



TEAM AUSTRALIA



Newsletter: Edition 2 January 2023

Congratulations to all Athletes and Officials on your selection to represent Australia at the Special Olympics World Summer Games in Berlin in June 2023 (Berlin23).

This newsletter will keep you up to date on all the important information you need to make sure you are prepared for Berlin23.

17th January marks 5 months to the Opening Ceremony.

You should be doing everything you can to prepare for the games. Your Team Australia coaches are here to support you every step of the way and work with you and your local coach to make sure you achieve your best in Berlin.

FAMILIES AND SUPPORTERS

We are very pleased to have Cally Bauman on board as the Family Support Coordinator to support the families and supporters of Team Australia heading to Berlin23.

Cally has a wealth of experience as a parent and volunteer of Special Olympics and will be working closely with Special Olympics Australia and Team Management to ensure families and supporters travelling to Berlin for the World Games have an experience to remember for a lifetime.

Family Registrations have opened. Check out the Families Program:
<https://www.berlin2023.org/en/visit-the-games/families>

Cally's contact details are: cabauman@hotmail.com or 0439 552 220

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WORLD GAMES FAST FACTS...

Berlin23 is going to be the largest sports event anywhere in the world in 2023, with:

- 7,000 athletes
- 26 sports
- 190 delegations
- 20,000 volunteers
- 9 days of sport

#Unbeatable **Together**

Host Town Program:

This is an opportunity for athletes to settle in and complete final preparations.

Host town for Team Australia is.....

Potsdam, capital of Brandenburg

<https://www.visitberlin.de/en/potsdam-0>

Family members please note that Host Town is only for athletes and officials of Team Australia.

Opening Ceremony:

17th June 2023 - Olympic Stadium

<https://www.berlin2023.org/en/sports/venues/olympiapark>

Closing Ceremony:

25th June 2023 – Brandenburg Gate

<https://www.berlin2023.org/en/visit-the-games/closing-ceremony>

IMPORTANT DATES:

23rd Jan 2023:

Levy 1st instalment payment due (see below for details)

24th – 26th Feb 2023:

Full Team Training Camp
City of Casey, Victoria

17th – 25th June 2023

Special Olympics World Summer Games (Berlin23)
Berlin, Germany

LEVY PAYMENT SCHEDULE

15th Jan 2023: \$1500

15th Feb 2023: \$1500

15th March 2023: \$1500

15th April 2023: \$1500

15th May 2023: \$1500

The final amount may be reduced subject to sponsorship and fundraising.



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TEAM AUSTRALIA OFFICIALS

The 64 athletes will be supported in the lead up to and during the Berlin23 by the following 28 officials:



Team Management

Susie Bennett-Yeo – Head of Delegation
Sheryn Klose – Assistant Head of Delegation
Debbie Knust - Assistant Head of Delegation

Management

Team



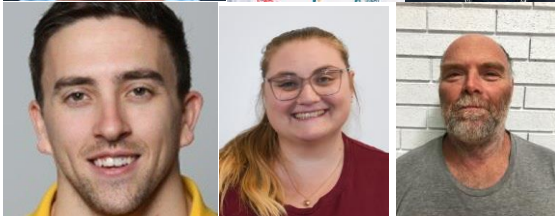
Medical Team

Libby Crouch – Team Doctor
Annette Dundas – Team Nurse



Athletics

Scott Shearer - Head Coach
Debbie Jukes – Head Coach
James Costello - Assistant Coach



Men's Basketball

Mitch Roberts – Head Coach
Kimberley Roberts – Assistant Coach
Michael Harris - Team Support



Women's Basketball

Carmen Dederer – Head Coach
Sarah Gersbach – Assistant Coach
Kellie Hensen – Team Support



Bocce

Jeff Stewart – Head Coach
Kerry Peterkin – Assistant Coach



Bowling

Justin Lopes – Head Coach
Rebecca Carter – Assistant Coach



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Equestrian

Chris Nott – Head Coach
Jane Sayer – Assistant Coach



Golf

Brendan Monaghan – Head Coach
Cait McGowen – Assistant Coach



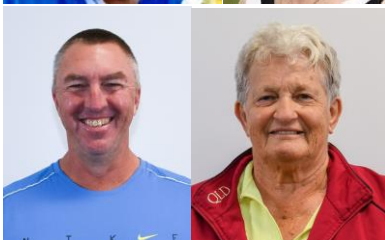
Gymnastics

Natalie Johnston – Head Coach
Natalie Upshall – Assistant Coach



Swimming

Craig Tobin – Head Coach
Jacque Dorante – Assistant Coach



Tennis

Glen Bowe – Head Coach
Daphne Bale – Assistant Coach



Team Photographers

Deion Menzies
Susan Menzies



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FULL TEAM TRAINING CAMP

The full Team Australia Training Camp will be held in the City of Casey, Victoria from 24th – 26th February, 2023.

This will be an important time for Team Australia as it will be the only opportunity for the full team to get together before leaving for the World Games.

It will be an action-packed weekend with training, information sessions and team bonding.

Detailed information about the training camp, including travel details will be distributed in the next week!!

*The cost of camp is covered by the athletes levy and coaches and officials will be accompanying athletes from their states.



IMPORTANT MEDICAL INFORMATION

Please note that ALL MEDICATIONS, VITAMINS AND SUPPLEMENTS must be packed in Webster Packs for the Training Camp and for the World Games.



Dr Libby Crouch and Annette Dundas make up our Medical Team – you may be contacted by them in the lead up to leaving for Berlin. Both ladies have travelled extensively with Special Olympics and have a wealth of knowledge in supporting athletes.

RUNNERS

Each team member will need to have a pair of predominantly white sports shoes to wear with their official tracksuit. These shoes will be different from your competition shoes and will be worn for travel, whenever official team uniform is being worn (all times when not in competition uniform) and for both the Opening and Closing ceremony.

