

Office for Recreation and Sport

# **SNAPSHOTS FROM 2010-11**

ANOTHER YEAR OF BUILDING ACTIVE, HEALTHY COMMUNITIES





My time since taking over as Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing in February this year has been thoroughly enjoyable.

I have taken the opportunity the first few months have given me to get out and about and see first hand the impact and benefits that State Government funding through the Office for Recreation and Sport has had on facility development and to fully comprehend all resourcing issues and demands.



The outstanding new SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre in Marion is a clear example of where elite sport can meet with everyday fun and recreation to offer a first class choice for all South Australians to pursue a fitter and healthier lifestyle.

Looking further afield, a national sports policy framework was agreed at a Sport and Recreation Ministers' Council meeting in June together with a state and territories partnership geared to improving high performance plans and priorities.

I have no doubt that the values encompassed in the report – participation, integrity and system sustainability – will enable all levels of Government and National and State organisations to provide a more enjoyable and efficient sport and recreation experience for everyone.

Of course none of these improvements can happen without the efforts of all the volunteers who sustain the industry. They provide an invaluable and ongoing life support to the industry. To them I say 'thank you'.

As an amateur and active sportsman, I am keen to foster the importance of the many lifetime benefits that flow from a healthy lifestyle. This is fundamental to the Office for Recreation and Sport philosophy of Active for Life and must continue to be supported by a forward looking industry.

I look forward to a successful and sporting second half of 2011.

#### **Tom Kenyon MP**

MINISTER FOR RECREATION, SPORT AND RACING

As the lead agency for the implementation of the South Australian government's policy on active recreation and sport, the Office for Recreation and Sport (ORS) has been focused on the development of policy, programs and resources, the provision of funding, recreation and sport planning, infrastructure development, elite sport pathways and the promotion of physical activity in 2010-11.

It has been an exciting 18 months in terms of sports infrastructure development led by our office, with

international, national and community level projects completed. The SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre at Marion is a high-tech international standard facility that now positions South Australia to host national and international aquatic competition alongside recreational pool users.

The new SANTOS Stadium athletics track is a great facility for athletes to showcase their talents, while at a local level the allocation of an additional \$5 million in funding to the Community Recreation and Sports Facilities Program has seen a wonderful boost in grassroots sport facility developments ranging from new clubrooms, to pitch lighting and ground resurfacing. The increase to this fund, alongside the other funding programs administered by the Office for Recreation and Sport, means that we now distribute more than \$16.5 million to the community each year.

The development of our STARCLUB resource has seen sporting associations and clubs have access to activity benchmarks that define best performing clubs and then tap into ORS resources to enhance their performances to reach these aspired to levels. It is increasing the capabilities and capacities within sports.

The alignment of ORS with the Department of Planning and Local Government as of 1 July 2011, will yield benefits to both organisations in terms of relationships with Local Government and initiatives in open space and facility planning. We look forward to developing strong partnerships through this move.

Our dedicated team has taken enormous satisfaction in working alongside the dedicated teams in all our sport and recreation organisations for "Active for Life" outcomes and we look forward to continuing our work and building our partnerships with the recreation and sport community in 2011-12.

#### **Paul Anderson**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OFFICE FOR RECREATION AND SPORT

# **LEAD**

We provide vision, direction and support in championing the importance and benefits of active recreation and sport.

### NATIONAL SPORT AND ACTIVE RECREATION POLICY FRAMEWORK

In collaboration with the Standing Committee on Recreation and Sport (SCORS), the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (Office for Sport), a National Sport and Active Recreation Policy Framework has been developed.

The development of a National Sport and Active Recreation Policy Framework was one of the priorities highlighted by the Independent Panel, headed by David Crawford, to review the sport system in Australia. The scope of the review was vast, from elite to community sport and the pathways that join the two. The panel consulted with more than 650 individuals and organisations.

Paul Anderson, Executive Director, Office for Recreation and Sport and Chair of SCORS, said the Framework will provide a cohesive sport policy, identify key sport priorities and provide guidelines against which future sport funding decisions could be measured.

"Several priority areas for cooperation have been highlighted in the Framework, including participation, international and national performance, integrity in sport, system sustainability, research and data review, and helping to meet broader objectives, including community building," said Paul.

The Sport and Recreation Minister's Council endorsed the Framework in February subject to the Commonwealth Government undertaking further consultation with the active recreation industry.

The Framework is available to download from the Office for Recreation and Sport website.



#### **SPORTS AND RECREATION MINISTERS**

L-R Hugh Delahunty (VIC), Phil Reeves (Queensland), Tom Kenyon (SA), Mark Arbib (Commonwealth), Brian Wightman (Tasmania), Terry Waldron (WA)

### WE TAKE THE LEAD ON PLANNING AND SAFETY

#### **PLANNING**

- The Office for Recreation and Sport has developed a strategic directions paper on community sporting hubs, to be finalised in 2011. The vision for the hubs is that they will house a range of sports and services thereby supporting active, connected communities. The development process for the paper included engagement with the Land Management Corporation, Department of Planning and Local Government, Local Government Association, Sport SA and Department of Education and Children's Services.
- The Office for Recreation and Sport worked with the Land Management Corporation to develop a Master Plan for future options for use of the former Ross Smith High School site at Northfield, including consideration for development of a community sporting hub for people with a disability.
- The Office for Recreation and Sport is a key stakeholder in the planning stages for the redevelopment of the Parks Recreation Centre.

#### **EDUCATION**

 Several boxing and martial arts seminars were conducted for industry participants throughout 2010-11 including, Muay Thai and Mixed Martial Arts refereeing and judging and level 1 Amateur Boxing coach accreditation.

#### **SUPPORTING INDUSTRY**

• The State Sport Dispute Centre is a joint service between the Office for Recreation and Sport and Sport SA, and is the only such centre in Australia. The centre is managed by Sport SA and overseen by an advisory management committee comprising of a Sport SA Director and staff, current mediators, state sporting organisation representative and Office for Recreation and Sport nominee. The centre is supported by a panel of trained member protection information officers, mediators and arbitrators, all with extensive experience in the field.  The Department for Families and Communities is working in partnership with the Office for Recreation and Sport to provide information and support for organisations to meet changes in requirements to provide child safe environments.

#### **WATER SAFETY**

- Government support for the VACSWIM SA program ensures South Australian school-aged children are given an opportunity to develop their confidence and competence in the water. The YMCA of South Australia was awarded a contract to deliver the VACSWIM SA program at pools, beaches and lakes around South Australia between 2011 and 2013.
- The State Water Safety Committee is co-funded by the Office for Recreation and Sport and SAFECOM. Numerous projects to implement the State Water Safety Strategy are underway, along with support for a Royal Life Saving Australia research project investigating the safety of children in and around water.

#### **COMMUNITY SAFETY**

 Legislation was passed in November to increase penalties for spectators who invade major sporting grounds, in an effort to discourage disruptive and unsafe behaviour. The new fines apply to major sporting grounds such as Adelaide Oval, AAMI Stadium and Hindmarsh Stadium, and also cover the lighting of flares.



# INCREASE PARTICIPATION

We provide more opportunities for more people to access and enjoy the lifelong involvement in quality active recreation and sport.

## AWARDS RECOGNISE LOCAL SUCCESS STORIES

A system to share the load for volunteers, a new model for delivering sport in the regions, an alternative approach to teaching, and innovative ways to engage communities were among the award winners at the 2010 *be active* Recreation and Sport Industry Awards.

These awards give us a chance to recognise the groups, often run by volunteers, that consistently demonstrate exemplary leadership and vision.

The Minister's Award for Excellence was presented to Touch Football SA for the pilot of a Riverland competition coordinated from the Adelaide Office. This management model removed issues which often impede on the initial development of new sporting programs such as insurance, incorporation, establishing a committee and commitment from volunteers.

"Through local partnerships, Touch SA incorporates sustainability and community capacity building into its delivery structure. For the size of the organisation, this level of commitment is excellent," ORS Executive Director Paul Anderson said.

The award for professional development and pathways was presented to Austswim for an ambitious project which seeks to train and qualify indigenous swimming instructors.

The key to the project was re-working the heavily text based curriculum to be delivered in a practical or visual format. Every module of instruction and responsibility has been mapped out in a way that it can be taught to a person with English as a second language, or with low literacy.

Step by step guides using photos to demonstrate skills and processes have replaced the traditional study resources.

The first graduates of the program, from Port Lincoln High School, travelled to the far west to undertake a practical teaching examination while instructing students from a local school.

Jack Johncock, Indigenous Sports Development Officer, travelled with them to observe the new training program.

"The problem wasn't only with swimming, it's with a lot of the sporting bodies, the curriculum they use is just a bit over the top for our mob," Jack said.

The evidence from the Austswim program is that a new approach to training indigenous instructors has a positive flow on for the community. The children taught by indigenous instructors were actively engaged, and developed their skills and confidence in the water quickly.

For the young instructors, the qualification and training has developed their leadership skills and opened up employment opportunities.

Austswim has developed the project in partnership with Tafe SA, the Office for Recreation and Sport's Indigenous Sports Development Program and Port Lincoln High School's South Australian Aboriginal Sports Training Academy.



# WE ARE SUPPORTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL SOUTH AUSTRALIANS TO PARTICIPATE AND BE ACTIVE

#### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL**

- The 2010 Exercise Recreation and Sport Survey (ERASS) Annual Report shows that since 2001, the number of South Australians participating in physical activities has increased by 21 per cent to 1,080,000. Regular participation (defined as three times per week or more) has increased from one third of the adult population to almost one half of the population in 2010. Overall, South Australia's participation rate is equal to the national average of 82.3 per cent.
- be active PlayTime is a program to encourage parents to be active with their preschool children.
   In 2010-11, the Office for Recreation and Sport trained in excess of 90 leaders and contracted 27 community organisations to deliver more than 350 sessions of the program across the state.
- be active Playtime went to the APY Lands for the first time in May. Kits were left in the Mimili, Amata and Ernabella communities.
- 90 new group leaders were trained to deliver Wisemove, a program to break down the barriers for women to participate in physical activity. 270 people from more than 30 organisations took part in the 12 week course in 2010-11.

#### **INNOVATION**

- The be active message became interactive at the
  Westfield Marion Shopping Centre where the stairs
  to the cinema became a mountain billboard with
  familiar voices from movies congratulating climbers
  on taking the stairs instead of the escalators. While
  outside, a set of be active car parks were marked
  out, promoting shoppers to 'take every opportunity
  to be active'.
- be active in the City was conducted in partnership with the Adelaide City Council throughout February and March. More than 2,500 participants joined in the Zumba and personal training classes each week in Victoria Square over an 8 week period.

#### **FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS**

- More than \$16.5 million was distributed to the community in 2010-11. Through the Inclusive Recreation, Inclusive Sport (IRIS) funding program, \$500,000 was distributed to organisations to support projects that create and offer opportunities for people with disabilities to participate.
- \$500,000 was granted to organisations for programs targeting inactive people through the Move it! Making Communities Active funding program.

#### **INCLUSION**

- For the first time in 37 years, boats were sailed on the Torrens Lake. The day was an opportunity for SCOSA clients to experience the freedom and ability to sail and was the close of the seasonal 12 week program with the Port Adelaide Sailing Club.
- The Office for Recreation and Sport, in partnership with the Australian Paralympic Committee, Novita and Boccia NSW, conducted a Junior Gala Day for boccia in June at ETSA Park. More than 100 students from various special schools attended to learn about the sport of boccia and participate in a round robin tournament.

#### RECREATION

- The Office for Recreation and Sport works with Councils and the Department of Planning and Local Government to create liveable places for people to play.
- The Office for Recreation and Sport directly supports
  the Mawson Trail, Kidman Trail and Riesling Trail,
  in partnership with the SA Trails Coordinating
  Committee and peak bodies such as Walking SA,
  Horse SA and Bicycle SA. The aim is to promote
  and develop participation opportunities in walking,
  cycling, horse riding, diving and canoeing on the
  many trails around SA.





# **EXCEL**

We strive for excellence in everything we do in the active recreation and sport industry.

## MEDAL WINNING PERFORMANCE

South Australian athletes were the toast of the nation during the Commonwealth Games in October. Gymnast Sam Offord came home from Delhi with two gold medals. Medals and Commonwealth Games records were claimed by SASI cyclists, while there were more medals taken in the pool, and a world record for parasport swimmer Matthew Cowdrey.

Graduates from SASI programs in netball and athletics, and scholarship holders in pistol shooting and badminton also stood proud on the podium to receive medals.

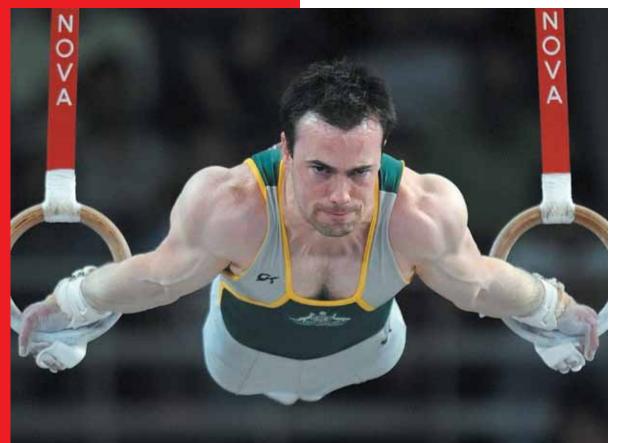
South Australian Sports Institute (SASI) Director Wes Battams congratulated athletes, coaches and support staff at the SASI awards in December. "There are no short term results in high performance sport – we are seeing the fruits of the labour of several years," said Wes.

SASI Coach of the Year was awarded to Gymnast Yu Bo. In 2010, the SASI Men's Gymnastics program reached a new level, with Sam Offord's dual gold medal winning performances at the Commonwealth Games and gold and silver medal performances at the Pacific Rim Championships. Yu Bo was selected as national team coach for both the Commonwealth Games in Delhi, and the World Championships in Rotterdam.

Program of the year was awarded to SASI Water Polo. The Water Polo program achieved a milestone in 2010, with the first selection of a SASI female athlete to the national senior squad. Led by coach Eddie Denis, the Water Polo program has one of the most comprehensive athlete management and monitoring systems of any program at SASI. The program will thrive in the new state of the art training environment when it moves to the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre at Marion in 2011.

Junior athlete of the year honours went to Olympia Aldersey (Rowing) and Matthew Glaetzer (Cycling). Megan Jones (Equestrian) was named female athlete of the year, while Jack Bobridge (Cycling) and Matthew Cowdrey (Swimming), were named male athletes of the year.

With athletes now focussed on the countdown to the London Olympics, SASI coaches and staff are concentrating on providing a world class daily training environment for South Australia's world class athletes.



# THE OFFICE FOR RECREATION AND SPORT STRIVES FOR EXCELLENCE ON AND OFF THE FIELD

#### **ELITE SPORTS PERFORMANCE**

- 13 South Australians won medals at the Commonwealth Games. 22 South Australian athletes competed at the games, including two para-sport athletes.
- 2010 was a pivotal year for 19-year-old Sprint Cyclist Matthew Glaetzer who was crowned Junior World Champion in the Men's Sprint and Keirin events at the Junior Track Cycling World Championships. Matthew progressed to the senior ranks in 2011 where he placed a credible 4th in the Team Sprint at the Senior World Track Cycling Championships. Fellow Sprint Cyclist Anna Meares won three World Track Championship titles in 2011, including her first ever Women's Sprint crown, the Team Sprint and the Women's Keirin title. At the same event. current world record holder Jack Bobridge dominated the Men's Individual Pursuit before teaming up with fellow SASI rider Rohan Denis to take out the Team Pursuit. On the water, Rower Chris Morgan won gold at the 2010 World Rowing Championships in the men's coxed pair, racing from behind with his partner to win by one second.
- SASI Paralympic swimmers and cyclists dominated in their respective World Championship events.
   Super-fish Matthew Cowdrey won five gold and one silver medal, breaking world records in the S9 100m backstroke and the 4 x 100m freestyle relay. Cyclists Keirin Modra and pilot Scott Mcphee won the World Championship title in the 4km pursuit, claiming a world record in the process, and Felicity Johnson paired with pilot Stephanie Morton to win the 1km Time Trial title.

#### **PARTNERSHIPS**

 The SASI Sports Science Unit enhanced key partnerships with the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) to provide services for the beach volleyball and track cycling program. Specialist staff worked with the volleyball team in Europe and the cycling team during a training camp in the US Olympic Training Centre in Colorado Springs.

#### **QUALITY VENUES & EVENTS**

- The National Mountain Bike Championships were held at Eagle Mountain Bike Park in January.
- Local cycling fans saw the heroes of the Commonwealth Games, including triple gold medallist Anna Meares, racing at the Adelaide Super-Drome in the Oceania Track Cycling Championships in November, and previously at the National Track Cycling Championships in February.
- Hindmarsh Stadium, the home of Adelaide United for the A-League football season, is also the state's premier Rugby League venue, and hosted the Rugby Affiliated States Championship in June.
- The portable sports floor was used at the Entertainment Centre where a sell out crowd saw the Adelaide Thunderbirds take out the Trans Tasman ANZ Championship netball grand final. The floor was also used for an Australian Diamonds versus New Zealand Silver Ferns match in August.
- The upgraded AM Ramsay Regatta course at West Lakes hosted the 2011 Australian Rowing Championships from 7-13 March.

#### **EXEMPLARY PROGRAMS**

A poster presentation on the Wisemove program
was given at the 5th International Women's Group
World Conference on Women and Sport. The
program to break down the barriers for women to
participate in physical activity, has been delivered
successfully for a number of years, and measures
were taken to adapt the program for men's groups
facing similar barriers.

#### **GOOD CUSTOMER SERVICE**

 To improve the quality of applications for funding programs, the opening period for all programs was increased to eight weeks to allow more time for applicants to prepare.







# ENGAGE

We provide an environment where Office for Recreation and Sport staff, industry and stakeholders communicate and work together.

### PRESENTING A COMMUNITY FACE

The Office for Recreation and Sport's Community Presenters are a unique team that provide a valuable interface between the office and the sporting community and industry.

Graham Erlandsen is a current member of the Community Presenter Panel. He is a former senior manager of a bank, and keen sportsman as both a player and administrator, and brings a wealth of business and management experience to the role.

Graham has been working with clubs piloting the STARCLUB Club Development Program. Through regular conversations with the clubs, Graham provided insights to guide adjustments to the program to meet the broad needs of clubs from all areas.

"They've all got different challenges, but all have good stories," he said. "They need people to talk to them, and I feel as though I'm achieving something."

Like Graham, many community presenters are people who have had a long history in business and community. Others continue to be involved in their career or community work, but are keen to contribute to the active recreation and sport industry.

The members of the panel are selected to provide a balance of skills and expertise in areas such as governance, club development, child protection, coaching and officiating, disability and early childhood needs.

Community presenters work alongside the office's Industry Support and Training team. The presenters are called up on an as-needs basis to fill roles such as presenting training and workshops, research and development of resources, and engagement with clubs to provide input into the development of programs and services.

Each year a panel of 12 community presenters are selected and employed through a formal recruitment process which includes advertising through CareerOne in *The Advertiser* and online.

For more information about training courses and support provided by the Industry Support and Training team, go to the pages of our website under 'Training and Development' for associations and clubs, and coaches and officials.



Community presenter Graham Erlandsen (left) talks about his STARCLUB work

# WE ARE FINDING NEW WAYS TO CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY AND LEARN FROM EACH OTHER

#### **LEARNING TOGETHER**

 People from within the industry presented to their peers at the Seminar Series, a forum facilitated by the Office for Recreation and Sport to share industry experience and insights into topical issues and shared challenges.

#### **FORUMS & WORKSHOPS**

 A group of SASI athletes identified as potential future leaders undertook a series of group workshops to develop their personal and professional skills. Guests from the industry contributed to the training, including Adelaide Thunderbirds Coach, Jane Woodlands-Thompson. To complete the program, each participant undertook a leadership project in the community.

#### **SUPPORTING INDUSTRY**

- The Office for Recreation and Sport partnered with local councils in metropolitan and regional areas to host information sessions to help clubs understand and implement the new requirements for child protection prior to them coming into effect on 1 January 2011.
- More than 400 coaches from a range of sports attended two elite coaching workshops in 2010-11. Leigh Matthews drew on his AFL experience as a premiership player and coach while Tim Nielsen spoke candidly about his cricket world cup experience. Both men provided information on their coaching principles that could be applied in a variety of team and individual sports.

#### **CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION**

- The SASI Talent Search program was extended to reach individual athletes, including those from country areas, with the introduction of online submission of details and video instructions for self-testing. The 'Rate Yourself' talent search tool is being promoted through the social networking site Facebook.
- Access to information through the Office for Recreation and Sport website at www.recsport. sa.gov.au was improved with an update to the page layout and menu structure.
- Online registration and payment for training courses and workshops has proved to be the preferred method for customers, and increased efficiency for processing. Value added services through the online registration system include SMS reminders prior to events.
- A review of the grants programs administered by the Office for Recreation and Sport was approved in 2010. The review will ensure the grant programs are achieving government objectives and meeting the needs of the industry. Consultation with the sport and recreation industry, local government, Members of Parliament and the general public took place in April 2011 through a series of focus groups and an online survey. Findings and recommendations are expected in October 2011.



# SUSTAIN

We work with industry and stakeholders to build a stronger capacity to deliver active recreation and sport for today and tomorrow.

## WANT TO JOIN A STARCLUB?

The STARCLUB Club Development Program has been developed by the Office for Recreation and Sport to help build well-run clubs and ensure that everyone involved is valued, safe, and welcomed.

Executive Director, Paul Anderson, says it is important for clubs to establish a strong foundation where quality coaches and officials work alongside valued volunteers.

"When the formula is right at a club, the players, coaches, volunteers and families all thrive," he said.

"We have been able to build up a profile of what a successful club looks like through our ongoing partnerships and communication with South Australian clubs from all types of sports and active recreation." Further research and ongoing consultation with local clubs enabled the Office for Recreation and Sport to identify the five key areas and 25 steps to becoming a STARCLUB and to create a tool and resources for club development.

An online self-assessment is the starting point, and, from this, the organisation develops an action plan to address the areas identified for improvement.

Topics covered include risk management, equal opportunity, codes of behaviour, child safe environments, and volunteer induction and policy.

Encounter Paddling were one of the groups that piloted the program, and summed up how the program helped them as a new club.

"We were a young group with lots of energy but we needed to take the next step.

"We needed to become more structured, spread the workload, and place emphasis on succession planning."

Since its launch at the 2010 Club Development Conference, more than 200 organisations and individuals have signed up to begin undertaking the STARCLUB program and 12 have achieved STARCLUB status.

The Office for Recreation and Sport is engaging with the wider recreation and sport industry, state sporting organisations, and local councils to support them to work alongside their clubs as they progress through the STARCLUB program.



# FROM GRASSROOTS TO ELITE, WE SUPPORT OUR INDUSTRY TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

#### **FUNDING LOCAL FACILITIES**

- More than \$16.5 million was distributed to the community in 2010-11. The Community Recreation and Sports Facilities Program funds were more than quadrupled. Applications for the 2010-11 round of funding were called in September, with a \$5 million increase taking the annual total for the program to \$6.49 million.
- Funding for equipment and minor capital works was provided through the \$2.35 million Active Club Funding Program.

#### **SUPPORTING INDUSTURY**

 \$6.673 million was distributed to organisations for activities and programs that have a regional or statewide impact for the recreation and sport industry through the Statewide Enhancement Program (StEP).

#### **DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING**

- My Club, My Community was the theme for the 2011 Club Development Conference, held at AAMI Stadium in May. Former AFL star Glenn Manton delivered an enlightening opening to the conference. Dr Judy Esmond shared her knowledge and expertise on managing and recruiting volunteers. Close to 200 club volunteers attended the conference, which was conducted in partnership with the SANFL.
- The Coloured Shirt Program seeks to discourage negative attitudes towards learner umpires by identifying their learner status with a coloured shirt.
   The program has continued to grow, with a number of new sports introducing the program in 2010-11.

- The Essentials for Coaching Children and Child Safe Officer courses had a surge of interest in 2010-11. The increase in numbers and course feedback indicates that the format and content of the courses are valued by the industry and that individuals are seeking education and information to ensure they take the right approach to the responsibility of coaching and working with children.
- Country Athlete Awards were provided to 61 young athletes from rural SA. The 14-18 year old athletes shared in \$35,000 worth of funding to assist with the time, travel and financial challenges athletes living in regional areas often face.
- Talented Athlete Awards provide financial assistance to talented junior athletes, aged 13-20 years to assist them to progress to the senior elite level. A total of 87 junior athletes shared in \$60,000 in 2010-11.

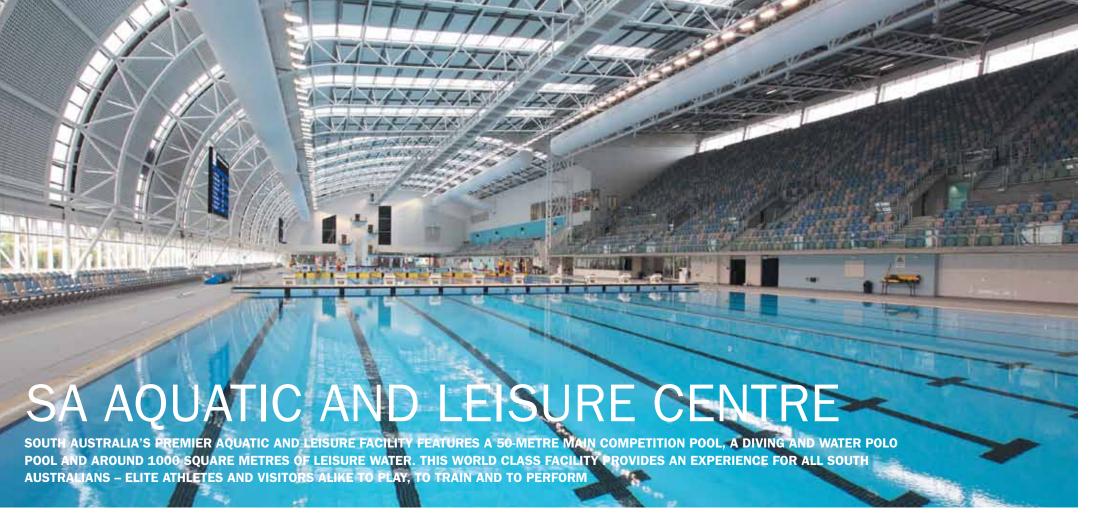
#### **FACILITIES FOR ALL**

- The state of the art SA Aquatic and Leisure
   Centre was completed in April in time to host the
   Australian Age Swimming Championships.
   The centre houses five pools in total, including two
   FINA compliant competition pools; a six lane, 25m
   community lap/program pool; a dedicated learn
   to swim pool; and community leisure water and
   toddler pool. Accessibility, safety and elements of
   fun are incorporated throughout.
- The pitch at the Pines Hockey Stadium was replaced with an international standard surface and was unveiled for the opening of the Australian Hockey League Women's Finals Series in May.
- An upgrade of Santos Stadium, including the replacement of the athletics track, was completed in early 2011. The track and facilities upgrade provide a facility which athletes at all levels can train and compete.















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