



## 2008 AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC TEAM FACTS AND FIGURES



The 2008 Australian Olympic team aims to finish in the **top five** of the overall medal tally. (Australia finished fourth in Sydney and fourth in Athens on the overall medal tally.)

The 2008 Australian Olympic Team numbers **751 athletes and officials**.

The 2008 Australian Olympic team numbers **433 athletes**. (Athens 482, Atlanta 424, Barcelona 290 and the largest team ever was the Home Games in Sydney with 632 athletes).

The 2008 Australian Olympic team includes **318 officials**.

The 2008 Australian Olympic team will be supported by a medical team comprised of approximately 75 expert personnel.

Australia has qualified in **26 of the 28 sports** on the Olympic program. Australia has not qualified in baseball, men's and women's handball, men's and women's indoor volleyball and women's football

### OLYMPIC MEDALS HISTORY

Australia has won **399 medals** at the 25 Summer Olympic Games since Athens 1896. These medals are: 121 gold, 126 silver and 152 bronze.

Australian men have won 74 gold medals and Australian women 45 gold medals while two equestrian gold medals were won by teams comprising three men and one woman.

Australia has won gold medals in **16 different sports**. Swimming is the most successful with 52 followed by athletics with 18, cycling 13, rowing 8 and equestrian 6.

Australia had the second most Olympic medals (58 medals) per capita at the 2004 Summer Olympic Games. Australia became the first country in Summer Olympic history to win more gold medals at an Olympics four years after hosting the event (Athens 17, Sydney 16).

The men's 4 x 400m relay, John Steffensen, Mark Ormrod, Patrick Dwyer and Clinton Hill, won Australia's 399th medal. The relay team won a silver medal on the second last day of the 2004 Games.

## PARTICIPATION HISTORY – NUMBER OF GAMES

**6th Olympic Games** – 1 athlete  
James Tomkins (Rowing)

**5th Olympic Games** – 5 athletes  
Michael Diamond (Shooting), Russell Mark (Shooting)  
Clint Robinson (Canoe/Kayak - Flatwater), Stuart  
O'Grady (Cycling – Road), Shane Kelly (Cycling –  
Track)

**4th Olympic Games** – 9 athletes  
Natalie Ward (Softball), Jane Saville (Athletics),  
Melanie Roche (Softball), Bradley McGee (Cycling – Track), Tanya Harding  
(Softball), Duncan Free (Rowing), Anthony Edwards (Rowing), Natalie Cook  
(Beach Volleyball), Rennae Stubbs (Tennis)

**3rd Olympic Games** – 52 athletes

**2nd Olympic Games** – 98 athletes

**Debutants** – 268 athletes

Note: Reflects Games in which athletes have competed for Australia.



## PARTICIPATION HISTORY – TWO OR MORE SPORTS



**Alexandra Croak** is the 13th athlete to represent Australia at the Olympic Games in two or more sports. Alex competed at the 2000 Games in gymnastics and competes at the 2008 Games in diving.

### Others:

Edwin Flack: (Athletics 1896, Tennis 1896)  
Reginald "Snowy" Baker: (Diving 1908, Boxing 1908, Swimming 1908)  
Lily Beaurepaire: (Diving 1920, Swimming 1920)  
Peter Macken: (Fencing 1968, Mod. Pentathlon 1960, 1964, 1968, 1972, 1976)  
Sydney Middleton: (Rugby 1908, Rowing 1912)  
Harry Morris: (Diving 1928, Wrestling 1928)  
Paul Narracott: (Athletics 1984, Bobsleigh 1992)  
Fiona Hannan: (Basketball 1996, Handball 2000)  
Neville Sayers: (Modern Pentathlon 1956, 1960, Shooting 1960)  
Nova Peris: (Athletics 2000, Hockey 1996)  
Donna Kite: (Athletics 1984, Cycling Road 1988)  
Duncan Page: (Modern Pentathlon 1964, 1968, Fencing 1964)

## OLDEST AND YOUNGEST



**Laurie Lever** (Equestrian) is the oldest member of the team at 60 years of age. Laurie makes his Olympic debut at the 2008 Games. Lever is not the oldest Australian debutant however, as Harold Brooke was 61 when he made his debut at the 1960 Olympics.

**Emily Seeborn** (Swimming) is the youngest member of the team at 16 years of age (5/06/1992). Cate Campbell (Swimming) (20/05/1992) and Melissa Wu (Diving) (3/05/1992) are also 16 years of age.



Twenty-three is the age of the most number of athletes. There are 50 athletes aged 23.

Twenty-six is the average age of the team.

## SPORT SECTIONS



**Rowing** is the largest section of the team with 48 members.

It is the first time in Australia's history that the team will field a boat in each of the 14 Olympic rowing events and only the second time in rowing history that the feat has been achieved. Germany qualified 14 crews in 1996, taking home two gold medals and four overall.

Swimming has 43 and athletics have 41 members

**Modern pentathlon** is the smallest section of the team with one member. Fencing and weightlifting have two members.

## GENDER

The 2008 Australian Olympic Team is comprised of **199 female** athletes and **234 male** athletes.

## TEAM RELATIONS – SIBLINGS, COUSINS ETC

### **Gemma and Jamie Beadsworth (Water polo)**

Siblings Gemma and Jamie Beadsworth are competing in the women's and men's water polo teams respectively.

### **Melissa and Rebecca Rippon and Kate Gynther (Water polo)**

Sisters Melissa and Rebecca Rippon and step-sister Kate Gynther will all represent Australia in the women's water polo team. All three athletes were in the Athens 2004 team.



### **Jenna Santoromito and Mia Santoromito (Water polo)**

Sisters Jenna and Mia Santoromito make their Olympic debut at the 2008 Games. Mia is the elder sister.

Jenna and Mia Santoromito

### **Kiel Brown and Hope Munro (Hockey)**

Kiel and Hope are brother and sister. They both wear number 28.

### **Craig Mottram (Athletics) and Jenni Screen (Basketball)**

Craig's brother Neil (former Australian basketball player) is married to Jenni Screen, making her Craig's sister-in-law.

### **Nicholas and Christian Sprenger (Swimming)**

Nicholas Sprenger (2004 Olympic silver medallist) and Christian Sprenger who makes his debut at the 2008 Games are cousins.



Nicholas and Christian Sprenger

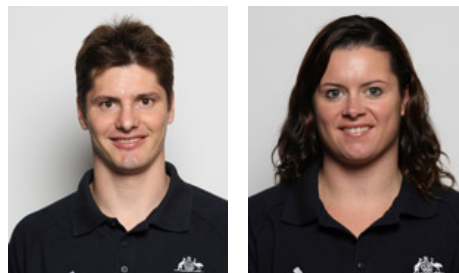
### **Sarah Tait and David Crawshay (Rowing)**

Second cousins Sarah and David are the respective captains of the women's and men's rowing team. They share a great grandmother.

## TEAM RELATIONS - MARRIED / PARTNERS

### **Chantelle and Robert Newbery (Diving)**

Dual Olympians Chantelle and Robert Newbery are married. They both competed at the 2000 and 2004 Games.



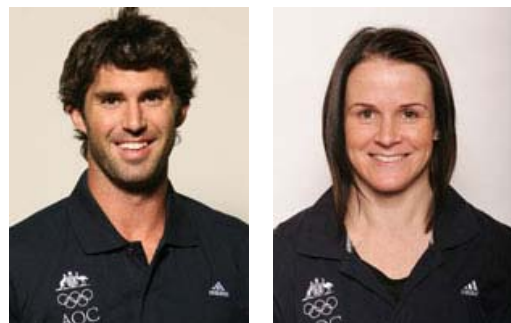
Robert and Chantelle Newbery

### **Clayton and Lucinda Fredericks (Equestrian)**

Clayton and Lucinda Fredericks are married and both make their Olympic debut at the 2008 Games.

### **Heath and Rozzie Ryan (Equestrian)**

Heath and Rozzie are married. They met in England and have been married since 1980. Heath is a member of the Dressage team while Rozzie is a reserve.



Matt and  
Melanie Wells

### **Melanie and Matt Wells (Hockey)**

Melanie Wells (nee Twitt) is married to Matt Wells and both head to Beijing in the women's and men's hockey teams.

### **Daniel Repacholi (Shooting) and Susan McCready (Shooting)**

Daniel and Susan are married.

### **Stephen and Angela Lambert (Hockey)**

Stephen Lambert is married to Angela Lambert (nee Skirving). The couple will compete in the men's and women's hockey tournaments.

### **Dina Aspandiyarova and Anatoly Babushka (Shooting)**

Dina is married to the shooting head coach Anatoly Babushka.

### **Maria Pekli and Daniel Kelly (Judo)**

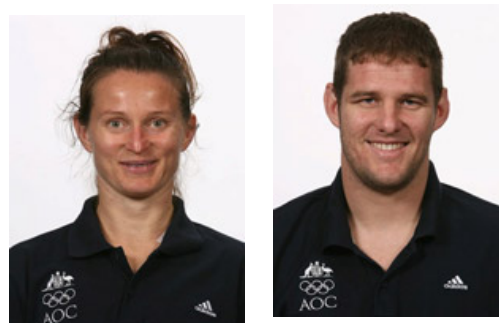
Maria and Daniel are partners.

### **Claire Woods and Jared Tallent (Athletics)**

Claire and Jared are getting married in Adelaide six days after the Beijing Closing Ceremony.

### **Emma Snowsill (Triathlon)**

Emma Snowsill is engaged to 2000 Olympian Craig Walton. The couple got engaged on Saturday 14 June 2008.



Maria Pekli and Daniel Kelly

### **Jo Halls and Gerry Adams (Fencing)**

Jo Halls is engaged to 2000 Olympian and Modern Pentathlon coach Gerry Adams.

## OLYMPIC FAMILY HISTORY

There are 23 athletes on the team that have family members that have competed at the Olympic Games.

### **Anthony Nossiter (Sailing)**

Yanda Nossiter (cousin) - canoe/kayak (1996 Atlanta and 2000 Sydney)

### **Nathan Wilmot (Sailing)**

James Wilmot (father) - sailing (1984 Los Angeles)

Robert Wilmot (uncle) – sailing (1988 Seoul)

### **George Barton (Shooting)**

Clive Barton (brother) - shooting (Sydney 2000)

### **Russell Mark (Shooting)**

Lauryn Mark (wife) - shooting  
(2004 Athens)



### **Natalia Rahman (Shooting)**

Paul Rahman (brother) - shooting  
(2004 Athens)

Lauryn and Russell Mark

### **Jane Saville (Athletics)**

Natalie Saville (sister) - athletics (2004 Athens)

Matt White (husband) – cycling (2000 Sydney and 2004 Athens)

### **Alana Boyd (Athletics)**

Ray Boyd – athletics (1972 Munich and 1976 Montreal)

Denise Boyd – athletics (1976 Montreal and 1980 Moscow)

Alana will become the first Australian in any sport to join both parents who have represented Australia in two Olympic Games.

### **Steve Hooker (Athletics)**

Erica Hooker (nee Nixon) (mother) - athletics (1972 Munich)

### **Tamsyn Lewis (Athletics)**

Greg Lewis (father) - athletics (1968 Mexico City)

### **Matt Gray (Archery)**

Daniel Burke (brother-in-law) - rowing (Sydney 2000). Matt is married to Cath Burke, Daniel's sister.

### **Patrick Mills (Basketball)**

Danny Morseau (uncle) - basketball (1980 Los Angeles and 1984 Moscow)

### **Meagan Nay (Swimming)**

Robert Nay (father) - swimming (1972 Munich)

### **Bronte Barratt (Swimming)**

Margaret Arnold (nee Johnson) (grandmother) - athletics (1956 Melbourne).

### **Heath Ryan (Equestrian)**

Matt Ryan (brother) – equestrian (1992 Barcelona, 1996 Atlanta and 2000 Sydney)



Matt Ryan (L) and Heath Ryan (R)

### **Stephen Stewart (Rowing)**

James Stewart (brother) – rowing (1996 Atlanta, 2000 Sydney and 2004 Athens)  
Geoffrey Stewart (brother) – rowing (1996 Atlanta, 2000 Sydney and 2004 Athens)

### **Sam Conrad (Rowing)**

Maurice Grace (grandfather) – rowing (1956 Melbourne)  
Tim Conrad (father) – rowing (1976 Montreal)

### **Pietro Figlioli (Water Polo)**

Jose Figlioli (father) - swimming (for Brazil) (1968 Mexico City, 1972 Munich and 1976 Montreal)

### **Tom Gibson (Rowing)**

Sarah Stratton (cousin) - beach volleyball (2000 Sydney)

### **Daniel McConnell (Cycling)**

Jenny McConnell (mother) - athletics (1972 Munich Games)

### **Gavin Woods (Water Polo)**

David Woods (father) - water polo (1972 Munich and 1976 Montreal)  
Taryn Woods (sister) – water polo (Sydney 2000)  
Bronwyn Smith (nee Mayer) (cousin) – water polo (Sydney 2000)

### **Tim Neesham (Water Polo)**

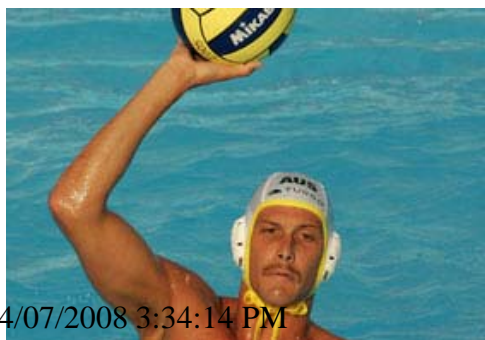
David Neesham (father) - water polo (1972 Munich, 1976 Montreal and 1980 Moscow)

### **Adam Pine (Swimming)**

Dianne van Hamburg (nee Rickard) (mother-in-law) - swimming (1968 Mexico City) Roger van Hamburg (father-in-law) - swimming (for Holland) (1972 Munich)

### **Thomas Whalan (Water Polo)**

Elka Graham (fiancée) – swimming (2000 Sydney and 2004 Athens)



Thomas Whalan and Elka Graham

## INDIGENOUS ATHLETES



Benn Harradine

Nine athletes in the 2008 Australian Olympic team are indigenous. Discus thrower Benn Harradine will have the honour of becoming the first indigenous field athlete to represent Australia at an Olympic Games, as will Des Abbott in Hockey.

Anthony Little (Boxing), Patrick Mills (Basketball), Benn Harradine (Athletics – discus), Paul Fleming (Boxing), Des Abbott (Hockey), Jade North (Football), Rohanee Cox (Basketball), Luke Boyd (Boxing), Stacey Porter (softball)



Anthony Little

## REPRESENTATING OTHER COUNTRIES

There are six athletes who have competed at an Olympic Games for another country:

Lalita Yauhleuskaya (Shooting) – Russia (Belarus) – 1996 Atlanta and Sydney 2000 (bronze)

Maria Pekli (Judo) - Hungary - 1992 Barcelona and 1996 Atlanta

Semir Pepic (Judo) – Slovak Republic - 1996 Atlanta

Myriam Glez (Synchronised Swimming) – France – 2000 Sydney

Erika Leal-Ramirez (Synchronised Swimming) – Mexico – 1996 Atlanta and 2000 Sydney

Dina Aspandiyarova (Shooting) – Kazakhstan – 2000 Sydney



Maria Pekli competes at her 5<sup>th</sup> Olympic Games in Beijing.

## ATHLETES BORN IN OTHER COUNTRIES

There are 43 athletes born outside of Australia.

<b>Given Name</b>	<b>Family Name</b>	<b>Sport Discipline</b>	<b>Birth Place</b>	<b>Birth Country</b>
Youcef	Abdi	Athletics	Azazga	Algeria
Pietro	Figlioli	Water Polo	Rio de Janeiro	Brazil
Kyla	Bremner	Wrestling - Freestyle Canoe/Kayak -	Powell River, BC	Canada
Chantal	Meek	Flatwater	Kent	England
Laurie	Lever	Equestrian - Jumping	Manchester	England
Neil	Kilkenny	Football	London	England
Rod	Chisholm	Rowing	London	England
Myriam	Glez	Synchro Swimming Canoe/Kayak -		France
Torsten	Lachmann	Flatwater	Schwedt, Germany	Germany
Maria	Pekli	Judo	Baja	Hungary
Fabrice	Lapierre	Athletics	Reduit	Mauritius
Tania	Luiz	Badminton	Ernakulam	India
Sandeep	Kumar	Wrestling - Freestyle	Dhanana, Delhi	India
Eugenia	Tanaka	Badminton	Kisaran	Indonesia
Mark	Anthony	Judo		Indonesia
Fergus	Kavanagh	Hockey Wrestling - Greco-	Dublin	Ireland
Hassan	Shahsavan	Roman	Tehran	Islamic Republic of Iran
Dina	Aspandiyarova	Shooting	Almaty	Kazakhstan
Sky	Kim	Archery	Daegu	Korea
Billy	Celeski	Football		Macedonia
Lucinda	Fredericks	Equestrian - Eventing	Zomba	Malawi
Cate	Campbell	Swimming	Blantyre	Malawi
Erika	Leal-Ramirez	Synchro Swimming	Mexico City	Mexico
Archie	Thompson	Football	Otorohanga	New Zealand
Rachel	Imison	Hockey	Palmerston North	New Zealand
Stacy	Roiall	Shooting	Auckland	New Zealand
Jian Fang	Lay	Table Tennis	Wen Zhou	Peoples Republic of China
Miao	Miao	Table Tennis	Tianjin	Peoples Republic of China
Stephanie	Sang	Table Tennis	Harbin	Peoples Republic of China
Daria	Joura	Gymnastics - Artistic	Leninsk-Kuznetsky	Russia
Lalita	Yauhleuskaya	Shooting	Sokol	Russia
Clinton	Hill	Athletics	Johannesburg	South Africa
Rob	Bell	Canoe/Kayak - Slalom	Cape Town	South Africa
Grant	Brits	Swimming	Johannesburg	South Africa
Luke	Adams	Athletics	Mvumi	Tanzania
Nikita	Rukavytsya	Football		Ukraine
Stephen	Sutherland	Boxing	Welwyn Garden City	United Kingdom
Peter	Hardcastle	Rowing	Rochford	United Kingdom
Matt	Targett	Swimming	Chertsey	United Kingdom
CJ	Bruton	Basketball	Wichita	United States of America
Shawn	Redhage	Basketball	Nebraska	United States of America
Amy	Ives	Rowing	North Carolina	United States of America
Semir	Pepic	Judo	Titograd	Yugoslavia

## TEAM UNIFORM

The formal uniform is supplied by Australian owned Mileno shoes and iconic fashion label Sportscraft. Athletes will wear the formal uniform to the official flag raising ceremony in the Olympic Village and the Team Reception.

As per tradition the Opening Ceremony uniform is kept a secret and is only unveiled when the athletes march into the stadium for the event. The uniform does have a real 08-08-08 theme, reflecting the date of the ceremony, 8 August 2008.



The competition uniform is supplied by adidas. The uniforms combine the traditional Australian colours with improved technologies and climate control.

130,000 – total number of uniform items for the team

11,000 – total number of socks for the team

5,000 – total number of bags for the team

Smallest item is the sock.

Largest item is the fencing bag

Thickest item is the judogi (traditional judo uniform for competition and practice)

Thinnest item is the swimsuit

## FREIGHT

By March 2008, seven containers were shipped to Beijing including one for sailing, one for rowing and six containing various goods. Interesting items included: three convenience vehicles, sailing boats, 1000 Boxing Kangaroo toys, medical supplies and 55 boxes of Vegemite.

Going by air to Beijing are 12 horses, 1.2 tonnes of bikes for the four cycling disciplines, competition and training boats for rowing and canoe/kayak (slalom and flatwater).

**ATHLETES ON THE 2008 AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC TEAM WHO  
WILL CELEBRATE THEIR BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST**



<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Sport Discipline</b>	<b>Age at Start of Games (8 Aug)</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>
Grant	Schubert	Hockey	28	01/08/1980
Michael	Naray	Archery	38	03/08/1970
	Kamakazi	Cycling - BMX	27	03/08/1981
Mark	Milligan	Football	23	04/08/1985
Stuart	O'Grady	Cycling - Road	35	06/08/1973
Kimberley	Crow	Rowing	22	09/08/1985
Hayden	Stoeckel	Swimming	23	10/08/1984
Tina	Morgan	Taekwondo	25	10/08/1982
Grant	Brits	Swimming	20	11/08/1987
Patrick	Mills	Basketball	19	11/08/1988
Cameron	Meyer	Cycling - Track	19	11/08/1988
David	Crawshay	Rowing	28	11/08/1979
Hannah	Davis	Canoe/Kayak - Flatwater	22	11/08/1985
Sam	McGregor	Water Polo	23	12/08/1984
Justin	Anlezark	Athletics	30	14/08/1977
Nicholas	Ffrost	Swimming	21	14/08/1986
Paul	Burgess	Athletics	28	14/08/1979
Courtney	Atkinson	Triathlon	28	15/08/1979
Nathan	Deakes	Athletics	30	17/08/1977
James	Tomkins	Rowing	42	19/08/1965
Kobie	McGurk	Hockey	22	20/08/1985
David	Guest	Hockey	26	21/08/1981
Luke	Doerner	Hockey	28	23/08/1979
Rohanee	Cox	Basketball	27	23/08/1980
Tania	Luiz	Badminton	24	24/08/1983
Lachlan	Milne	Canoe/Kayak - Slalom	29	26/08/1978
Suzannah	Fraser	Water Polo	24	27/08/1983
John	Steffensen	Athletics	25	30/08/1982
Leisel	Jones	Swimming	22	30/08/1985
Eamon	Sullivan	Swimming	22	30/08/1985
Melanie	Schlanger	Swimming	21	31/08/1986
Samuel	Beltz	Rowing	27	31/08/1980



## **ATHLETES ON THE 2008 AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC TEAM WHO HAVE COMPETED AT AN AUSTRALIAN YOUTH OLYMPIC FESTIVAL**

Seventy members of the 2008 team have competed at the AYOF, held every two years since 2001.

**Archery:** Alexandra Feeney (2005 AYOF), Jane Waller (2005 AYOF)

**Athletics:** Jarrod Bannister (2001 SYOF), Collis Birmingham (2001 SYOF), Alana Boyd (2001 SYOF), Kimberley Crow (2001 SYOF), Dylan Grant (2005 AYOF), Mitchell Kealey (2001 SYOF), Sally McLellan (2001, 2003 AYOF), Adam Rutter (2003 AYOF), Dani Samuels (2003, 2005 AYOF), Jared Tallent (2001 SYOF), Sean Wroe (2001, 2003 AYOF)

**Badminton:** Erin Carroll (2003 AYOF), Glenn Warfe (2003 AYOF)

**Basketball:** Patrick Mills (2005 AYOF)

**Canoe/Kayak:** Hannah Davis (2001, 2003 AYOF), Lyndsie Fogarty (2001 SYOF), Mark Bellofiore (2001 SYOF)

**Cycling:** Daniel Ellis (2005 AYOF), Mark French (2001 SYOF), Mark Jamieson (2001 SYOF), Anna Meares (2001 SYOF), Cameron Meyer (2005 AYOF),

**Diving:** Matthew Mitcham (2003, 2005 AYOF), Scott Robertson (2005 AYOF), Sharleen Stratton (2005 AYOF), Melissa Wu (2007 AYOF)

**Gymnastics:** Daria Joura (2005 AYOF), Naazmi Johnston (2001 SYOF), Ben Wilden (2001, 2003 AYOF)

**Hockey:** Fiona Johnson (2001 SYOF), Madonna Blyth (2001 SYOF), Casey Eastham (2007 AYOF), Kiel Brown (2001 SYOF), Mark Knowles (2001 SYOF), Eli Matheson (2001 SYOF)

**Judo:** Janelle Shepherd (2005 AYOF)

**Rowing:** Natalie Bale (2003 AYOF), Scott Brennan (2001 SYOF), Sarah Cook (2001, 2003, 2005 AYOF), Ben Cureton (2001 SYOF), Sarah Heard (2003 AYOF), Kerry Horne (2001 SYOF), Kate Hornsey (2001 SYOF), Marguerite Houston (2001 SYOF), Sally Kehoe (2003 AYOF), James McRae (2003, 2005 AYOF), Elizabeth Patrick (2005 AYOF), Todd Skipworth (2005 AYOF), Jeremy Stevenson (2005 AYOF), Sarah Tait (2001 SYOF),

**Softball:** Kylie Cronk (2003 AYOF)

**Swimming:** Lara Davenport (2001 SYOF), Eamon Sullivan (2003 AYOF), Jessicah Schipper (2003 AYOF), Leith Brodie (2003 AYOF), Melissa Gorman (2003 AYOF), Travis Nederpelt (2003 AYOF), Kylie Palmer (2005 AYOF), Belinda Hocking (2007 AYOF), Cate Campbell (2007 AYOF), Samantha Hamill (2007 AYOF)

**Taekwondo:** Carmen Marton (2003 AYOF)

**Triathlon:** Emma Snowsill (2001 SYOF)

**Water Polo:** Bronwen Knox (2003 AYOF), Gemma Beadsworth (2003 AYOF), Jenna Santoromito (2003 AYOF), Richard Campbell (2003 AYOF), Anthony Martin (2003 AYOF)

## FAST FACTS - THE 2008 BEIJING OLYMPIC GAMES



Games:	The XXVIth (26th) Games
Host Country	People's Republic of China (CHN)
Opening Ceremony:	8 August 2008
Closing Ceremony:	24 August 2008
Number of Sports:	28
Events:	302
Competition Days:	16
Competition Venues in Beijing:	31
Venues outside Beijing:	6
National Olympic Committees:	205
Athletes:	10,708
Officials:	5,500
Media:	20,500
TV Audience:	4 billion (est)
Games Volunteers	70,000
Weather:	August average temperature is 29°C
Candidate Cities:	Istanbul (TUR), Osaka (JPN), Paris (FRA), Toronto (CAN)
The Emblem:	Every emblem of the Olympics tells a story. The Beijing 2008 Olympic Games emblem "Chinese Seal, Dancing Beijing" is filled with Beijing's hospitality and hopes, and carries the city's commitment to the world.
Slogan:	"One World One Dream" fully reflects the essence and the universal values of the Olympic spirit -- Unity, Friendship, Progress, Harmony, Participation and Dream
Games Mascots:	Fuwa will serve as the Official Mascots of Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, carrying a message of friendship and peace to children all over the world. Beibei is the Fish, Jingjing is the Panda, Huanhuan is the Olympic Flame, Yingying is the Tibetan Antelope and Nini is the Swallow. When you put their names together -- Bei Jing Huan Ying Ni -- they say "Welcome to Beijing"

## **Changes to the Olympic program at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games:**

**Athletics** – addition of women's 3000m steeplechase

**Swimming** – inclusion of men's and women's 10km open water swim

**Cycling** – inclusion of BMX (replacing 1km and 500m Time Trial)

**Table Tennis** - team events instead of doubles.

The 2008 Beijing Olympic Games will also mark the last Olympic Games for the sports of baseball and softball.