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# e-News

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## 2016 Hancock Prospecting Australian Swimming Championships 7 – 14 April 2016, Adelaide



### SWIMMING NEWS

Swimmers Daniel Fox, Josh Alford and Liam Schluter selected by Swimming Australia for nomination to the Australian Paralympic Committee. Good luck for selections for 2016 Rio Paralympics boys!

### Results – Womens

#### Taylor Corry (NSW)

50m Free – 7<sup>th</sup> 28.27  
100m Free – 5<sup>th</sup> 1.01.88  
200m Free – 5<sup>th</sup> 2.20.05  
50m Backstroke – 1<sup>st</sup> 32.17  
100m Backstroke – 5<sup>th</sup> 1.10.19  
50m Butterfly – 1<sup>st</sup> 30.51  
100m Butterfly – 1<sup>st</sup> 1.09.63  
200m IM – 6<sup>th</sup> 2.35.42

#### Amy Cook (NSW)

50m Free – 13<sup>th</sup> 29.72  
200m Free – 6<sup>th</sup> 2.22.46  
50m Butterfly – 4<sup>th</sup> 33.02

#### Jade Lucy (NSW)

50m Free – 14<sup>th</sup> 30.45  
200m Free – 4<sup>th</sup> 2.19.89  
400m Free – 3<sup>rd</sup> 4.52.82

#### Madeleine McTernan (NSW)

50m Free – 15<sup>th</sup> 31.04  
50m Backstroke – 3<sup>rd</sup> 34.07

#### Kayla Clarke (QLD)

200m Free – 2<sup>nd</sup> 2.16.25  
200m IM – 7<sup>th</sup> 2.36.27

#### Nikeshia Harding (NSW)

400m Free – 6<sup>th</sup> 5.10.37  
100m Butterfly – 8<sup>th</sup> 1.16.96

#### Megan Botha (VIC)

400m Free – 5<sup>th</sup> 5.14.93

#### Nicole Fielder (QLD)

50m Backstroke – 6<sup>th</sup> 36.09

#### Jaime-Lee Getson (VIC)

50m Breaststroke – 4<sup>th</sup> 39.85

#### Ruby Storm (VIC)

50m Breaststroke – 6<sup>th</sup> 41.08

#### Emily Schmidt (QLD)

50m Breaststroke – 7<sup>th</sup> 41.81

#### Jenna Hohn (QLD)

100m Butterfly – 7<sup>th</sup> 34.85

### Results-Mens

#### Daniel Fox (QLD) –

50m Free – 2<sup>nd</sup> 24.67  
100m Free – 1<sup>st</sup> 53.72  
200m Free – 1<sup>st</sup> 1:57.84  
50m Backstroke – 2<sup>nd</sup> 30.06  
100m Backstroke – 5<sup>th</sup> 1:0.:78  
50m Butterfly – 2<sup>nd</sup> 27.74

#### Mitchell Kilduff (NSW)

50m Free – 1<sup>st</sup> 24.67  
50m Butterfly – 1<sup>st</sup> 27.00

#### Joshua Alford (NSW)

50m Free – 3<sup>rd</sup> 25.18  
100m Free – 2<sup>nd</sup> 54.60  
200m Free – 3<sup>rd</sup> 2:00.05

#### Jack Ireland (QLD)

50m Free – 6<sup>th</sup> 25.58  
100m Free – 6<sup>th</sup> 55.90  
50m Backstroke – 6<sup>th</sup> 31.82  
50m Butterfly – 3<sup>rd</sup> 28.40

#### Liam Schluter (QLD)

200m Free – 2<sup>nd</sup> 1:59.57  
400m Free – 1<sup>st</sup> 4:15.99  
200m IM – 7<sup>th</sup> 2:18.81

#### Cameron Schefman (QLD)

100m Free – 13<sup>th</sup> 59.27

#### Richard Eliason (NSW)

50m Breaststroke – 3<sup>rd</sup> 31.63  
100m Breaststroke – 4<sup>th</sup> 1:10.13

#### Solomon Coleman (QLD)

50m Breaststroke – 8<sup>th</sup> 35.64



## 2016 AUSTRALIAN OPEN BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

8-18 June, Perth WA



2016 Australian Open, Musgrave Hill Bowls Club, Gold Coast

**Gold Nathan Appleton (QLD)**

**Silver Brendan Elliott (VIC)**

**Third Joseph Lehane (WA)**

**Forth Joanna Lomagno (VIC)**



Brendon Elliott (VIC) v Nathan Appleton (QLD)



Gold-Nathan Appleton (QLD)



Silver Brendan Elliott (Vic)



Joseph Lehane (WA)



Joanna Lomagno (Vic)



## 28<sup>th</sup> National Ten Pin Bowling Championships

8-18 June, Epping Vic

A summary of the results from the 28th National Disabled Tenpin Bowling Championship for people with a disability that were held at Oz Tenpin Bowl, Epping Victoria.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BxZKixlu7cV7ZldTdkZwUXN2eIE/view?pref=2&pli=1>



The Games – a week long championship featuring nine sports (Athletics, Basketball, Cycling, Futsal, Swimming, Tennis, Table Tennis, Rowing and Taekwondo) – will attract more than 1000 of the world's elite athletes with an intellectual disability. The opening ceremony will take place on 19th October 2019.



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## Global Games 2019 - UPDATE



**INAS Global Games**  
**BRISBANE 2019**

### WHAT'S ON

**AFL – 9-14 AUG**  
**2016 AFL INCLUSION**  
**CARNIVAL - MELBOURNE**

**NETBALL – 20-21 AUG**  
**MARIE LITTLE OAM SHIELD**  
**– SYDNEY, NSW**

**PARALYMPIC GAMES –**  
**7-18 SEPT – RIO DE**  
**JANIERO**

**2016 INAS EUROPEAN**  
**FOOTBALL**  
**CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**26 SEP–7 OCT**  
**PARIS, FRANCE**

**EUROPEAN TABLE TENNIS**  
**CHAMPIONSHIPS – RUSSIA**  
**24-30 OCT**

**AUSTRALIAN SHORT**  
**COURSE SWIMMING**  
**CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1-5 NOV**  
**CHANDLER QLD**



### Global Games Update –

The Global Games Sports Company Pty Ltd was established earlier this year by Sport Inclusion Australia to conduct the Inas Global Games in Brisbane 2019. Sport Inclusion Australia has over 30 years' experience working in the intellectual disability field and conducting events and will play a consultancy role.

The Global Games Sports Company, GGSC

### Objectives

- Attract elite athletes to compete in a world class competitive and friendly Inas Global Games;
- Partner with the sporting community to deliver a technically well conducted event across nine Inas sports and three demonstration sports;
- Showcase the immense ability of the athletes competing and promote accordingly;
- Launch the Inas Global Games into a new decade with an inspiring and memorable, competitive event;
- Educate the wider community about the benefits of inclusion;
- Assist our partners make the most of the opportunities presented by the Inas Global Games;
- Contribute to economic growth by promoting tourism;
- Present the Inas Global Games in a way which will encourage positive exposure for Inas, Sport Inclusion Australia and athletes with an intellectual disability;

The GGSC Board has been established and consists of extremely experienced and talented professionals, who we will highlight in the next edition.

Robyn Smith has been appointed Chief Executive Officer and Greg Dunk, General Manager. Many initiatives are well underway, contracts signed, venues booked, negotiations commenced with potential sponsors.

This is a very exciting time for Inas, Sport Inclusion Australia and athletes with an intellectual disability in Australia and globally.



### AFL Inclusion Carnival

**9-14 August – Melbourne**

The National Inclusion Carnival is a week-long competition for footballers with an intellectual disability to compete for their State in a National Championships. The States competing in 2016 are South Australia, Victoria Metro, Victoria Country, New South Wales, Queensland and Tasmania.



# 7<sup>th</sup> Inas World Tennis Championships – Delaware USA

10-18 June 2016



The Australian Tennis Team headed off to Delaware USA on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June to compete at the 7<sup>th</sup> Inas World Tennis Championships with five countries competing including USA, Belgium, Italy and Czech Republic. Overall a very successful event with Australia receiving a medal in every event.

## RESULTS-

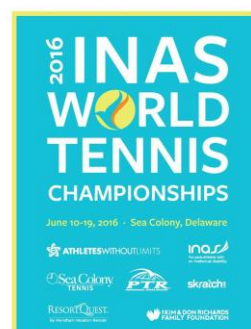
Event	Player	Result	Score	Vs
Mens Singles	Archie Graham	Gold	6/2, 7/5	CZE
	Mitchell James	Bronze	6/1	CZE
Mens Doubles	Archie Graham/Damian Phillips	Gold	0/6, 7/6,	AUS
	Mitchell James/Joshua Holloway	Silver	10/7 super	(2)
Mens Team	Archie Graham/Damian Phillips	Gold		
	Mitchell James & Joshua Holloway	Bronze		
Womens Singles	Kelly Wren	Silver	6/0, 6/7, 10/4 super	BEL
Womens Doubles	Kelly Wren/Carla Lenarduzzi	Silver	6/7, 6/2, 10/4 super	BEL
Womens Team	Kelly Wren/Carla Lenarduzzi	Silver		
Mixed Doubles	Damian Phillips/Kelly Wren	Gold	6/4, 6/2	BEL
	Archie Graham/Carla Lenarduzzi	Bronze	6/1	USA



The Mens and Womens Teams event results were based on the singles placement combinations

## Mens Rankings

1. Archie Graham AUS
2. Ondrej Sedlisky CZE
3. Mitchell James AUS
4. Jiri Humhal CZE
5. Damian Phillips AUD
6. Josef Hus CZE
7. Joshua Holloway AUS
8. Jakub Jerhot CZE



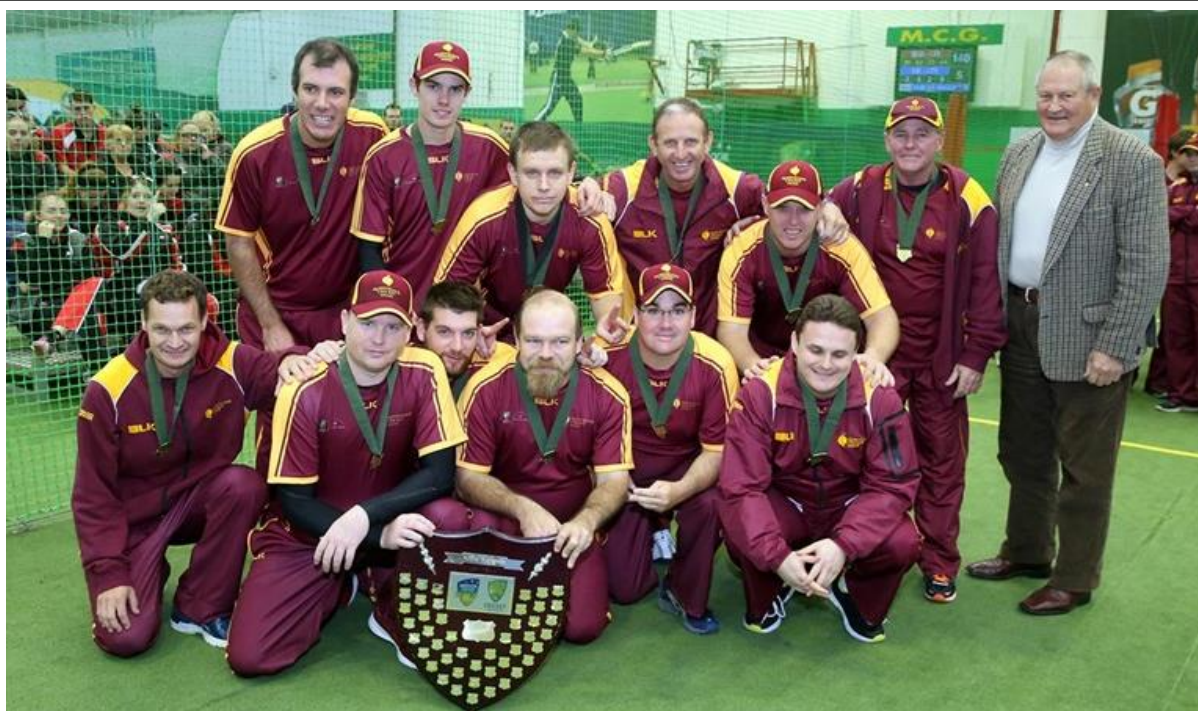
## Womens Rankings

1. Hanne Lavreysen BEL
2. Kelly Wren AUS
3. Brittany Tagliareni USA
4. Lies Gielis BEL
5. Carla Lenarduzzi AUS
6. Giulia Sgoifa ITA
7. Kara Diachenko USE



PHOTOS- <https://www.flickr.com/photos/64971234@NO2/albums/72157669592820656>

The next World Championships in Bolton UK-9-14 April 2017



### Congratulations to Queensland - 2016 Lords Taverner's Shield winners

Damien Berthelsen, Brett Wilson (C), James Rossiter, Nick Stallan, Shaye Scott, Haydn Brumm, Robert Fagan, Shane Kulboer, Aaron Aitkins, David Searle. Doug Daunt (Manager), Darryl Williams (Coach), Greg Brown- Lords Taverner's

### Results

TEAM	PLD	W	L	D	FF	FA	FOR	AGAINST	DIF	SKINS	BONUS	PTS
QLD - LTS	8	8	0	0	0	0	1063	332	731	30	30	54
SA - LTS	8	6	2	0	0	0	808	459	349	22	22	40
VIC - LTS	8	3	4	1	0	0	557	480	77	15	15	25.5
WA - LTS	8	2	5	1	0	0	596	742	-146	11	11	18.5
TAS - LTS	8	0	8	0	0	0	221	1232	-1011	2	2	2



**Player of the Grand Final**  
Haydn Brumm QLD



**Player of the Series**  
Brett Wilson QLD



## Lord's Taverners Teams



### WESTERN AUSTRALIA LORD'S TAVERNERS TEAM

Back: Justin Shaw (Coach), Sean McGowan, Nathan Ball (C), Phillip Ranieri, Rob Rogerson (Manager). Front: Anthony Kalimeris, Boyd Duffield, Aaron Heathwood, Nick Rogerson, Rhys Ellis



### VICTORIAN LORD'S TAVERNERS TEAM

Back: Benjamin Davenport, Alex Skinner (Asst Manager), Theo Arnold, Craig Whitehand, Shaun Wilkie, Joe Brizzi, Frank Sims (Manager), Front: Chris Anderson, Nathan Mahar (VC), Aaron McArthur (Coach), Jarrod Connelly (C), Matthew Sutton, Darren Riches.



### TASMANIA LORD'S TAVERNERS TEAM

Back: Liam Devlin (Coach), Nicholas Carter, Zane Cornelius, Jacob Beamish, Craig Skinner, Alan Eadie (Coach), Belinda Kitto (Manager). Front: Timothy Dixon, Matthew Bowen, Alan Dengate, Shane Allan, Justin Nilon, Scott Crowden



### SOUTH AUSTRALIA LORD'S TAVERNERS TEAM

Back: Andrew Summerton (Coach), Anthony Dunton, Adam Pattison, Scott May, Trevor Smith (Manager). Front: Matthew Bell, Peter Kerin, Lindsay Drowley, Wayne Jeffrey, James Eustance-Smith



### LORD'S TAVERNERS SHIELD 2016 ALL STAR TEAM

Brett Wilson (QLD)	Lindsay Drowley (SA)
Hayden Brumm (QLD)	Wayne Jeffrey (SA)
Boyd Duffield (WA)	Shaye Scott (QLD)
Nick Stallan (QLD)	Justin Nilon (TAS)
Scott May (SA)	Craig Whitehand (VIC)

Coach: Darryl Williams (QLD)

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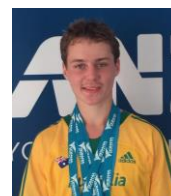
Day 1-QLD 111-VIC 24; Day 2-WA 42-SA89; QLD203-TAS 9; VIC 49-SA 66; QLD139-WA52; Day 3-SA 173-TAS 7; VIC 119- WA 33; QLD 123-SA 45; TAS 3- VIC 137; Day 4-TAS 25-WA 185; SA 91-VIC 44; WA 73- QLD 132; Day 5-SA 138-WA 63; TAS 35-QLD 90; WA 148-TAS 100; VIC 62-QLD 143; Day 6- TAS 9-SA 174; WA 0-VIC 0; VIC 122-TAS 39' SA 32-QLD 122; Day 7-QLD 146-SA 4; VIC 109-WA 91; SA 65- VIC 88; Finals – QLD 140 – VIC 5



## Oceania Melanesian Regional Athletics Championships 2016

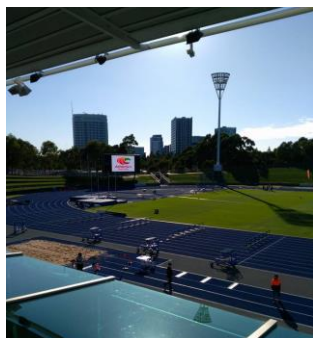


Congratulations to Tom Burrows (QLD), Andre Rivetts (QLD) and Blake Carr (NSW) on their selection in the Australian team to contest the Oceania Melanesian Athletics Championships in Suva from 7-9 July. This is Tom's third time in the Australian team having competed at the Inas World Athletics Championships in Prague (2013) and Guaranda, Ecuador (2015).



**RESULTS:** Tom Burrows (QLD) – 1<sup>st</sup> 200m 25.93s, 1<sup>st</sup> 4 x 100m Relay 52.15s.  
 Blake Carr (NSW) – 2<sup>nd</sup> 100m 13.13s, 3<sup>rd</sup> 200m 27.95s 1<sup>st</sup> 4 x 100m Relay 52.15s  
 Andre Rivett (QLD) – 5<sup>th</sup> Shot Put 6.27m, 5<sup>th</sup> Javelin 16.06m  
 Lleyton Lloyd (NSW) – 1<sup>st</sup> 100m 12.58s, 2<sup>nd</sup> 200m 26.99s, 1<sup>st</sup> 4 x 100m Relay 52.15

## 94<sup>th</sup> Australian Track & Field Athletic Championships 2016 - Sydney



### **RESULTS:** Mens –

**Lindsay Hendy (QLD)**-100m 6<sup>th</sup> 11.75, 200m 3<sup>rd</sup> 23.73, 400m 3<sup>rd</sup> 52.54, Long Jump 5<sup>th</sup> 5.83m  
**Alberto Campbell (QLD)**-200m 2<sup>nd</sup> 23.28, 400m 2<sup>nd</sup> 50.50  
**Timothy Foster (NSW)**-200m 4<sup>th</sup> 24.11, 400m 5<sup>th</sup> 53.44  
**Terry Price (WA)**-200m 6<sup>th</sup> 24.62, 400m 6<sup>th</sup> 56.06  
**Nathan Woods (SA)**-200m 7<sup>th</sup> 24.90  
**Andrew Semmens (VIC)**-400m 4<sup>th</sup> 52.96, 800m 2<sup>nd</sup> 2.05.45  
**Kyle McIntosh (NSW)**-800m 3<sup>rd</sup> 2.06.45, 1500m 5<sup>th</sup> 4.18.84  
**Matthew Pascoe (QLD)**- 800m 6<sup>th</sup> 2.11.12  
**Amechai Bawden (SA)**- 800m 7<sup>th</sup> 2.13.30, 1500m 7<sup>th</sup> 4.36.20  
**Timon Sideris (SA)**- 800m 8<sup>th</sup> 2.30.85, 1500m 10<sup>th</sup> 5.02.69  
**Nathan Dallas (NSW)**-800m 9<sup>th</sup> 2.32.33  
**Nicholas Hum (VIC)**-Long Jump 1<sup>st</sup> 7.05m  
**Blake Carr (NSW)**-Long Jump 8<sup>th</sup> 4.77m, Discus 3<sup>rd</sup> 25.20m  
**Lleyton Lloyd (NSW)**-Long Jump 10<sup>th</sup> 4.53m  
**Lindsay Sutton (QLD)**-Shot Put 2<sup>nd</sup> 12.62m  
**Andre Rivett (QLD)**-Shot Put 13<sup>th</sup> 5.89m, Discus 10<sup>th</sup> 14.27m, Javelin 6<sup>th</sup> 15.37m

### **RESULTS:** Womens –

**Brittney Beilby (NSW)**-400m 3<sup>rd</sup> 67.96, 800m 3<sup>rd</sup> 2.45.74  
**Eliesha Byrt (VIC)**-400m 5<sup>th</sup> 69.397, 800m 2<sup>nd</sup> 2.40.07, 1500m 2<sup>nd</sup> 5.32.51  
**Chloe Iwanoczko (NSW)**-400m 6<sup>th</sup> 90.93, 800m 5<sup>th</sup> 3.00.76  
**Kaitlyn Papworth (VIC)**-400m 7<sup>th</sup> 71.38, Long Jump 11<sup>th</sup> 13.84m  
**Caitlin Sharp (VIC)**-400m 9<sup>th</sup> 75.75, Long Jump 9<sup>th</sup> 4.38m, Shot Put 8<sup>th</sup> 6.96m, Discus 10<sup>th</sup> 19.68m, Javelin 6<sup>th</sup> 15.87m  
**Belinda Scott (NSW)**-800m 4<sup>th</sup> 2.48.84, 1500m 3<sup>rd</sup> 5.53.19  
**Nicole Harris (NSW)**-Shot Put 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.43m



Full Results -

<http://athletics.com.au/Portals/56/Competition/Documents/2016/AAC%20Results.pdf>

## EVENTS - INTERNATIONAL



The INAS Open Swimming Championships – were held in Loano, Italy where swimmers from across Europe raced for gold from 10th to 13th June. The event saw the return to the pool of a number of experienced international athletes along with the opportunity for a number of new athletes to compete in their first international competition. One of the favourites in the pool was France's Maxime Dutter who won a silver and two bronze medals at the 2013 INAS World Swimming Championships. In the women's event Poland's Angelika Koniecko will be looking to add to her bronze medal at the 2015 INAS Global Games.

**RESULTS** - <http://www.inas.org/events/results>



**ATHLETICS NEWS - INAS** - the International Federation for sport for para-athletes with an intellectual disability are pleased to announce the awarding of the 2017 INAS Athletics Championships to Thailand. The event will be hosted by the Sport Association for Intellectual Disability of Thailand from 12 to 19 May 2017.



[austrianopen.otdv.at](http://austrianopen.otdv.at)



2016 Pan Am Para Taekwondo Championships Jun 12  
[http://www.inas.org/event/2016-pan-am-para-taekwondo-championships?instance\\_id=63](http://www.inas.org/event/2016-pan-am-para-taekwondo-championships?instance_id=63)



**5th European Para-Taekwondo Championships**  
 18 Sept 2016 Warsaw, Poland



**2016 World Half Marathon Championships**  
 27 November - Evora Portugal



**2016 European Table Tennis Championships**

Oct 24 – 30  
 Kaliningrad,  
 Russia



**2016 INAS European Football Championships**  
 Paris, France Sep 26 – Oct 7





# GLOBAL ID SPORTS WEEK – 25 JUNE – 1 JULY



*Global ID Sports Week is a week-long opportunity for people around the world to come together to celebrate participation and excellence in sport for people with an intellectual disability.*

**Global ID Sports Week** is an initiative launched by INAS, the International Association of Sport for para-athletes with an intellectual disability and runs from 25 June to 1 July 2016. The week is aimed at raising awareness of sport for athletes with an intellectual disability and celebrating their success across the world. The theme of this year's GIDSW celebrates INAS' 30th anniversary. The organisation was launched in 1986 by a small group of people who realised that there were limited opportunities for elite athletes with an intellectual disability. There were just 14 nations in membership, but this has grown to 79 today, supporting more 130,000 athletes globally. The first 1st World Games for Athletes with an Intellectual Disability were held in Harnosand, Sweden in 1989 and today the programme has grown to include 15 sports and an annual programme of 12 world and regional championships per year. Amaury Russo, INAS President said "This is a very special year for our organisation. It has a long and very proud history and whilst we have faced challenges along the way, our vision of a world where athletes with an intellectual disability can compete to the highest level has never wavered. Of course we still have some way to go in achieving this, but in 30 years we have made some fantastic progress" GIDSW 2016 will be recognised across the world:

- Colombia will see 100 athletes competing across athletics, football, basketball and swimming in the "National Games FEDES"
  - England will host the National Athletics Championships
  - Australia will announce the next 20 recipients of the NEXT GEN Athlete awards – a project to support promising athletes ahead of the 2019 INAS Global Games
  - France will host a series of local and regional events across the country including the National Tennis Championships and National Youth Championships in athletics, basketball, 5 and 7 aside football, swimming and table tennis.
  - Portugal will host a series of events across the country celebrating the great partnerships forged between ANDDI and the national sports federations including the National Open Adapted Athletics Championships for the Disabled, and the ANDDI Basketball Final 3 Portugal Cup.
  - Completing Global ID Sports Week 2016, Turkey will host the 2016 INAS Open Athletics Championships
- Throughout the week INAS will be making a series of announcements including the confirmation of events hosts in 2017, new athlete ambassadors and other exciting news.

You can support the day by:

- Telling us about your activities
- Posting stories and photos to the INAS Facebook page (INASsport)
- Liking and re-tweeting our many social media posts using the hashtags



## Events

### Tennis - 2016 Queensland Open 25-29 June – Results

Mens Singles – Archie Graham def Damian Phillips 6-1, 6-4

Mens Double – Archie Graham/Damian Phillips def Mitchell James/Philip Mahoney 8-1

Womens Singles – Kathryn Wilson def Breanna Tunny 6-3, 6-0

Womens Doubles – Dathryn Wilson/Madison Wall def Yasmin Sanders/Breanna Tunny 6-3, 6-2



### Tennis NSW Tournament - 2016 New South Wales 10 August, Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre

Venue: Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre, Rod Laver Drive 2127 Sydney Olympic Park NSW

Phone: 02 9024 7606 Email: [nswtournaments@tennis.com.au](mailto:nswtournaments@tennis.com.au) Website: <http://www.tennis.com.au/play>

### NETBALL - 2016 Marie Little OAM Shield – 20-21 August -Netball Central, Sydney

Please direct all enquiries to: Laura Abrahams | One Netball Coordinator

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The competition will expand with Netball WA and Netball QLD for the first time, with inaugural participants Netball Victoria and Netball SA returning alongside Netball NSW.



**50 DAYS TO GO!** To celebrate Rio 2016, Woolworths and the Royal Australian Mint have launched a limited edition Australian Paralympic \$2 coin.

Australia's first ever multi-coloured coin will hit the checkouts at Woolies from July 22.



An initiative of  
Sport Inclusion Australia

**Lord Mayors Charitable Trust, Next Gen Athlete** grant and scholarship presentations. Lord Mayor Graham Quirk and Lady Mayoress Mrs Anne Quirk announced the Sport Inclusion Australia grant recipients for the NEXTGEN ATHLETES initiative.

Congratulation to the following award recipients–

Tennis – Alex Baker, Madison Wall, Yasmin Sanders; Indoor Cricket – Haydn Brumm, Shame Kuilboer; Swimming – Harry Cahill, Catrin Culla, Jack Dixon, Nicole Fielden, Ross Hughes, Chelsea Stebbing, Zac Telfer; Rowing – Mac Russell; Athletics – Alberto Campbell, Jack Campbell, Mitchell King, Isaac Newsome; Lawn Bowls – Allan Duffy; Wintersport – Shaun McKee





## ATHLETE PROFILE – ARCHIE GRAHAM - “Graham serves five titles in seven days”



**TITLE DEFENCE:**  
Ipswich tennis player - Archie Graham defends his world number one ranking with a gold medal at the INAS World Tennis Championships.



Just days after defending his number one ranking at the International Association of Sport's World Tennis Championships, Ipswich tennis star Archie Graham has taken out the men's singles and doubles events at the Queensland Open. Held in Delaware in the United States, Graham travelled with the Australian team to defend his title in the men's singles and doubles events for the third year running. A 6-2, 7-5 victory over the Czech Republic's Ondrej Sedlisky secured Graham's world number one ranking before a victory in the men's doubles with Damien Phillips from NSW handed the Ipswich player his second gold medal of the tournament. In an all-Australian doubles final, Graham defeated his partner from last year's tournament, Mitchell James along with fellow Queenslander Joshua Holloway. Graham said he wasn't taking it easy on his former partner after coming back from 6-0 down in the first set to win 0-6, 7-6, 10-7. "I don't play easy just because they are my teammates," he said. "It's been very good with the Australian tour, most of the team was from Queensland so I knew everyone already. "It was a lovely venue to play on with the synthetic clay courts letting the ball spin through really easily. I hadn't played on those kind of courts before so that was a fun experience." Graham added a bronze medal to his collection of two golds, with a victory in the mixed doubles alongside Victoria's Carla Lenarduzzi. Australian head coach Alison Scott praised the athletes for their success and hoped Graham's title defence would encourage more tennis players with an intellectual disability to compete at an elite level. "We are so lucky to have such a fantastic and strong team," she said. "It's really important that families know the opportunity to compete is there and that there is a pathway for these athletes to compete at an elite level. "I never doubted Archie's ability or his mental toughness. He goes out there, knuckles down and works hard. It's great to see the team go overseas and make the trip worthwhile." With eight medals won by the six Australian members of the team, it was another successful outing for Scott who coached the team last year in Ecuador. With next year's tournament to be held in the UK, Graham hopes Great Britain team will offer a bigger challenge. "They missed this year which was a bit disappointing," he said. "Belgium were a new addition but I didn't feel like the competition was as strong as last year. Great Britain are pretty tough and they will be the ones to beat." Despite the week-long competition and a long flight home, Graham wasted no time getting back on the court with the Queensland Open on the weekend. Reunited with his Australian doubles teammate Damien Phillips, he took out both the men's singles and men's doubles events. With both tournaments now behind him, Graham said he has allowed himself one day's rest from training. "It was a tiring week," he said. "But I still felt like I had gas in the tank. "I'll take Monday off and then back into training again." (Article courtesy Ipswich Queensland Times)



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