Beijing. The team performed very well throughout the two weeks and there is still a lot of improvement within the squad while the depth of the squad is continually growing with a lot of players putting their hands up for Olympic selection.

2007 FINA World League

We decided to use this tournament as an opportunity to help prepare some of the juniors for the junior world championships while also giving some older players opportunities to press for Olympic squad selection.

We had to finish in the top two of the tournament in Tianjin to qualify for the World League Finals in Montreal. We achieved this comfortably with wins over China 11-6 and 9-5, New Zealand 14-6 and 16-8, Japan 19-2 and 13-1.

This was then followed by a selection camp for the World League Super Finals on the Gold Coast with the Australian juniors to help them in their preparation for the Junior World Championships in Portugal.

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- And, finally to the athletes who have showed a great commitment to the program and are now starting to reap the rewards of their hard work, which will ultimately lead us to Olympic GOLD in Beijing.

Greg McFadden
Head Coach

► Junior Men's Report



International Competition

A squad of 15 players was selected to embark on a five-week international tour. En-route to Europe,

the team was hosted by the Chinese senior men's squad in Beijing. This provided a great opportunity to assemble the squad and train together against quality opposition before our scheduled tournaments in Europe. Prior to this, the team had very little opportunity to train together because of the difficulties faced with the abolition of the AIS men's program and the problems that arose through a lack of suitable training venues and times.

Much of the preparation for the tour was completed through the SIS/SAS programs and the work of the respective coaches is formally acknowledged. In Beijing we were able to formulate specific game plans and tactics for the four scheduled European tournaments we were to compete in. It also enabled the coaching staff to speak with individuals to define specific roles and set tour goals.

Europe

The first tournament was in Sisak, Croatia. Australia managed to finish a creditable second in a tournament featuring many of the top-ranked nations in the world. A last-second victory against Serbia was almost attained, which would have secured the tournament trophy but unfortunately a probable penalty was not rewarded and we had to settle for a draw.

The result was a satisfactory one considering it was the first international outing for the team in the past 12 months.

The team then travelled to Sicily for three-way training with the Italian and Greek national teams in Siracusa, before competing in a six-nation tournament in Acireale. The draw of this tournament consisted of two groups and our results were such that we were only able to finish fourth after failing to qualify for the final. This was a disappointing result in light of our expectations after Sisak.

An individual highlight was the naming of Richie Campbell as tournament MVP.

In Trebisov, Slovakia, a six-nation tournament once again saw a two-group format.

We secured a third-place finish after missing out on the final on goal difference. Some players were beginning to show signs of fatigue after three tough weeks, however, it was made clear to the players beforehand that they would be enduring a solid five weeks with little rest. Some positive signs were shown nevertheless, with excellent results against the Germans, and a hard-fought draw with the



The junior men who competed in the Sydney men's tournament.

Hungarians. Unfortunately a poor showing against the Japanese in our first game, where we should have won by more than the resultant seven goals, meant that we had to beat Hungary to make the final. Team captain Johnno Cotterill was awarded tournament MVP.

Following Trebisov, we travelled to Budapest for a three-day intensive training camp with the Hungarian team. This opportunity to train against quality opposition in water polo-acknowledged countries is something that we definitely lack in our training and preparation in Australia.

The final tournament was a four-nation round robin in Koper, Slovenia. This was not a highly ranked tournament and as expected we won convincingly. Michael Dance was named goalkeeper of the tournament and Richie Campbell the highest goalscorer. This was a good finish to an intensive five weeks of competition and training.

Key Issues

Here are some of the key issues from the tour:

- The major achievement of the tour?

Obviously results are what everyone looks at and from that end we had some terrific tournaments. Our second placing in the Croatian tournament was our best result in terms of the calibre of teams that were competing. A draw in the final game against Serbia

was just not enough to win the tournament, which featured four of the top five teams to finish in the recently completed European championships.

What were we striving for all tour?

The aims of this tour were:

- To give a high number of players exposure to competition at the international level, over a prolonged period (five weeks). I also wanted to identify which players were capable of maintaining consistent form over this intensive period.
- To have players understand and practise the systems that will be utilised in our world championship assault .
- To play with belief and confidence!

The current squad is an excellent group of dedicated athletes. However, we are deficient in a few areas — a high-quality centre forward (there is a need therefore to adjust our game plan to compensate for this and the players are still learning the intricacies of this) and goalkeepers (I think it is essential that all goalkeepers get specialised training to assist in their preparation and development).

The team is positioned well for the Worlds in Long Beach. The results speak for themselves. We have earned the respect of the European water polo community and we are highly ranked not only on our performances but the professionalism of the team.

The leading players of the tour were Richie Campbell and Johnno Cotterill, who both earned the most-valuable-player awards in separate tournaments. They were the stand-outs.

Nathan Cargill continues to step-up as a consistent contributor. Rhys Howden and Nick O'Hallaran played some valuable cameo roles, but I would like to see them be more consistent.

Benefits Derived From Tour

- Confidence and the belief we can beat anybody.
- Confidence in the game-plan.
- Exposure to international competition over an extended period.
- The opportunity to "blood" new players and experiment with tactics and positional variations.

Following the European tour, each player received a comprehensive evaluation and a touring party feedback review was undertaken to identify methods of best practice for the 2007 World Championships.



Training Camp with Canada

At the completion of the junior nationals a 22-player squad was announced to participate in a week-long camp with the Canadian men's team. This provided valuable international levels of practice and enabled the coaches present to analyse and assess players under match conditions against the quality of opposition likely to be encountered overseas and at the world championships in August. At the conclusion of this camp, the world championships squad was reduced to 17 players, which then went on to compete in the pre-world championship (seniors) competition that was organised for Sydney.

Pre-World Tournament

This tournament featured four senior men's teams preparing for the FINA World Championships. The juniors were fortunate to be able to compete as the fifth team in this competition, enabling valuable training against quality opposition and, of course, high pressure game situations against more senior and experienced opposition. The squad consisted of only 16 players due to Johnno Cotterill's selection in the senior men's team and its participation in a corresponding tournament in Perth. As I was also seconded to the men's team in an assistant coaching role, the coaching of the team was undertaken by co-coaches Simon Daley and Peter Smith.

The tournament resulted in a win over South Africa, a three-goal loss to Germany, four goals down to eventual world champion Croatia and a four-goal win over Romania.

Acknowledgements

My sincere appreciation is extended to Jon Harmer who fulfilled his role excellently as manager, and also to Peter Smith, who was an able and willing assistant coach throughout the year. I would also like to acknowledge the work of the SIS/SAS coaches in the preparation of the players, and in particular the following individuals:

Mark Hubbard for his endless assistance with videoing of games and individuals, and enabling the juniors to compete in the Sydney men's tournament.

Simon Daley, stepping into the co-coaching role with Peter Smith for the Sydney tournament, and his work with the centre forwards during the camps.

Eddie Denis for his assistance, feedback and work with the goalkeepers.

I am sure I speak on behalf of the team in thanking them for their support.

John Fox
Head Coach

► Junior Women's Report



European Tour

Fifteen girls were selected to tour Europe during the July-August period.

The team enjoyed training camps in Zeist, Netherlands, Krefeld, Germany, and Lerici, Italy and played in tournaments in Athens, Greece (Pythia Cup) and Rapallo, Italy (Trofeo Liguria).

The first stop was the KNVB Sports Centre in Zeist, Netherlands where we trained each morning and played tests each night. Results of the tests were 9-9, 11-4, 16-7, 12-6 and 8-9. Every player was given even time during the tests as we went six in and six out with two even teams.

Bus and train took us to Krefeld, Germany for a similar week. We stayed at the Alte Post Hotel and played at the Aegir Erdingen complex. We again played six in and six out against the Germans and beat them 12-2, 21-7, 15-7 and 25-4. We played the Portuguese senior team and beat it 17-4.

We then flew to Athens for the Pythia Cup with USA, Germany and Greece. We stayed at Marathon but the games were played in suburban Athens.

In game one against USA we started well and led all the way. We were three up late in the game and hung on the win 10-9.

In game two against Germany we started slowly but were up 9-1 after three quarters and won 11-2.

In game three against Greece we let a 6-1 lead slip to 7-7 before steadying and winning 12-8 to take the Pythia Cup for the third time. It was also the 10th international tournament victory by the junior women in Europe or the USA since 1997. Rowena



Webster won the MVP and Elysha O'Neill won best goalkeeper.

We then took the long trek to Rapallo for the Trofeo Liguria, staying in the Hotel Giulio Cesare. In game one we trailed Hungary throughout before grabbing an 8-8 draw. None of the girls had seen the big Hungarians in action and they were very physical.

In game two the next morning we went from trailing Russia 8-11 to leading 15-11 before winning 15-12. This win and the win over USA in Greece were great tour highlights. In game three later that day we started badly against USA, being behind 2-7 before getting to 8-9 in the last quarter. We lost 8-10. In game four we missed 21 shots against the Netherlands and were still unlucky to draw 8-8. In game five we played very well, leading all the way to beat Italy 10-5.

The Russians bounced USA 17-13 to win the Cup and we were third after only one loss.

We then travelled by bus down the coast to Lerici and the Hotel Europa. In the friendlies we reverted

to six in and six out and the scores were 18-10, 19-6, 12-11, 10-7 and 8-9.

In all, we played 23 matches for 17 wins, three draws, three losses (once to USA and dead rubbers to Holland and Italy). Rowena Webster was our best. She scored 55 goals, missed most of the Lerici camp with an ear infection and was a tremendous captain. Glencora Ralph (46 goals), Sarah Mills and Holly Lincoln-Smith (35), Jo Whitehorn (28) and Keesja Gofers (26) were our most consistent players.

With Gemma Beadsworth, Nicole Dyson, Patrice O'Neill and Jenna Santoromito to most likely come into the team for the 2007 Worlds in Portugal, I feel that we are very well placed.

Acknowledgements

My thanks, as always, to manager Julie Hamill and assistant coach Ryan Moar.

Bruce Falson
Head Coach



The junior women's team with the Pythia Cup won in Greece.



► Youth Boys' Report



European Tour

For the international season of 2006, the national youth team travelled to Europe and participated in tournaments and common training activities. An initial squad was chosen at the 2005 national championships (born 1989 and later). After consultation with State Institute and Academy of Sport (SIS/SAS) coaches, and where possible, performance assessments by myself and co-head coach Paul Oberman, a reduced number squad was invited to a three-day selection camp in Sydney in May. From this, 15 athletes were chosen for the tour.

The European Tour activities and results included:

- Kranj, Slovenia: Common training with Slovenia youth team; Tournament — participants, Australia, Slovenia, Slovakia, Vojvodinia — 1st place.
- Novaky, Slovakia: Common training with Slovakia youth team.
- Istanbul, Turkey; Tournament — participants, Australia, France, Romania, Russia, Serbia & Montenegro, Turkey — 3rd Place.
- Syros Island, Greece; Tournament — Participants, Australia, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Serbia & Montenegro — 4th Place.

The team continued to improve throughout the tour and achieved some encouraging results. This is commendable given the minimal preparation time together before leaving for Europe. Acknowledgement must be given to the SIS/SAS coaches and local coaches from the Newcastle region in the preparation of athletes for the European tour. Without the infrastructure or financial resources for frequent centralised training camps to prepare athletes as a team, the national youth coach is somewhat reliant on these coaches for implementing physical conditioning and skill development programs prior to international tours.

However, the team also had difficulty performing at a consistently high standard, especially against some of the more traditionally strong European nations. These lapses in performance must be overcome for the team to achieve more successful results in international tournaments.

Further to this, the aforementioned strong European teams displayed a higher level of basic water polo skills, particularly perimeter shooting, and water polo game-sense. These countries have the benefit of increased financial resources and water polo expertise throughout their club systems.

Their developing young athletes are frequently exposed to and aspire to participate in professional, domestic and highly competitive European club competitions. This professional environment retains young athletes in the system longer and adds to the depth of elite level athletes naturally due to the competitiveness for places within club and representative teams.

For these reasons it is essential that our athlete development pathways provide opportunities for players to compete frequently in high-pressure, competitive environments. This not only needs to be replicated domestically in their training environments and domestic national competitions but internationally by competing against elite-standard opponents. With so many benchmark teams from Europe, any opportunity to take teams there for common training or competitions should be utilised.

These points become more significant with FINA's decision to change the 2009 and future Junior World Championships from 20 and under to the 18 and under age. There is now a greater need for us to take younger athletes and national teams to compete internationally, particularly against the Europeans.

Another challenge as a result of this decision is the retention of the born 1989 and later age-group athletes in our system without a major international competition as a goal. There are a large number of high standard athletes in this group, reflected by the intention to have both A and B team activities in 2007. Every effort must be made to continue the development of these athletes through our domestic leagues and competitions and to explore the possibility of a replacement international competition that equates to the significance of a World Championships.



Acknowledgements

On a final note, I would like to thank both Graeme Bryce (team manager) and Nick Hodgers (referee) for their contributions to the national youth team program. A considerable amount of time was volunteered by Graeme in organising camps and the international tour, while Nick was heavily involved in all training sessions with opponents and the tournaments. Their support throughout the tour was invaluable.

Mark Hubbard

Head Coach

► Youth Girls' Report



Selection Process

The national 16 and under championships in Adelaide in September 2006 was the start of a very busy year for this age group. A squad of 23 players was selected featuring players from all the teams who competed at the championships.

At the national 20 and under tournament in Perth, a Crocodiles team was entered consisting of squad members who were not selected to represent their State. As in previous years this proved very successful with the team defeating all States except the eventual medal winners New South Wales, Western Australia and Victoria. The victory over Queensland showed great spirit and talent and the Crocodiles showed great improvement during the week. Hopefully in future years invitational teams will be allowed to compete in semifinals.

March 2007 saw the squad assemble in Sydney for three days of trials culminating in the selection of 14 players to represent as Crocodiles born 1990. Subsequently two of the Crocodiles were chosen in the junior national team to compete in the World Junior Championships thus making them unavailable for the Crocodiles.

To provide encouragement for players born

'89, AWPI decided to select a team from NWPL performances as well as national 20 and under championships, to compete in the international series with Canada and USA in Sydney in June this year.

Through the NWPL season, all national coaches, Institute coaches and selected NWPL coaches were asked to give their opinion on players born 1989. A team was selected.

In another far-sighted decision it was decided that after a round-robin series between Australia '89, Australia '90, USA and Canada, an Australian A and B team would be selected to play one-off tests against each of the overseas teams.

As is now customary for all Crocodile camps, a special guest was invited to attend and speak to all the girls. This year Olympian Rebecca Rippon not only spoke to the players about commitment and what is needed to "make it", but also attended a pool session to work on one-on-one attack. As usual our guest was fantastic.

International Series

After five days of training (two sessions per day) with our international visitors, the tournament commenced at Ryde Aquatic Centre Sydney. USA ended as the undefeated winner with Australia '89 second and Australia '90 third.

Australia A and B were then selected.

Day 1: Test series went as expected with Australia A dominating Canada and Australia B beaten by USA in a game that was very close until halftime.

Day 2: In a thrilling game, Australia B upset Canada by a goal in a match where the lead changed at each quarter.

Australia A then played USA in the culmination of a week of hard training and some dynamic water polo. USA, who were physically bigger and stronger, scored two early goals but the A team showed skill and determination to draw the game with two seconds remaining in the final quarter.

After deciding that we would play extra time, USA scored two goals to one in the first period, with the second period scoreless after both goalies made some spectacular saves.

Twenty-nine Australian players gained international experience, trained and played at an intensity that is required for them to step up to the next level. I hope that they will convey to their peers not only the



thrill of competing, but also the amount of work that is required to progress through the ranks.

What Does The Future Hold ?

With the changing of the World Championship age, the Crocodiles will no longer be solely a development program.

This age, 17 and under in 2009 (born 1991), will be our next World Championship team.

Australian Water Polo is faced with many dilemmas as to a course of action. A pathway for the players who just competed must be found.

An underpinning program (15 and under) for the new championship age group will be needed and a full two-year international schedule needs to be provided for 17 and unders.

I am sure AWPI will put the proper procedures in place but it will need parental, player and club support for what will be needed.

Acknowledgements

My assistant and close friend Taryn Woods once again provided the perfect sounding board for my ideas. Taryn was head coach for the majority of the Australia '90 and Australia B games. Her knowledge and wisdom as well as passion for the game is shown by the attention the girls give to every word she utters. Taryn will be married early next year but I am sure she has a great deal more to offer the sport.

Annie Hayes as manager seems to get things done with a minimum of fuss. Her organisation skills are second to none and her rapport with the girls and their parents makes the coaching job that much easier.

This year we were also assisted by Jodie Taylor and Scott Schweickle. Both gave up of their time to help in the organising and coaching.

Both Taryn and I appreciated their assistance and I am sure they both have a great future in coaching. I would also like to thank Greg McFadden, national senior women's coach, for his support during the last 12 months

The parents of the players must also be thanked, not only for allowing their daughters to attend but also for the support given to the team management and staff. The function at the start of the week and the final day barbecue allowed the girls to mingle with players from the other side of the world and hopefully start long-lasting friendships.

My thanks also to the Board and Staff of AWPI not

only for their faith in me but for all the hard work they put in behind the scenes. It cannot be easy when you have a coach phoning every day with another problem.

Phillip Bower
Head Coach

► Athletes' Commission Report



The Australian Athletes' Commission has enjoyed its third year of operation and continues to work for the welfare of elite water polo players in Australia.

The Commission has compiled athlete data in order to better understand the demands and requirements of our elite athletes and is currently undergoing further information gathering to compile a formal AWPI athlete database, moving toward an official AWPI Alumni. This aims to help athletes develop working relationships with prospective employers and/or sponsors and create mentoring roles throughout the greater Australian water polo community.

Developing such relationships hopes to allow for longer commitment to national team duties by elite athletes while including and recognising ex-players and the roles they have in the further development of water polo in Australia.

The Commission has been involved in the development of the Australian Water Polo Hall of Fame. This has been created in order to properly recognise the achievements of outstanding Australia water polo athletes.

The Commission chairman and AWPI board member, Nathan Thomas, continues to make significant contributions in the ongoing process of implementing the key recommendations presented in the Norris report.

The increase in the amount of international player club contracts has been highlighted as an increasingly important area in recent times. The need for



advice and mentoring has been recognised by the Commission to ensure the overseas experience of elite athletes is maximised and is mutually beneficial to the overall success of Australian water polo teams. The men's program will see up to eight international contracts being signed this upcoming season. The Commission has provided mentoring and assistance in gaining contracts and ensuring contracts enable Australian team members be released for national team duties. The Commission will continue to monitor and communicate with overseas players.

Finally, the Commission is looking forward to the next 12 months, with our national teams sustaining or improving their international performances and the ongoing efficiencies being driven through AWPI as an organisation. It is certainly an exciting time for water polo in Australia.

Debbie Watson
Athletes' Commission Secretary

➤ Referees' Commission Report



The Referees' Commission continues to provide recommendations to the AWPI Board on referees who should be included on the FINA list and appointments to international tournaments and championships.

While the Commission has previously identified the need to establish national consistency for classifications and the importance of working with the States and the leading referees, a national conference on the issues has as yet not been achieved.

The pressing problems of establishing national consistency and promoting the role of the referee are further exasperated by the dwindling numbers of people willing to undertake the role and the lack of funds available to apply to refereeing. These issues, added to the expanding national and international program, create an increased workload for the small number of referees undertaking national and



Aspiring junior referee Carrie Fettes in her official AWPI referee's shirt.

international commitments.

In many ways refereeing faces the same challenges as those faced by the athlete and coaching areas of the sport. We need to promote the role and increase participation while promoting and supporting the elite level.

The composition of the Referees' Commission for the year was: Chairman, Phil Scales; secretary, Nicola Johnson; members, Scott Schweickle, Phillip Bower, Damir Stajduhar.

Phillip Scales
Referees' Commission Chairman



AWPI NATIONAL CAPITATION 2007

	SENIOR		JUNIOR		SCHOOL		FLIPPA		AFFILIATE		TOTAL		TOTAL
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
QLD	196	166	357	1294	61	106	112	104	14	14	740	1684	2424
NSW	1124	733	721	824	538	707	282	256	98	66	2763	2586	5349
ACT	44	21	75	44	44	78	10	10	4	4	177	157	334
VIC	437	186	298	191					23	10	758	387	1145
TAS	9	6	66	55	163	233			1		239	294	533
SA	62	34	75	61					6		143	95	238
WA	525	364	301	304			290	264		1	1116	933	2049
NT	32	21	7						1		40	21	61
TOTALS	2429	1531	1900	2773	806	1124	694	634	147	95	5976	6157	12133
	3960		4673		1930		1328		242		12133		

% of Total Gender

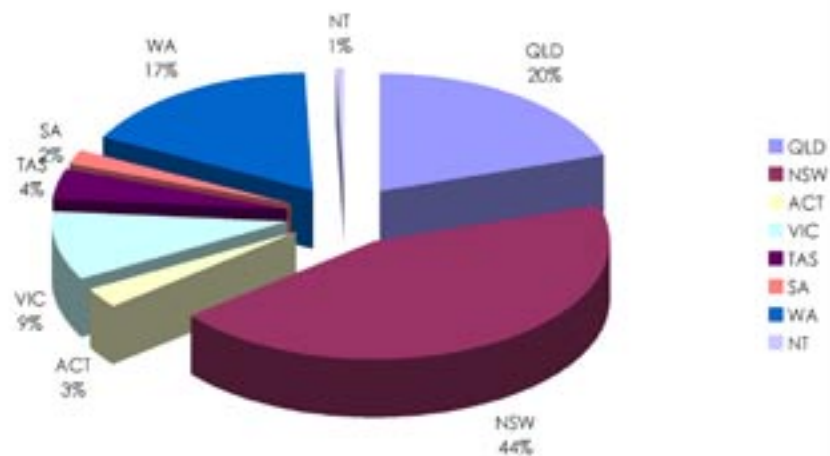
41% 25% 32% 45% 13% 18% 12% 10% 2% 2%

% of Total

20% 13% 16% 23% 7% 9% 6% 5% 1% 1% 49% 51%

	2003/4		2004/5		2005/6		2006/7	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
QLD	2282	20.8	2388	18.8	2563	21.5	2424	20.0
NSW	4866	44.3	6300	49.7	5510	46.1	5349	44.1
ACT	330	3.0	189	1.5	179	1.5	334	2.8
VIC	995	9.1	1178	9.3	1147	9.6	1145	9.4
TAS	613	5.6	587	4.6	533	4.5	533	4.4
SA	229	2.1	242	1.9	226	1.9	238	2.0
WA	1570	14.3	1744	13.8	1725	14.4	2049	16.9
NT	90	0.8	50	0.4	61	0.5	61	0.5
TOTAL	10975		12678		11944		12133	

MEMBERSHIP BY STATE





AUSTRALIAN WATER POLO INCORPORATED

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF

AUSTRALIAN WATER POLO INCORPORATED

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Australian Water Polo Incorporated, which comprises the balance sheet at 30 June 2007, and the income statement and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the statement by the President and the Director of the Board.

Board's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Board is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations). This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we 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 disclosure in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risk 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 Australian Water Polo Incorporated's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report 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 Australian Water Polo Incorporated's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by Australian Water Polo Incorporated, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001.



AUSTRALIAN WATER POLO INCORPORATED
INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
AUSTRALIAN WATER POLO INCORPORATED

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion:

The financial report of Australian Water Polo Incorporated is in accordance with the Associations Incorporations Act.

- i) giving a true and fair view of the Board's financial position as at 30 June 2007 and of their performance for the year ended on that date; and
- ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Financial Management and Audit Act 1990.

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A I HOVÉ FCA
Registered Company Auditor (No. 15382)
Hové & Halys Chartered Accountants
29 Salamanca Place
Hobart Tas 7000

Dated 3rd day of October 2007



**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 307C OF THE CORPORATIONS
ACT 2001 TO THE BOARD MEMBERS OF AUSTRALIAN WATER POLO INCORPORATED**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2007 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.

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A I HOVÉ FCA
Registered Company Auditor (No. 15382)
Hové & Halys Chartered Accountants
29 Salamanca Place
Hobart Tas 7000

Dated 3rd day of April 2007



Australian Water Polo Incorporated Statement by the Board of Directors

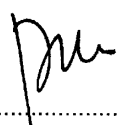
In the opinion of the Directors of Australian Water Polo Incorporated the accompanying accounts have been drawn up in accordance with the basis set out in Note 1 to the accounts so as to present fairly:

- (i) the results of the operations of the Association for the year ended 30 June 2007
- (ii) the state of affairs of the Association at that date.

signed on behalf of the Board


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J A Birch

DIRECTOR


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P H Kerr

PRESIDENT

Dated this 16th Day of October 2007



Australian Water Polo Incorporated
Balance Sheet
At 30 June 2007

	2,007	2,006
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Cash at Bank	25,469	21,743
Cash Management Account No. 1	13,145	225,320
Cash Management Account No. 2	55,407	63,012
Maxi-Direct Account	80,099	
Foreign Currency Account (Note 3)	130,858	6,930
Mastercard	(66)	(1,524)
American Express	0	54,181
Undeposited Foreign Currency	2,324	2,324
Debtors & Receivables	398,722	320,493
Prov'n for Doubtful Debts	(15,000)	(10,000)
Stock Items	132,297	104,354
Prepayments	454,062	319,857
	<u>1,277,317</u>	<u>1,106,690</u>
<u>Non-Current Assets</u>		
Plant & Equipment at Cost	50,969	52,179
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(41,176)	(38,722)
	<u>9,793</u>	<u>13,457</u>
Total Assets	<u>1,287,111</u>	<u>1,120,147</u>
LIABILITIES		
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Accrued Expenses	9,874	29,366
Creditors	478,924	109,093
Provision for Annual Leave	66,757	62,832
Provision for Long Service Leave	26,907	20,188
Funds Received in Advance	10,864	37,500
	<u>593,326</u>	<u>258,980</u>
<u>GST Liabilities</u>		
GST Collected	12,820	625
GST Paid	(2,056)	(29)
	<u>10,764</u>	<u>596</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>604,089</u>	<u>259,576</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>\$683,021</u>	<u>\$860,571</u>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Balance 1 July 2006	860,571	747,598
Surplus for Year	(177,550)	112,973
Total Accumulated Funds	<u>\$683,021</u>	<u>\$860,571</u>

THESE ACCOUNTS SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ATTACHED AUDITOR'S REPORT



**Australian Water Polo Incorporated
Profit & Loss Account
Year Ended 30 June 2007**

	2007 \$		2006 \$
INCOME			
<u>MANAGEMENT & GOVERNANCE</u>			
Capitation Fees	159,199		144,127
Affiliation Fees	800		160
Bank Interest	24,644		33,235
Sponsorship	104,477		12,177
Miscellaneous	22,826		49,708
Member Travel Contributions	125,808		223,520
Total Management & Governance	<u>437,753</u>		<u>462,926</u>
 <u>SPORTS DEVELOPMENT</u>			
Australian Sports Commission Grant	61,000		65,000
Miscellaneous	9,073		1,491
Total Sports Development	<u>70,073</u>		<u>66,491</u>
 <u>HIGH PERFORMANCE</u>			
Australian Sports Commission Grant	1,655,000		1,584,000
Australian Olympic Committee International Con	108,000		108,000
Competition Contributions	536,589		244,725
Sponsorship	79,545		55,000
Total High Performance	<u>2,379,135</u>		<u>1,991,725</u>
 <u>OPERATIONS</u>			
Competition Fees	30,173		22,004
Risk Management	135,804		124,119
National Championships Contributions	60,792		67,803
Commonwealth Championship Sponsorship			20,000
Merchandise	100,343		113,924
National Water Polo League Contributions	475,081		445,212
Total Operations	<u>802,193</u>		<u>793,062</u>
Total Income	<u>\$3,689,154</u>		<u>\$3,314,204</u>
 EXPENDITURE			
<u>MANAGEMENT & GOVERNANCE</u>			
Strategic Plan	48		130
National Office	299,012		478,921
Conference	63,713		6,986
Board Governance	32,747		36,162
Financial Process	56,862		57,571
Grants & Funding	411		
International Stage Personnel	12,757		18,999
Sponsorship	79,661		8,179
Total Management & Governance	<u>545,210</u>		<u>606,947</u>

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**Australian Water Polo Incorporated
Profit & Loss Account
Year Ended 30 June 2007**

	2007 \$	2006 \$
EXPENDITURE (Cont'd)		
<u>SPORTS DEVELOPMENT</u>		
Community Participation	6,713	2,602
Junior Development	946	1,862
Club Development	5,702	7,343
Coach Education	20,131	36,648
Officiating Education	5,171	13,480
Referees Commission	8,712	
Member Protection	2,639	2,818
Disability	2,985	
Management & Partnerships	11,491	
Total Sports Development	<u>64,489</u>	<u>64,754</u>
<u>HIGH PERFORMANCE</u>		
Program - National Teams	29,022	9,737
International Events	1,597,238	879,373
Athlete Support	86,563	55,163
Management	722,985	758,286
Technology & Equipment		16,986
Total High Performance	<u>2,435,807</u>	<u>1,719,545</u>
<u>OPERATIONS</u>		
National Championships	170,562	177,389
Hall Of Fame		250
Membership Base		83
Athletes Commission		428
Risk Management	82,644	79,384
Communication & Website	9,471	3,790
State Communications	7,818	14,840
Merchandise	75,391	88,519
National Water Polo League	475,310	445,301
Total Operations	<u>821,197</u>	<u>809,985</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>\$3,866,703</u>	<u>\$3,201,231</u>
Deficit/Surplus For Year	<u><u>(\$177,550)</u></u>	<u><u>\$112,973</u></u>

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Australian Water Polo Incorporated
Statement of Cash Flows
Year Ended 30 June 2007

	NOTE	2007 \$	2006 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Grants & Donations		2,008,022	2,058,216
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		(3,753,966)	(3,559,381)
Interest Received		24,644	33,235
Other Receipts		1,656,488	1,222,753
Net Cash Used in Operating Activities	(a)	<u>(\$64,812)</u>	<u>(\$245,177)</u>
CASH FOR INVESTING			
Purchase of Plant & Equipment		1,396	2,762
Net Cash used in Investing Activities		<u>1,396</u>	<u>2,762</u>
Net Increase / (Decrease) in Cash Held		<u>(66,208)</u>	<u>(247,939)</u>
Cash at 1 July 2006		373,510	621,449
Cash at 30 June 2007	(b)	<u>\$307,302</u>	<u>\$373,510</u>

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(a) Reconciliation of cash flow from operations, with surplus for period

Deficit for Year	(177,550)	112,973
Depreciation	5,058	7,478
Provision for Annual Leave & Long Service Leave	10,644	23,019
Increase in Doubtful Debts	5,000	
Increase in Debtors	(78,229)	38,415
Increase in Inventory	(27,943)	(42,266)
Increase in Prepayments	(134,205)	(45,360)
Increase in Creditors	369,831	(273,779)
Decrease in Funds Rec'd in Advance	(26,636)	17,300
Decrease in Accrued Expenses	(19,492)	(78,397)
Decrease in Mastercard	(1,458)	(3,297)
Increase in GST Provision	10,168	(1,263)
	<u>(\$64,812)</u>	<u>(\$245,177)</u>

(b) Reconciliation of Cash

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes cash on hand, in bank accounts and American Express card. Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the Balance Sheet as follows:

Cash on Hand	2,324	2,324
Cash Management Accounts	279,509	288,332
Cash at Bank	25,469	28,673
Cash in American Express Card	0	54,181
	<u>\$307,302</u>	<u>\$373,510</u>

THESE ACCOUNTS SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ATTACHED AUDITOR'S REPORT



Australian Water Polo Incorporated
Notes to and Forming Part of the Accounts
At 30 June 2007

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements are special purpose reports which have been prepared specifically for distribution to members in accordance with the Association's constitution and for the purpose of acquitting grants received from the Australian Sports Commission and the Australian Olympic Committee.

The Association is of the type identified in Statement of Accounting Concepts 1 as a non-reporting entity. The statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

The statements have been prepared on an accruals basis from the records of the Association. They are based on historic costs and do not take into account the changing values of money.

Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Income Tax

The Association is an exempt body for income tax purposes under Section 23 (g) (iii) of the Income Tax Assessment Act.

NOTE 2: RELATED PARTIES

The Members who comprise the Board of Australian Water Polo Inc. are Peter Kerr, Leanne Barnes, John Birch, Thomas Hoad, Christopher Mackay, David Martin (appointed Director on 3 December 2006), Nathan Thomas, Russell Small (appointed Director on 1 July 2006).

In their capacities as Members of the Board they receive no remuneration.

Any transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions.

NOTE 3: FOREIGN CURRENCY ACCOUNT

The Association operates a Foreign Currency account to hold competition prize money paid by FINA and to pay expenses incurred in FINA international competitions.

The operation of the account removes the uncertainty of fluctuations between the United States and Australian currency rates. The amount of \$130,858 appearing in the Balance Sheet is the accumulated value of the Transactions at the currency rate applying at the time of each transaction.

At balance date the value of the account was \$US119,595

THESE ACCOUNTS SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ATTACHED AUDITOR'S REPORT



National Championships Results 2006-07

16 Years & Under Boys

Adelaide, October, 2006

1. New South Wales
2. Queensland
3. Western Australia
4. Victoria
5. South Australia
6. Tasmania
7. Australian Capital Territory

16 Years & Under Girls

Adelaide, October 2006

1. New South Wales
2. Western Australia
3. Queensland
4. Victoria
5. South Australia
6. Tasmania
7. Australian Capital Territory

20 Years & Under Men

Perth, January 2007

1. New South Wales
2. Queensland
3. Western Australia
4. Victoria
5. South Australia
6. Tasmania
- Australia 16 & Under

20 Years & Under Women

Perth, January 2007

1. New South Wales
2. Western Australia
3. Victoria
4. Queensland
5. South Australia
6. Tasmania
- Australia 16 & Under

Men's National League

November 2006-May 2007

Finals, Sydney

1. KFC Queensland Breakers
2. Sydney University Lions
3. Wests waterpolo Magpies
4. Fremantle Mariners
5. Victorian Tigers

6. Balmain Tigers
7. Cronulla Sharks
8. Hunter Hurricanes
9. Brisbane Barracudas
10. UWA Torpedoes
11. Adelaide Jets

Women's National League

November 2006-May 2007

Finals, Sydney

1. Fremantle Marlins
2. Brisbane Barracudas
3. KFC Queensland Breakers
4. Sydney University Lions
5. Balmain Tigers
6. Cronulla Sharks
7. UWA Comets
8. UNSW Killer Whales
9. Victorian Tigers
10. Hunter Hurricanes
11. St George Dragons
12. Adelaide Jets

14 Years & Under Boys

Brisbane, April 2007

1. Melville Mariners (WA)
2. Wests (NSW)
3. Cronulla (NSW)
4. Alstonville (NSW)
5. Titans (NSW)
6. Breakers (QLD)
7. City Beach (WA)
8. Dolphins (WA)
9. Adelaide Vikings (SA)
10. UWA Torpedoes (WA)
11. Sunshine Coast (QLD)
12. Tasmania (TAS)
13. Melbourne Collegians (VIC)
14. Barracudas (QLD)
15. ACT Vikings (ACT)

14 Years & Under Girls

Brisbane, April 2007

1. Cronulla Blue (NSW)
2. Drummoyne (NSW)
3. Barracudas (QLD)
4. Melville Mariners (WA)
4. Flames (NSW)
5. Sunshine Coast (QLD)



6. Sydney Northern Beaches (NSW)
8. Breakers Red (QLD)
9. Balmain (NSW)
10. Dolphins (WA)
11. Breakers White (QLD)
12. Tasmania (TAS)
13. City Beach (WA)
14. Cronulla White (NSW)

Country Men

Kalgoorlie, June 2007

1. Philippines
2. New South Wales
3. Queensland
4. Western Australia
5. Australian Defence Force

Country Women

Kalgoorlie, June 2007

1. New South Wales
2. Queensland
3. Western Australia
4. Australian Defence Force

National Teams & Results 2006-07

Senior Men

FINA World League Preliminaries, Yongzhou, China, July, 2006:

TEAM: Pietro Figlioli, Trent Franklin, Luke Gavin, Sam McGregor, Robert Maitland, Daniel Marsden, Ryan Moody, Tim Neesham, Luke Quinlivan, Grant Richardson, Peter Tresise, Laurie Trettel, Alistair Visch, Thomas Whalan, Gavin Woods. Head Coach: David Neesham. Manager: Chris Harrison.

RESULTS:

Day 1: Australia 10 (S McGregor 3, T Franklin, P Figlioli 2, L Gavin, T Whalan, R Moody) France 6.

Day 2: Australia 9 (P Figlioli, S McGregor 2, T Franklin, T Neesham, T Whalan, G Woods, R Maitland) China 5.

Day 3: Australia 15 (P Figlioli, T Franklin, T Whalan 3, T Neesham 2, D Marsden, G Woods, A Richardson, S McGregor) Japan 11.

Day 4: Australia 11 (T Franklin 4, P Figlioli 3, P Tresise, T Whalan, G Woods, R Moody) France 6.

Day 5: Australia 17 (P Figlioli 5, T Neesham 3, T Franklin, G Woods 2, G Richardson, S McGregor, T Whalan, D Marsden, P Tresise) Japan 10.

Day 6: Australia 14 (A Martin, G Woods 3, T Franklin, T Neesham, S McGregor 2, D Marsden, R Maitland) China 4.

18 Years & Under Boys

Hobart, June 2007

1. Hunter Hurricanes (NSW)
2. Drummoyne (NSW)
3. Cronulla (NSW)
4. Balmain (NSW)
5. Wests (NSW)
6. Adelaide Vikings (SA)
7. KFC Breakers (QLD)
8. Tasmania A (TAS)
9. Queensland Country (QLD)
10. Tasmania B (TAS)

18 Years & Under Girls

Hobart, June 2007

1. Cronulla White (NSW)
2. UNSW Killer Whales (NSW)
3. Hunter Hurricanes (NSW)
4. Drummoyne (NSW)
5. KFC Breakers (QLD)
6. Queensland Country (QLD)
7. Balmain (NSW)
8. Victoria (VIC)
9. Cronulla Blue (NSW)
10. Tasmania (TAS)

FINA World League Semifinals, Los Alamitos, USA, July, 2006:

TEAM: Pietro Figlioli, Trent Franklin, Luke Gavin, Sam McGregor, Robert Maitland, Daniel Marsden, Ryan Moody, Tim Neesham, Luke Quinlivan, Grant Richardson, Peter Tresise, Laurie Trettel, Alistair Visch, Thomas Whalan, Gavin Woods. Head Coach: David Neesham. Manager: Chris Harrison.

RESULTS:

Day 1: Australia 12 (T Franklin 3, T Neesham, S McGregor 2, T Whalan, P Tresise, R Moody, L Gavin) Brazil 2.

Day 2: Australia 10 (S McGregor, T Whalan 3, D Marsden, T Franklin, T Neesham, G Woods) France 5.

Day 3: Australia 12 (T Whalan 3, D Marsden, T Franklin, R Maitland, L Gavin 2, R Moody) China 4.

Day 4: Australia 14 (D Marsden, T Franklin, P Figlioli 3, S McGregor 2, P Tresise, T Whalan, G Woods) Canada 7.

Day 5: USA 9 Australia 6 (T Neesham 2, D Marsden, T Franklin, P Tresise, P Figlioli, T Whalan) in penalty shootout (FT: 5-5).

Final placings: USA, Australia, France, China, Canada, Brazil.

FINA World League Super Finals, Athens, Greece, July, 2006:

TEAM: Pietro Figlioli, Trent Franklin, Luke Gavin, Sam



McGregor, Robert Maitland, Daniel Marsden, Ryan Moody, Tim Neesham, Luke Quinlivan, Grant Richardson, Laurie Trettel, Alistair Visch, Thomas Whalan, Gavin Woods. Head Coach: David Neesham. Manager: Chris Harrison.

RESULTS:

Day 1: Spain 7 Australia 5 (T Franklin 3, P Figlioli, G Richardson).

Day 2: Greece 14 Australia 12 (T Franklin, T Whalan 4, P Figlioli 2, D Marsden, S McGregor).

Day 3: SCG 12 Australia 10 (T Franklin, P Figlioli 3, D Marsden, A Martin, S McGregor, R Moody).

Day 4: Australia 14 (T Franklin, T Whalan 3, P Figlioli, S McGregor, R Maitland 2, G Richardson, R Moody) USA 13 in penalty shootout (FT: 10-10).

Day 5: 1st & 2nd, Serbia & Montenegro 6 Spain 4; 3rd & 4th, Greece 11 Australia 10 (P Figlioli, S McGregor, T Whalan 2, T Franklin, G Richardson, T Neesham, G Woods); 5th & 6th, USA 11 France 4.

International Series with Serbia, Sydney, December, 2006:

TEAM: Mitchal Ainsworth, Richard Campbell, Tim Cleland, Johnno Cotterill, Joel Dennerley, Trent Franklin, Luke Gavin, Chris Gronow, Robert Maitland, Daniel Marsden, Anthony Martin, Ryan Moody, Tim Neesham, Grant Richardson, James Stanton, Peter Tresise, Laurie Trettel, Gavin Woods. Head Coach: David Neesham. Assistant Coach: David Swift. Manager: Chris Harrison.

RESULTS:

Test 1: Australia 11 (G Woods 3, T Franklin, R Moody, T Neesham 2, R Maitland, G Richardson) Serbia 10.

Test 2: Serbia 10 Australia 7 (T Franklin 5, G Woods, P Tresise).



Rob Maitland under attack from a South African during the FINA World Championships in Melbourne.

International Series with Montenegro, Sydney, February, 2007:

TEAM: Mitchal Ainsworth, Jamie Beadsworth, Richard Campbell, Tim Cleland, Johnno Cotterill, Joel Dennerley, Pietro Figlioli, Trent Franklin, Robert Maitland, Sam McGregor, Daniel Marsden, Anthony Martin, Ryan Moody, Tim Neesham, Grant Richardson, James Stanton, Peter Tresise, Laurie Trettel, Gavin Woods. Head Coach: David Neesham. Assistant Coach: John Fox. Manager: Chris Harrison.

RESULTS:

Test 1: Australia 9 (P Figlioli 3, S McGregor, R Moody, G Woods, T Neesham, D Marsden, J Cotterill) Montenegro 7.

Test 2: Australia 8 (G Richardson 2, R Campbell, J Beadsworth, T Neesham, P Figlioli, R Maitland, G Woods) Montenegro 6.

Australia wins series 2-0.

International Series with Spain and Greece, Perth, Australia, March, 2007:

TEAM: Jamie Beadsworth, Richard Campbell, Johnno Cotterill, Joel Dennerley, Pietro Figlioli, Trent Franklin, Sam McGregor, Robert Maitland, Daniel Marsden, Anthony Martin, Ryan Moody, Timothy Neesham, Grant Richardson, James Stanton, Peter Tresise, Laurie Trettel, Thomas Whalan, Gavin Woods. Head Coach: David Neesham. Manager: Chris Harrison.

RESULTS:

Day 1: Spain 10 Australia 8 (T Whalan 2, T Franklin, P Figlioli, A Martin, T Neesham, S McGregor, G Woods).

Day 2: Australia 10 (T Whalan 3, R Maitland 2, J Cotterill, P Figlioli, T Neesham, S McGregor, G Woods) Greece 8.

Day 3: Australia 9 (T Whalan 2, T Franklin, P Figlioli, T Neesham, S McGregor, L Gavin, J Beadsworth) Greece 6.

XII FINA World Championships, Melbourne, Australia, March, 2007:

TEAM: Jamie Beadsworth, Johnno Cotterill, Pietro Figlioli, Trent Franklin, Sam McGregor, Robert Maitland, Daniel Marsden, Anthony Martin, Timothy Neesham, James Stanton, Laurie Trettel, Thomas Whalan, Gavin Woods. Head Coach: David Neesham. Assistant Coach: John Fox. Manager: Chris Harrison.

RESULTS:

Day 2: USA 9 Australia 3 (T Franklin, P Figlioli, T Whalan).

Day 4: Croatia 10 Australia 9 (P Figlioli, G Woods 4, R Maitland).

Day 6: Australia 12 (T Franklin 4, R Maitland 3, T Neesham, S McGregor, T Whalan, G Woods, J Cotterill) South Africa 6.

Day 8: Second round: Italy 12 Australia 11 (P Figlioli 3, T Neesham, S McGregor, G Woods 2, J Cotterill, J Beadsworth) in extra time.

Day 10: Round 9-12: Australia 15 (G Woods 4, T Franklin, T Neesham 3, T Whalan 2, P Figlioli, R Maitland, A Martin)



Romania 9.

Day 12: Play-off for ninth: USA 10 Australia 9 (T Whalan 3, D Marsden, T Franklin, P Figlioli, T Neesham, S McGregor, G Woods).

Final placings: Croatia, Hungary, Spain, Serbia, Italy, Greece, Russia, Germany, USA, Australia, Romania, Canada, China, South Africa, New Zealand, Japan.

Senior Women

FINA World League, Yongzhou, China, July, 2006:

TEAM: Danielle Bower, Kelly Douglass, Nicole Dyson, Katie Finucane, Taniele Gofers, Bronwen Knox, Jane Moran, Elysha O'Neill, Patrice O'Neill, Glencora Ralph, Rebecca Rippon, Jenna Santoromito, Mia Santoromito. Head Coach: Greg McFadden. Assistant Coach: Greig Richardson. Manager: Jeanette Gunn.

RESULTS:

Day 1: Australia 10 (B Knox 3, R Rippon, P O'Neill 2, T Gofers, J Santoromito, K Douglass) New Zealand 4.

Day 2: Australia 25 (M Santoromito 5, B Knox, N Dyson 4, R Rippon, P O'Neill 3, J Moran 2, G Ralph, T Gofers, J Santoromito, K Douglass) China B 3.

Day 3: Australia 10 (N Dyson 2, J Moran, J Santoromito, M Santoromito, K Finucane, T Gofers, B Knox, P O'Neill, R Rippon) China A 7.

Day 4: Australia 11 (P O'Neill, N Dyson, G Ralph 2, K Finucane, R Rippon, J Moran, B Knox, M Santoromito) New Zealand 8.

Day 5: Australia 13 (B Knox 3, R Rippon 3, N Dyson 2, J Moran, K Finucane, G Ralph, P O'Neill) China B 4.

Day 6: Australia 10 (B Knox 4, R Rippon, N Dyson 2, M Santoromito, P O'Neill) China 8.

Final placings: Australia, New Zealand, China, China B.

FINA World League Semifinals, Los Alamitos, USA, July, 2006:

TEAM: Gemma Beadsworth, Victoria Brown, Nicole Dyson, Suzie Fraser, Kate Gynther, Fiona Hammond, Bronwen Knox, Alicia McCormack, Jane Moran, Patrice O'Neill, Melissa Rippon, Rebecca Rippon, Jenna Santoromito, Mia Santoromito, Sophie Smith. Head Coach: Greg McFadden. Assistant Coach: Greig Richardson. Manager: Jeanette Gunn.

RESULTS:

Day 1: Australia 16 (K Gynther 3, S Smith, F Hammond, N Dyson, M Rippon 2, G Beadsworth, R Rippon, S Fraser, B Knox, M Santoromito) Brazil 3.

Day 2: Australia 12 (K Gynther 4, S Smith, S Fraser 2, R Rippon, F Hammond, M Santoromito, G Beadsworth) New Zealand 7.

Day 3: Canada 15 Australia 12 (R Rippon, M Santoromito 3, B Knox 2, G Beadsworth, S Fraser, F Hammond, N Dyson) in penalty shootout (FT: 12-12).



Australian captain Mel Rippon, who, along with Kate Gynther, was named to the World All Star team in Melbourne.

Day 4: Australia 17 (K Gynther, S Fraser 4, R Rippon, G Beadsworth, J Moran 2, M Santoromito, J Santoromito, B Knox) China 6.

Day 5: USA 12 Australia 11 (K Gynther, R Rippon 3, S Fraser 2, S Smith, B Knox, M Santoromito).

Final points: USA 15 Canada 11, Australia 10, Brazil 6, New Zealand 3, China 0.

FINA World League Super Finals, Cosenza, Italy, July, 2006:

TEAM: Gemma Beadsworth, Victoria Brown, Nicole Dyson, Suzie Fraser, Kate Gynther, Fiona Hammond, Bronwen Knox, Alicia McCormack, Jane Moran, Patrice O'Neill, Melissa Rippon, Rebecca Rippon, Jenna Santoromito, Mia Santoromito, Sophie Smith. Head Coach: Greg McFadden. Assistant Coach: Greig Richardson. Manager: Jeanette Gunn.

RESULTS:

Day 1: Australia 14 (K Gynther 5, G Beadsworth, S Fraser, P O'Neill 2, R Rippon, B Knox, M Santoromito) Italy 13 in penalty shootout (FT: 8-8).

Day 2: Australia 14 (K Gynther 6, S Fraser, N Dyson 2, R Rippon, F Hammond, B Knox, M Rippon) Russia 12.

Day 3: Australia 12 (B Knox, K Gynther, M Rippon 3, S Smith, R Rippon, M Santoromito) Netherlands 11.

Day 4: Australia 6 (M Rippon 2, R Rippon, S Fraser, K Gynther, P O'Neill) Canada 5.

Day 5: 5th & 6th, Netherlands 9 Canada 7; 3rd & 4th, Russia 12 Australia 7 (K Gynther 3, J Santoromito, S Fraser, B Knox, N Dyson); 1st & 2nd, USA 9 Italy 6.

XIV FINA World Cup, Tianjin, China, August, 2006:

TEAM: Gemma Beadsworth, Nicole Dyson, Suzie Fraser, Taniele Gofers, Kate Gynther, Fiona Hammond, Bronwen Knox, Emma Knox, Alicia McCormack, Patrice O'Neill, Melissa Rippon, Rebecca Rippon, Mia



Santoromito. Head Coach: Greg McFadden. Assistant Coach: Ryan Moar. Manager: Jeanette Gunn.

RESULTS:

Day 1: Australia 12 (K Gynther, B Knox 3, M Santoromito 2, R Rippon, S Fraser, T Gofers, M Rippon) Canada 8.

Day 2: Australia 7 (K Gynther 3, G Beadsworth 2, B Knox, S Fraser) Italy 5.

Day 3: Australia 9 (G Beadsworth, M Rippon 2, S Fraser, F Hammond, T Gofers, P O'Neill, M Santoromito) Hungary 6.

Final points: Australia 6, Italy 4, Hungary 2, Canada 0.

Day 5: Semifinal, Australia 10 (S Fraser, P O'Neill, M Rippon 2, G Beadsworth, R Rippon, F Hammond, T Gofers) Russia 9.

Day six: Final: Australia 10 (K Gynther 3, G Beadsworth, S Fraser 2, M Santoromito, R Rippon, B Knox) Italy 7.

Final placings: Australia, Italy, Russia, USA, Hungary, Greece, Canada, China.

United States of America Tour, December 2006:

TEAM: Gemma Beadsworth, Victoria Brown, Nikita Cuffe, Katie Finucane, Suzie Fraser, Kate Gynther, Gemma Hadley, Amy Hetzel, Bronwen Knox, Emma Knox, Holly Lincoln-Smith, Sarah Mills, Jane Moran, Glencora Ralph, Jenna Santoromito. Head Coach: Greg McFadden. Assistant Coaches: Aleks Osadchuk, Bruce Falson. Manager: Jeanette Gunn.

RESULTS:

Exhibition Matches, Los Alamitos, USA, December, 2006:

Day 1: USA 11 Australia 10 (G Beadsworth, S Mills, G Hadley, K Gynther 2, N Cuffe, A Hetzel).

Day 2: Australia 12 (G Beadsworth 4, K Gynther, G Ralph 2, N Cuffe, G Hadley, J Santoromito, B Knox) Netherlands 11.

Holiday Cup, Los Alamitos, USA, December, 2006:

RESULTS:

Day 1: Australia 12 (G Beadsworth 3, G Hadley, S Fraser 2, B Knox, K Gynther, J Santoromito, A Hetzel, K Finucane) Italy 9.

Day 2: Russia 15 Australia 13 (G Beadsworth, B Knox 4, G

Hadley 2, S Fraser, K Gynther, J Santoromito), Australia 9 (K Gynther 3, G Beadsworth 2, J Santoromito, N Cuffe, G Ralph, A Hetzel) Canada 9.

Day 3: Australia 10 (K Gynther, G Beadsworth, G Hadley, S Fraser 2, N Cuffe, J Moran) Canada 9.

Day 4: Netherlands 12 Australia 8 (N Cuffe 3, G Beadsworth 2, K Gynther, J Santoromito, J Moran).

Final points: USA 10, Russia 7, Australia 5, Canada 4, Italy 2, Netherlands 2.

Day 5: 3rd & 4th, Australia 10 (G Beadsworth, K Gynther 2, N Cuffe, G Hadley, S Fraser, J Santoromito, J Moran) Canada 9.

Final placings: USA, Russia, Australia, Canada, Netherlands, Italy.

European Tour, February-March, 2007:

TEAM: Gemma Beadsworth, Victoria Brown, Nikita Cuffe, Suzie Fraser, Taniele Gofers, Kate Gynther, Gemma Hadley, Fiona Hammond, Amy Hetzel, Bronwen Knox, Emma Knox, Alicia McCormack, Melissa Rippon, Rebecca Rippon, Jenna Santoromito, Mia Santoromito. Head Coach: Greg McFadden. Assistant Coaches: Aleksandr Osadchuk, Peter Szilagyi. Manager: Jeanette Gunn.

RESULTS:

Thetis Cup, Pireaus, Greece, February, 2007:

Day 1: Russia 14 Australia 9 (K Gynther 4, G Beadsworth 2, B Knox, G Hadley, F Hammond).

Day 2: Australia 10 (G Beadsworth, K Gynther 3, S Fraser 2, B Knox, T Gofers) Canada 6.

Day 3: Australia 9 (K Gynther 3, M Rippon, S Fraser 2, G Hadley, R Rippon) Greece 7.

Final placings: Russia, Australia, Canada, Greece.

International Tournament, Madrid, Spain, March, 2007:

Day 1: Hungary 12 Australia 10 (S Fraser 4, N Cuffe 2, K Gynther, M Rippon, M Santoromito, G Beadsworth).

Day 2: Australia 13 (K Gynther 5, G Beadsworth 2, S Fraser, B Knox, M Santoromito, A Hetzel, M Rippon, N Cuffe) Spain 12.

Day 3: Australia 14 (S Fraser, G Hadley, K Gynther, B Knox 3, G Beadsworth 2) Greece 13.

Final placings: Spain, Hungary, Australia, Greece.

International Tournament, Sydney, Australia, March, 2007:

TEAM: Gemma Beadsworth, Victoria Brown, Nikita Cuffe, Suzie Fraser, Taniele Gofers, Kate Gynther, Gemma Hadley, Fiona Hammond, Amy Hetzel, Bronwen Knox, Emma Knox, Alicia McCormack, Melissa Rippon, Rebecca Rippon, Jenna Santoromito, Mia Santoromito. Head Coach: Greg McFadden. Assistant Coaches: Aleksandr Osadchuk, Peter Szilagyi. Manager: Jeanette Gunn.





RESULTS:

Day 1: Greece 8 Australia A 7 (G Beadsworth, B Knox 2, T Gofers, G Hadley, S Fraser), USA 13 Australia B 8 (F Hammond, K Finucane 2, J Moran, G Ralph, B Appel, J Whitehorn).

Day 2: Australia A 11 (K Gynther, G Beadsworth 3, M Rippon, B Knox 2, T Gofers) Spain 9, Australia B 11 Greece 9.

Day 3: Australia A 9 (G Beadsworth, G Hadley 3, T Gofers, S Fraser, K Gynther) USA 9, Australia B 12 (F Hammond, R Webster 3, K Finucane 2, L Webster, G Ralph, S Mills, M Hammond) Italy 8, Australia A 11 (K Gynther 3, G Hadley, B Knox 2, N Cuffe, F Hammond, T Gofers, M Rippon) Australia B 6 (J Moran 3, H Lincoln-Smith 2, B Appel).

Day 4: Australia 10 (B Knox 3, N Cuffe, G Beadsworth, G Hadley, S Fraser, T Gofers, K Gynther, M Rippon) Italy 8, Spain 18 Australia B 11 (J Moran, S Mills 3, S Smith, G Ralph 2, K Finucane).

Final placings: USA, Australia A, Spain, Italy, Australia B, Greece.

XII FINA World Championships, Melbourne, Australia, March, 2007:

TEAM: Gemma Beadsworth, Nikita Cuffe, Suzie Fraser, Taniele Gofers, Kate Gynther, Gemma Hadley, Amy Hetzel, Bronwen Knox, Emma Knox, Alicia McCormack, Melissa Rippon, Rebecca Rippon, Mia Santoromito. Head Coach: Greg McFadden. Assistant Coaches: Aleksandr Osadchuk, Peter Szilagyi. Manager: Jeanette Gunn.

RESULTS:

Day 1: Australia 5 (G Beadsworth 2, T Gofers, M Santoromito, M Rippon) Canada 4.

Day 3: Australia 26 (N Cuffe, K Gynther 6, G Hadley 5, S Fraser 3, B Knox 2, T Gofers, M Santoromito, M Rippon, A Hetzel) Puerto Rico 1.

Day 5: Australia 11 (K Gynther 4, T Gofers 2, G Beadsworth, R Rippon, S Fraser, B Knox, A Hetzel) Brazil 3.

Day 9: Australia 12 (S Fraser, T Gofers, K Gynther 2, G Beadsworth, N Cuffe, R Rippon, G Hadley, B Knox, M Rippon) Italy 8.

Day 11: Semifinal, Australia 12 (K Gynther 4, G Beadsworth, N Cuffe, R Rippon, M Rippon 2) Russia 9.

Day 13: Final, USA 6 Australia 5 (K Gynther 2, N Cuffe, B Knox, M Rippon).

Final placings: USA, Australia, Russia, Hungary, Italy, Canada, Spain, Greece, Netherlands, Brazil, Germany, New Zealand, Kazakhstan, China, Cuba, Puerto Rico.

FINA World League, Asia-Oceania, Tianjin, China, May-June, 2007:

TEAM: Gemma Beadsworth, Victoria Brown, Nikita Cuffe, Erin Douglass, Katie Finucane, Suzie Fraser, Kate Gynther, Gemma Hadley, Holly Lincoln-Smith, Alicia McCormack, Sarah Mills, Jane Moran, Jenna Santoromito, Sophie Smith, Rowena Webster. Head



Suzie Fraser and goalkeeper Alicia McCormack in action during the FINA World Championships.

Coach: Greg McFadden. Assistant Coaches: Aleksandr Osadchuk, Peter Szilagyi.

RESULTS:

Day 1: Australia 14 (G Beadsworth 5, G Hadley 2, N Cuffe, J Moran, S Fraser, K Gynther, E Douglass, K Finucane, S Mills) New Zealand 6.

Day 2: Australia 11 (N Cuffe, K Gynther 3, G Beadsworth 2, J Santoromito, E Douglass, K Finucane) China 6.

Day 3: Australia 19 (N Cuffe 6, S Fraser, G Hadley 4, J Moran, J Santoromito, K Gynther, K Finucane, H Lincoln-Smith) Japan 2, China 10 New Zealand 8.

Day 4: Australia 16 (K Gynther 6, G Beadsworth 4, N Cuffe, G Hadley 2, S Fraser, S Mills) New Zealand 8.

Day 5: Australia 9 (N Cuffe 3, S Smith 2, G Beadsworth, G Santoromito, H Lincoln-Smith, K Gynther) China 5.

Day 6: Australia 14 (A Fraser 3, S Smith, J Santoromito, R Webster 2, N Cuffe, E Douglass, K Finucane, S Mills, H Lincoln-Smith) Japan 1, China 13 New Zealand 7.

Final points: AUS 18, CHN 11, JPN 7, NZL 0.

Exhibition Series, Los Angeles, USA, June, 2007:

TEAM: Lea Barta, Victoria Brown, Lisa Callahan, Jemma Dessauvagie, Erin Douglass, Katie Finucane, Suzie Fraser, Kate Gynther, Gemma Hadley, Fiona Hammond, Jane Moran, Mel Rippon, Mia Santoromito, Larissa Webster. Head Coach: Greg McFadden. Assistant Coaches: Aleksandr Osadchuk, Greig Richardson. Manager: Jeanette Gunn.

RESULTS:

Day 1: USA 16 Australia 10 (G Hadley 5, K Finucane, S Fraser 2, L Webster).

Day 2: USA 13 Australia 7 (K Gynther 3, G Hadley 2, M Santoromito, L Callahan).

Junior Men

European Tour, June-July, 2006:

TEAM: Richard Campbell, Nathan Cargill, Stephen Cody, Johnno Cotterill, Michael Dance, Joel Denneley, Patrick Harmer, Rhys Howden, Tom Knox, Dan-



iel Lawrence, Nick O'Halloran, Stephen Lewis, Scott Mackenzie, Billy Miller, James Young. Coach: John Fox. Assistant Coach: Peter Smith. Manager: Jon Harmer. Referee: Andrew Carney.

RESULTS:

International Tournament, Acireale, Italy, June-July, 2006:

Day 1: Australia 16 (T Knox 3, N Cargill, N O'Halloran 2, R Campbell, J Young, W Miller, P Harmer, S Cody, R Howden, J Cotterill, S Lewis, S Mackenzie) France 5, Croatia 14 Australia 10 (R Campbell 3, J Cotterill 2, N Cargill, J Young, D Lawrence, S Cody, R Howden).

Day 2: Italy 12 Australia 11 (P Harmer 3, R Campbell, N O'Halloran, J Cotterill 2, B Miller, D Lawrence).

Day 3: Play-off for 3rd & 4th, Croatia 16 Australia 13 (J Cotterill 3, N Cargill, R Campbell, D Lawrence 2, N O'Halloran, J Young, P Harmer, R Howden).

Final placings: Italy, Greece, Croatia, Australia, USA, Slovakia, France.

High Tatras Cup, Trebisov, Slovakia, July, 2006:

Day 1: Australia 18 (J Cotterill 4, P Harmer 3, N O'Halloran, S Cody 2, N Cargill, R Campbell, B Miller, D Lawrence, S Lewis, S Mackenzie, T Knox) Japan 11.

Day 2: Australia 17 (N O'Halloran 6, J Young, J Cotterill 3, P Harmer 2, B Miller, D Lawrence, S Cody) Slovakia 6.

Day 3: Australia 8 (R Campbell, N O'Halloran 2, J Young, R Howden, D Lawrence, J Cotterill) Hungary 8.

Day 4: Play-off for 3rd & 4th: Australia 14 (J Cotterill 4, R Campbell, R Howden 2, N Cargill, N O'Halloran, J Young, B

Miller, P Harmer, S Cody) Germany 9.

Final placings: Hungary, USA, Australia, Germany, Slovakia, Slovenia, Japan, Poland.

Tristar International, Koper, Slovenia, July, 2006:

Day 1: Australia 17 (P Harmer, R Campbell 3, N Cargill, N O'Halloran, B Miller, R Howden 2, D Lawrence, J Cotterill, S Mackenzie) Japan 5.

Day 2: Australia 16 (N Cargill, S Mackenzie 3, R Howden, J Cotterill 2, R Campbell, N O'Halloran, J Young, D Lawrence, P Harmer, S Cody) Slovenia 3.

Day 3: Australia 16 (S Cody 4, D Lawrence 3, J Young, P Harmer, S Lewis 2, N Cargill, R Campbell, N O'Halloran) Turkey 8.

Final placings: Australia, Japan, Slovenia, Turkey.

Player of the Tournament: Richie Campbell.

Goalkeeper of the Tournament: Michael Dance.

Taining Camp with Canada, Perth, January, 2007:

TEAM: Fraser Bunn, Richard Campbell, Nathan Cargill, Stephen Cody, Johnno Cotterill, Michael Dance, Joel Dennerley, Chris Dyson, John Hahn, Patrick Harmer, Rhys Howden, Richie Hyden, Tom Knox, Daniel Lawrence, Stephen Lewis, Scott McKenzie, William Miller, Nick O'Halloran, Sam Robertson, Jordan Votan, James Young, Dan Young. Head Coach: John Fox. Assistant Coach: Peter Smith. Manager: Jon Harmer. Referee: Daniel Flahive.

No official matches.

International Men's Tournament, Sydney, Australia, March, 2007:



The junior men with one of their medals on tour in Europe.



TEAM: Fraser Bunn, Richard Campbell, Nathan Cargill, Stephen Cody, Joel Dennerley, Patrick Harmer, John Hahn, Rhys Howden, Tom Knox, Daniel Lawrence, Stephen Lewis, William Miller, Nick O'Halloran, Jordan Votan, James Young, Dan Young. Head Coaches: Simon Daley, Peter Smith. Manager: Jon Harmer.

RESULTS:

Day 1: Australia 10 (N O'Halloran, G Richardson, D Young 2, N Cargill, S Cody, P Harmer, D Lawrence) South Africa 8.

Day 2: Germany 10 Australia 7 (N O'Halloran, G Richardson 3, R Campbell).

Day 3: Croatia 14 Australia 10 (G Richardson 3, R Campbell, N O'Halloran 2, D Lawrence, S Cody).

Day 4: Australia 14 (N O'Halloran 6, R Campbell 3, B Miller 2, N Cargill, D Lawrence, G Richardson) Romania 10.

Final placings: Croatia, Germany, Australia, Romania, South Africa.

Junior Women

European tour, July, 2006:

TEAM: Danielle Bower, Amanda Cox, Keesja Gofers, Cassie Grayson, Melissa Hammond, Stephanie Horgan, Caitlin Kerr, Jana Liessmann, Holly Lincoln-Smith, Sarah Mills, Leah Neilsen, Elysha O'Neill, Glencora Ralph, Rowena Webster, Joanne Whitehorn. Coach: Bruce Falson. Assistant Coach: Ryan Moar. Manager: Julie Hamill. Referee: Noel Harrod.

RESULTS:

International Series, Zeist, Netherlands, July, 2006:

Day 1: Australia 9 (G Ralph 2, A Cox, S Horgan, R Webster, H Lincoln-Smith, L Neilsen, S Mills, K Gofers) Netherlands 9.

Day 2: Australia 11 (R Webster, S Mills 3, G Ralph, L Neilsen, K Gofers, H Lincoln-Smith, C Kerr) Netherlands 4.

Day 3: Australia 16 (G Ralph 5, R Webster, H Lincoln-Smith 3, S Mills 2, A Cox, J Whitehorn, C Kerr) Netherlands 7.

Day 4: Australia 12 (R Webster, G Ralph, S Mills 2, C Grayson, A Cox, J Whitehorn, M Hammond, K Gofers, S Horgan) Netherlands 6.

Day 5: Netherlands 9 Australia 8 (R Webster 3, L Neilsen, C Grayson, M Hammond, G Ralph, J Whitehorn).

Australia wins series 3^{1/2}-1^{1/2}.

International Series, Krefeld, Germany, July, 2006:

Day 1: Australia 12 (S Mills 4, H Lincoln-Smith 3, M Hammond, G Ralph, C Grayson, K Gofers, C Kerr) Germany 2.

Day 2: Australia 21 (J Whitehorn, C Kerr, H Lincoln-Smith 3, R Webster, K Gofers, S Horgan, M Hammond 2, S Mills, A Cox, C Grayson, G Ralph) Germany 7.

Day 3: Australia 15 (R Webster 4, M Hammond 3, S Grayson, S Mills, H Lincoln-Smith 2, A Cox, J Whitehorn) Germany 7.

Day 4: Australia 25 (J Whitehorn 4, K Gofers, S Mills, R Webster, A Cox 3, S Horgan, G Ralph, L Nielsen 2, H Lincoln-Smith, C Grayson, M Hammond) Germany 4.

Australia wins series 4-0.



Rowena Webster and Elysha O'Neill with their individual awards from the Pythia Cup in Greece.

Pythia Cup, Athens, Greece, July, 2006:

Day 1: Australia 10 (R Webster 3, K Gofers 2, J Liessmann, S Mills, G Ralph, J Whitehorn, M Hammond) USA 9.

Day 2: Australia 11 (K Gofers, R Webster 3, H Lincoln-Smith, G Ralph 2, S Mills) Germany 2.

Day 3: Australia 12 (R Webster 5, S Mills 3, J Liessmann, J Whitehorn, G Ralph, H Lincoln-Smith) Greece 8.

Final placings: Australia, USA, Greece, Germany

Player of the Tournament: Rowena Webster (AUS).

Best Goalkeeper: Elysha O'Neill (AUS).

Trofeo Liguria, Rapallo, Italy, July, 2006:

Day 1: Australia 8 (H Lincoln-Smith 3, R Webster, S Mills 2, J Liessmann) Hungary 8.

Day 2: Australia 15 (R Webster 4, J Whitehorn, G Ralph, S Mills 3, H Lincoln-Smith, K Gofers) Russia 12, USA 10 Australia 8 (G Ralph, H Lincoln-Smith 2, J Liessmann, R Webster, S Mills, K Gofers).

Day 3: Australia 8 (G Ralph, R Webster, H Lincoln-Smith 2, K Gofers, L Neilsen) Netherlands 8.

Day 4: Australia 10 (G Ralph 4, R Webster, K Gofers 2, J Whitehorn, H Lincoln-Smith) Italy 5.

Final placings: Russia, USA, Australia, Italy, Hungary, Netherlands.

International Series, Lerice, Italy, August, 2006:

Day 1: Australia 18 (J Whitehorn 4, L Neilsen 3, A Cox, G Ralph, M Hammond, K Gofers, J Liessmann 2, C Grayson, S Horgan) Italy 10.

Day 2: Australia 19 (G Ralph 5, S Horgan 4, L Neilsen, J Whitehorn, J Liessmann 2, M Hammond S Mills, C Kerr, H Lincoln-Smith) Italy 6.



Youth Boys

European tour, August, 2006:

TEAM: Chris Cramb, Aaron-Jase Delaney, Jeffrey Disken, Chris Dyson, Corrie Eames, Peter Janzen, Lachlan Hollis, Toby Hunt, Mitch McCann, Ross O'Brien, Mace Rapsey, Sam Robertson, Edward Slade, Kane Smith, Carl Zvekan. Coach: Mark Hubbard. Manager: Graeme Bryce. Referee: Nick Hodgers.

RESULTS:

Tristar International, Kranj, Slovenia, August, 2006:

Day 1: Australia 17 (M Rapsey 5, T Hunt 3, S Robertson, AJ Delaney 2, C Eames, C Dyson, P Janzen, M McCann, C Cramb) Vojudine 9, Slovenia 15 Slovakia 4.

Day 2: Australia 13 (M Rapsey, S Robertson, C Eames, L Hollis 2, C Dyson, P Janzen, M McCann, R O'Brien, T Hunt) Slovenia 7, Slovakia 13 Vojudine 12.

Day 3: Australia 17 (C Eames 5, L Hollis 3, C Dyson, P Janzen 2, C Cramb, A J Delaney, T Hunt, R O'Brien, K Smith) Slovakia 6.

International Series, Novaky, Slovakia, August, 2006:

Day 1: Australia 15 (M Rapsey 4, P Janzen 3, C Eames, M McCann, R O'Brien 2, C Cramb, T Hunt) Slovakia 6.

Day 2: Australia 11 (P Janzen 3, C Cramb, R O'Brien, M Rapsey 2, C Eames, L Hollis) Slovakia 5.

Day 3: Australia 14 (L Hollis, M McCann, M Rapsey 3, P Janzen 2, C Cramb, R O'Brien, S Robertson) Slovakia 6.

Canor Erdogan tournament, Istanbul, Turkey, August, 2006:

Day 1: Serbia 16 Australia 7 (R O'Brien, L Hollis 2, C Cramb, S Robertson, C Eames).

Day 2: Australia 15 (S Robertson 4, R O'Brien 3, L Hollis, C Dyson 2, C Cramb, M Rapsey, C Eames, T Hunt) France 7.

Day 3: Australia 17 (P Janzen 4, A J Delaney, C Eames, M McCann 3, C Dyson, M Rapsey, T Hunt, R O'Brien) Romania 4.

Day 4: Semifinal, Turkey 11 Australia 5 (R O'Brien 3, C Eames, S Robertson).

Day 5: For 3rd & 4th, Australia 11 (M Rapsey, C Dyson 3, C Eames, L Hollis, S Robertson, R O'Brien, M McCann) Russia 10.

Final placings: Serbia, Turkey, Australia, Russia, Slovakia, France, Romania, Slovenia.

Samartzidis Cup, Syros, Greece, August, 2006:

Day 1: Greece 13 Australia 8 (S Robertson, C Dyson 2, C Cramb, M McCann, P Janzen, R O'Brien).

Day 2: Australia 11 (C Dyson 4, S Robertson 3, P Janzen, M Rapsey, L Hollis, R O'Brien) France 6.

Day 3: Australia 10 (T Hunt, C Eames, M McCann 2, C Dyson, R O'Brien, L Hollis, M Rapsey) Germany 7.

Day 4: 3rd & 4th, Serbia 7 Australia 6 (C Eames 3, C Dyson, T Hunt, L Hollis).



The youth girls' team on tour.

Final placings: Italy, Greece, Serbia, Australia, France, Germany.

Youth Girls

New Zealand-Canada tour, July, 2006:

TEAM: Zoe Arancini, Breanna Appel, Kaatya Armstrong, Lea Barta, Carla Benzie, Kayla Bryce, Annabelle Carter, Samara Davie, Caitlin Field, Allison King, Ebony Neesham, Hannah Robinson, Nicole Saville, Emily Young, Nicola Zagame. Coach: Phillip Bower. Manager: Annie Hayes.

RESULTS:

International Series, Auckland, New Zealand, July, 2006:

Day 1: Australia 16 and Under 7 (N Zagame, S Davie 3, K Bryce) New Zealand 18 and Under 7.

Day 2: Australia 7 H Robinson 3, B Appel 2, N Zagame, S Davie) New Zealand 6.

Day 3: New Zealand 9 Australia 8 (N Saville 3, N Zagame 2, A King, Z Arancini, B Appel), New Zealand 18 & Unders 10 Australia 8 (E Neesham, N Zagame 2, A King, B Appel, C Benzie, Z Arancini).

International Series, Vancouver, Canada, July, 2006:

Australia 29 (K Bryce 7, C Field 4, C Benzie, B Appel 3, A King, K Armstrong, N Zagame, H Robinson, Z Arancini 2, A Carter, E Neesham) Ontario B 2, Australia 30 (B Appell 5, C Field 4, Z Arancini, C Benzie, A Carter, N Saville, K Armstrong 3, S Davie, E Neesham 2, A King, K Bryce) Quebec B 3, Australia 15 (S Davie 4, C Field, Kayla Bryce, E Neesham, A King 2, N Saville, A Carter, Z Arancini) Quebec A 4, Australia 14 (N Zagame 3, C Field, H Robinson 2, A King, K Armstrong, N Saville, K Bryce, B Appel, S Davie, C Benzie) British Columbia 5, Australia 22 (C Field 5, Z Arancini, C Benzie, E Neesham 3, N Saville, B Appel 2, A King, N Zagame, H Robinson, S Davie) Ontario A 2, Australia 18 (B Appel 3, Z Arancini, C Benzie, H Robinson, K Armstrong 2, A King, N Saville, E Neesham, K Bryce, N Zagame, C Field, S Davie) Alberta 3.

Australia 18 (B Appel 3, K Armstrong, H Robinson, C Benzie, Z Arancini 2, A King, N Saville, E Neesham, N Zagame, C Field, K Bryce, S Davie) Canada 3.



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