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Olympic and Paralympic Selection Update

The Australian Olympic and Paralympic committees continue to confirm selection of athletes to the respective teams. TIS Scholarship holders Eddie Ockenden (hockey) and Sarah Howe (rowing) join Stewart McSweyn (athletics), Daniel Watkins (Canoe Slalom), Georgia Baker (Cycling) on the Olympic Team, while Deon Kenzie remains as the sole selection in the Paralympic Team.

Eddie, Co Captain of the Kookaburra's, will attend his fourth Olympic games while Sarah will make her debut as a member of the Women's Eight.

Also confirmed Olympic Team members, are Tasmanian athletes Arianne Titmus (swimming), Ritchie Porte (cycling) and Nathaniel Atkinson (football).

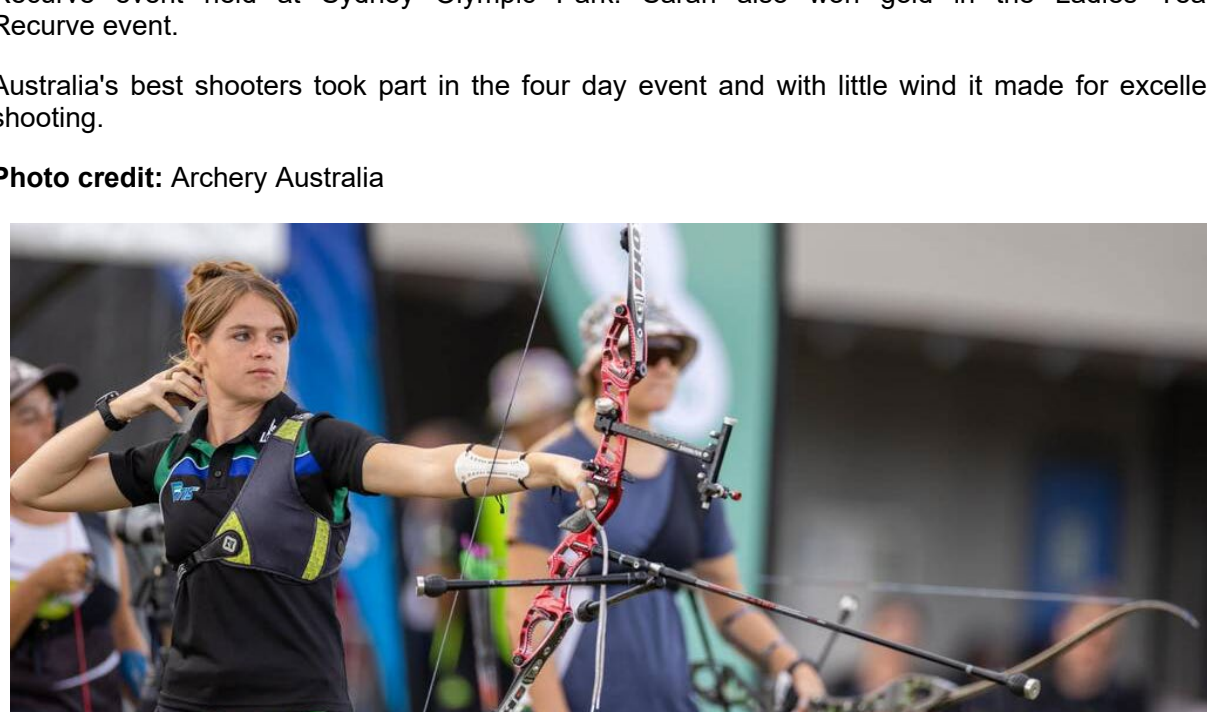
Ciona Wilson has been named as a traveling reserve for rowing.

The TIS wishes all Tasmanian athletes the best of luck, the Olympic Games commence July 23 and Paralympic Games August 24.

Image: Daniel Watkins modelling the Sportscraft Olympic uniform. **Photo credit:** Sportscraft



Tasmanian Young Achiever Awards - Motors Tasmanian Sports Award



Liam Johnston won the prestigious Motors Tasmania Sports Award at the 2021 Tasmanian Young Achiever Awards. Liam was presented with his award by Bruce Davey, General Manager/Dealer Principal, Webster Trucks.

Liam won the award from a strong field of young achievers including TIS High Performance scholarships holders Max Giuliani (swimming), Sam Clifford (athletics) and Dalton Stretton (cycling).

The Motors Tasmania Sports Award aims to recognise outstanding performances of Young Tasmanian athletes at International Junior, Youth or under 23 class level.

Liam has twice represented Australia as a Junior (U19) at the UCI Mountain Bike World Championships (Cross Country). Liam won at the 2019 Oceania Mountain Bike Championships and 2019 Junior World Series. He would have competed in Germany if not for Covid-19. He is a member of the Launceston Mountain Bike Club, where he shares his experiences with junior riders.

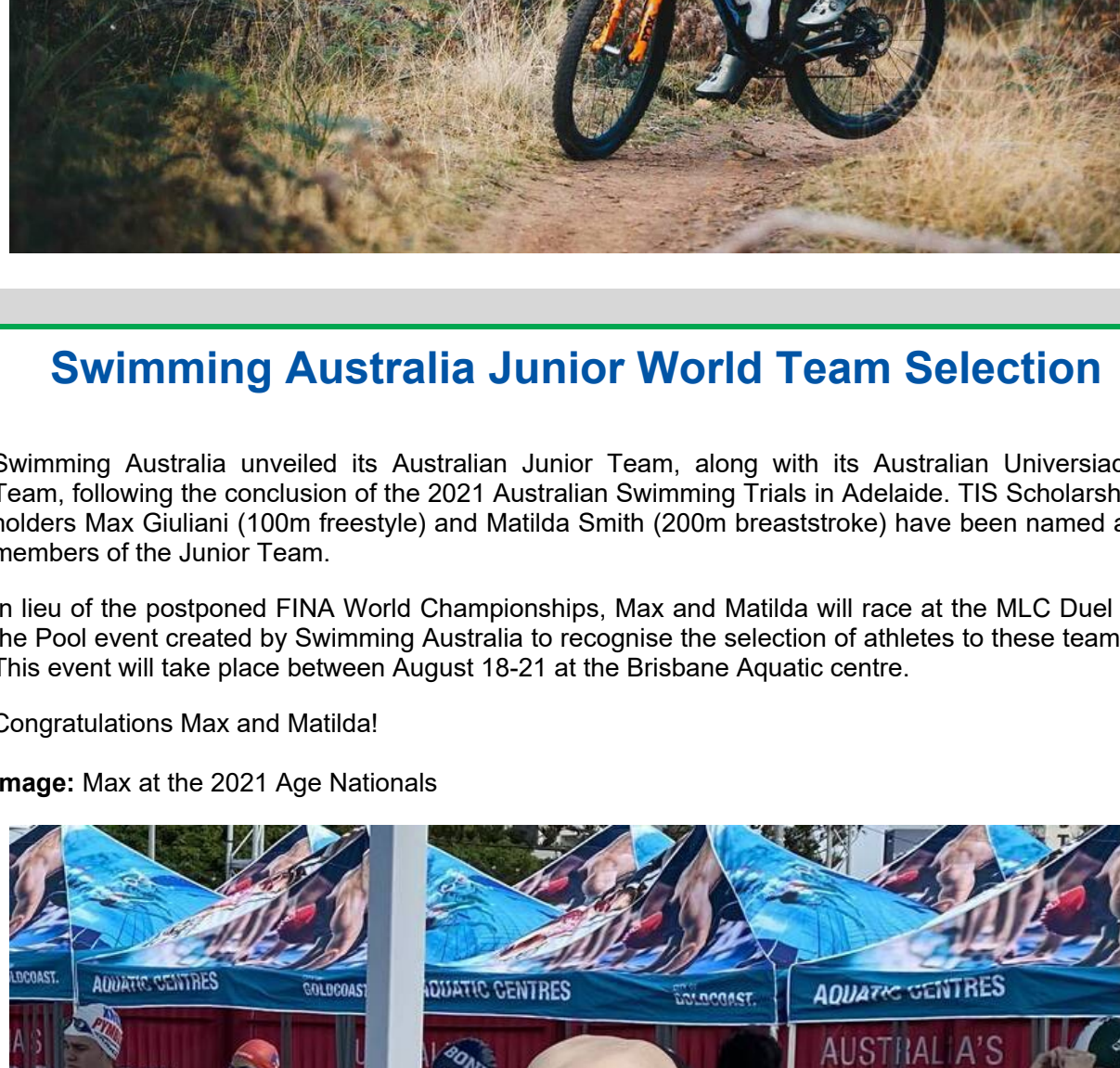
Image: (from left) Liam Johnston and Bruce Davey

Archery 2021 Australian Open

Congratulations to Sarah Haywood who won gold at the 2021 Australian Open Ladies Individual Recurve event held at Sydney Olympic Park. Sarah also won gold in the Ladies Team Recurve event.

Australia's best shooters took part in the four day event and with little wind it made for excellent shooting.

Photo credit: Archery Australia



Hockey Pro League Results

The Kookaburras including Eddie Ockenden and Josh Beltz, have won the last two games of the extended Hockey Pro League Season Two against the New Zealand Blacksticks. The Kookaburras finished second in Season Two which was heavily disrupted due to Covid-19.

The matches provided the last opportunity for the Kookaburras to play internationally prior to the start of the Tokyo Olympic games.

Results

- Match 1: AUS 7 - NZL 3
- Match 2: AUS 2 - NZL 0

Image: Eddie Ockenden in action against Argentina - Season Two of the FIH Hockey Pro League

Photo credit: Federation of International Hockey

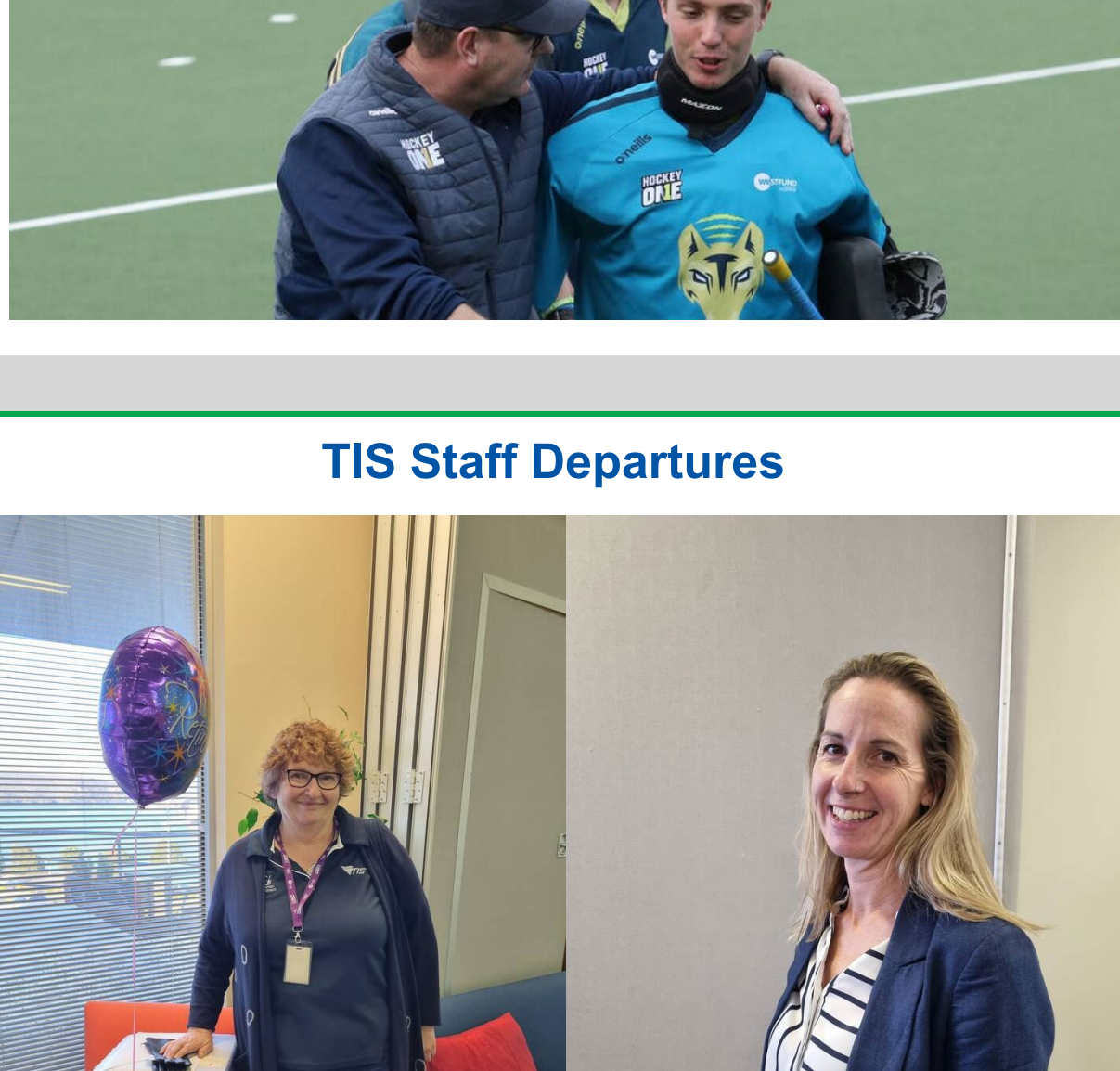


2021 Mountain Bike (MTB) World Championship Selection

Sam Fox has been selected as member of AusCycling's U23 Men's Cross Country Team for the 2021 UCI MTB World Championships to be held from 25-29 August in Italy. Additionally, Sam will attend an AusCycling MTB High-Performance Camp to be held in Australia later in 2021.

Well done Sam!

Photo Credit: @jdaseymourphotomedia



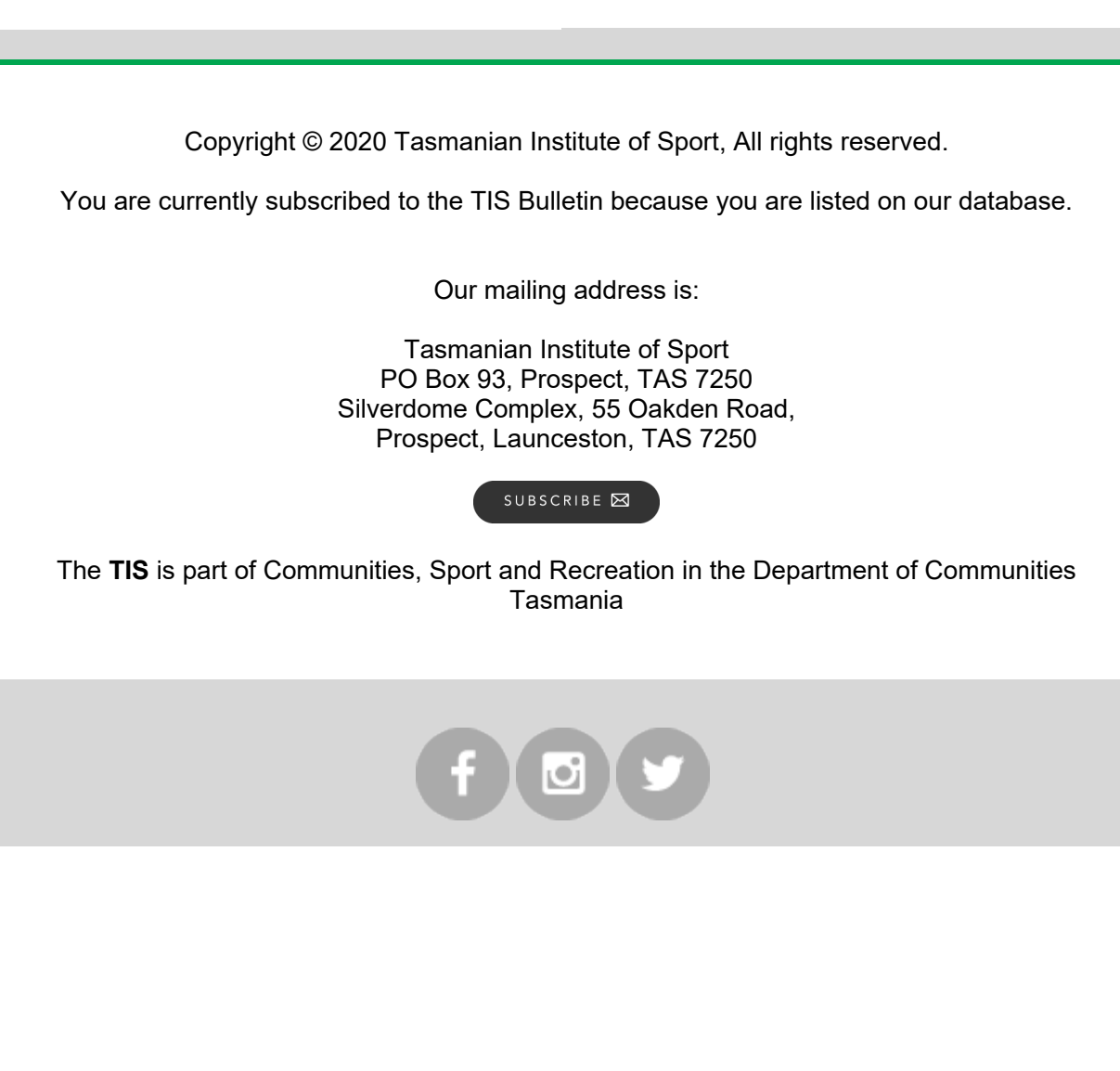
Swimming Australia Junior World Team Selection

Swimming Australia unveiled its Australian Junior Team, along with its Australian Universiade Team, following the conclusion of the 2021 Australian Swimming Trials in Adelaide. TIS Scholarship holders Max Giuliani (100m freestyle) and Matilda Smith (200m breaststroke) have been named as members of the Junior Team.

In lieu of the postponed FINA World Championships, Max and Matilda will race at the MLC Duel in the Pool event created by Swimming Australia to recognise the selection of athletes to these teams. This event will take place between August 18-21 at the Brisbane Aquatic centre.

Congratulations Max and Matilda!

Image: Max at the 2021 Age Nationals



Trans Tasman Hockey Series

Eddie Ockenden and Josh Beltz represented the Kookaburras at the recent Trans-Tasman Hockey Series held in Palmerston North.

The Kookaburras swept the four match series against their counter parts the NZL Blacksticks, the first international competition for the Kookaburras in 15 months.

Results

- Match 1: AUS 3 - NZL 1
- Match 2: AUS 3 - NZL 0
- Match 3: AUS 4 - NZL 2
- Match 4: AUS 5 - NZL 1

Image: (L-R) Eddie Ockenden and Josh Beltz **Photo Credit:** Tracey Beltz



Andrew McDonald Transitions to New Role

Long standing TIS National Training Centre (NTC) Hockey Coach Andrew McDonald has stepped down from his role after 30 years service. Andrew led the TIS's hockey program throughout this period, at times setting standards across the national hockey network.

TIS Hockey players who have gone on to become Olympians (many of them medallists) during Andrew's tenure include Daniel Sproule, Matthew Wells, David Guest, Eddie Ockenden and Tim Deavin.

Andrew will now fulfil a High Performance Coach Development role with the TIS. In acknowledging Andrew's service and new position, TIS Director Paul Austen said;

"The TIS gratefully acknowledge and applaud the enduring, successful career Andrew has had in the development of Tasmania's talented hockey athletes through the TIS hockey program,"

"The consistent contribution he has made in progressing athletes through to the national program is outstanding.

"The TIS is excited to now have Andrew contribute to other key objectives of the TIS, particularly in Coach Development, where his extensive experience will be of great value to the wider Tasmanian coaching community."

Image: (L-R) Andrew McDonald and Henry Chambers

TIS Staff Departures

Project Support Officer Lyn Jackson retires this month after 16 and a half years service. Lyn's contribution has been significant. Her expertise and welcoming and supportive nature will be greatly missed by staff and athletes.

The TIS extends its congratulations to Lyn on a wonderful contribution and wish her all the best for her well-deserved retirement! Go well Lyn!

We also farewell Lindsay Harris this month as she concludes her fixed-term role with the TIS as Manager, Performance Services.

Lindsay led the areas of athlete wellbeing and engagement, the external consultant network and performance services staff. We thank Lindsay for her service and contribution to the TIS and wish her every success with her next endeavour.

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