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Re / Western Australian Olympic Performance

The 2016 Australian Olympic Team has represented their country with tremendous determination and pride. During the 18 days of competition we witnessed our athletes transform their Olympic Games dream into reality and their years of hard work and dedication has paid off. We are pleased to report our Western Australians achieved 4 medals and 14 personal best performances across 16 sports, with 2 leading goal scorers in Hockey and Water Polo among them. You must have been so pleased with the Synchronised Swimming girls' performances.

Gina, your donation and support of our '*Ultimate Private Cellar*' auction item was crucial in raising the funds to send our WA Olympians to Rio and we want to recognise your contribution in ensuring the Olympic Games spirit is alive and well in Western Australia. As a community, the Olympics gives us the opportunity to grasp and aspire to the values of excellence, resilience and sportsmanship.

In 2016, many memorable moments have been celebrated and following is a brief overview of the inspirational performances of our WA Olympians:

Archery	Taylor Worth , at his 2 nd Olympics won a Bronze Medal in the team's event. Taylor made it through to the quarter final in the individual event and missed out on going to through to the semi final by just 2 points.
	Alice Ingley successfully made it through the 1/32 round and was eliminated in the 1/16 round ending her Rio campaign.
Athletics	Peter Bol competed in the 800m in a time of 1min 49.36sec ranking him 41 in the world.
	Kim Mickle , at her 2 nd Olympics competed in the Javelin and tragically dislocated her shoulder during a qualifying round throw of 57.2m achieving a ranking of 22.
	Sam McEntee in the 5000m finished in a time of 13min 50.55sec with a ranking of 35 in the world.

Basketball	<p>The Australian Boomers with Damian Martin had an outstanding tournament in the lead up to the semi-finals where they went down to Serbia. In their Bronze Medal game, the Boomers went down to Spain by just 1 point.</p> <p>The Australian Opals with Nat Burton went through the group rounds undefeated and made it through to the quarter finals where Serbia ended their Rio Campaign winning by just 2 points.</p>
Canoe/Sprint	<p>Stephen Bird, at his 2nd Olympics, competed in the K1 200m in a personal best time of 34.58sec in the semi-final, making it through to the final finishing 8 in the world.</p> <p>Daniel Bowker competed in the K2 200m making it through to the B Final placing 3rd and ranking him 11 in the world.</p> <p>Ferenc Szekszardi contested the C1 200m in a time of 44.29sec earning a ranking of 23 in the world. In the C2 1000m Ferenc made the B Final and finished 2nd and an overall ranking of 10 in the world.</p>
Cycling track	<p>Melissa Hoskins, at her 2nd Olympics, competed in the Women's Team Pursuit and made it through the qualifications and rounds and faced Italy in their final pursuit, winning and placing them 5th overall.</p> <p>Sam Welsford, in the Men's Team Pursuit won a Silver Medal in a time of 3min 51sec narrowly missing the Gold Medal by just 0.74sec.</p>
Cycling BMX	<p>Lauren Reynolds, at her 2nd Olympics, competed in the individual event and missed the final of the women's BMX after a crash in run two of the semi-finals, which effectively ended her chance to make the final. Lauren managed to cross the line and place 6th in the semi-final.</p>
Diving	<p>Maddison Keeney won a Bronze Medal in the Women's Synchronised 3m Springboard. In the 3m Springboard individual event Maddison made it through to the final and achieved 5th position overall.</p>
Golf	<p>Minjee Lee in the Women's Individual Stroke Play Rounds finished 7th overall. Lee fired a 67 that included six birdies in the final 14 holes but it wasn't enough to catch the medal contenders.</p>
Hockey	<p>The Men's team with Fergus Kavanagh at his 3rd Olympics and Aran Zalewski had mixed results in their Olympic campaign making it through to the quarter finals and lost to the Netherlands ending their Olympic Medal dream.</p> <p>The Women's team with Kathryn Slattery also had a tough tournament making it through to the quarter final and losing to New Zealand. Kathryn scored both goals for the Hockeyroos in the game against New Zealand to end the tournament as the Hockeyroos top scorer</p>
Rowing	<p>Rhys Grant made it through to the B final of the Men's Single Scull finishing in a personal best time of 6min 51.90sec and an overall ranking of 9 in the world.</p> <p>David Watts competed in the semi-final of the Men's Double Scull placing 5th and made it through to the Men's Double Scull's B Final where he finished 1st in a time of 6min 58.11sec.</p> <p>Alexandra Hagan, at her 2nd Olympics, put in a solid performance in the Women's Eight crew in the heat and competed in the repechage placing 5th in a time of 6min 40.45sec.</p>

Sailing	Carrie Smith , in the Women's Two Person Dinghy - 470, faced tough conditions in the Marina da Gloria in Rio to finish 12 th overall.
Soccer	Matilda's team mates Lisa De Vanna and Sam Kerr made it through to the quarter finals and lost to home team Brazil in a tense penalty shootout, 7-6, at the Mineirão Stadium.
Swimming	At her 2 nd Olympics, Blair Evans finished 16 th in the world after posting a time of 4min 38.31sec in the Women's 400m Individual Medley, touted as one of the toughest events on the swimming schedule. Tamsin Cook anchored the Silver Medal winning 4 x 200m Women's Relay Team in a personal best time of 1min 56.47sec. Tamsin also made the final of the 400m freestyle, finishing 6 th in the world in a time of 4min 5.30sec. In her 800m freestyle, she finished 7 th in her heat swim in a time 8min 36.62sec Following outstanding swims in both her heat and semi-final, Brianna Throssell made it through to the 200m Butterfly final finishing 8 th fastest in the world in a time of 2min 7.87sec.
Synchronised Swimming	Amie Thompson, Danielle Kettlewell, Deborah Tsai, Rose Stackpole were part of the Teams Free Routine which was inspired by Australia's unique flora and fauna, finishing 8 th with a score of 149.5000. Rose Stackpole also competed in the synchronised swimming duet with a personal best performance in a score of 148.4027
Triathlon	Ryan Bailie made Australian triathlon history finishing 10 th in Rio. Never before has Australia had 2 athletes finish in the top 10. His training partner Aaron Royle finished in 9 th .
Water Polo	The Women's team including Gemma Beadsworth at her 3 rd Olympics, Glencora McGhie at her 2 nd Olympics and Zoe Arancini had a tough fought consistent tournament finishing 6 th in the world after going down to Spain by 2 goals. The Men's team with Aaron Younger at his 2 nd Olympics, Joel Swift and George Ford put on a strong show with their form and consistency improving as the tournament progressed. Aaron was Australia's leading goal scorer for the tournament.

The 2016 Rio Olympic Games have been a significant and memorable occasion for our Olympians. Following the recent Welcome Home Celebrations, they will refocus and turn their attention towards the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games and the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.

We look forward to sharing this journey with you and hope we can call on your generous support again when the time comes.

Special thanks,



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