

Special points of interest:

- The Summer Universiade will attract around 10,000 participants from 170 countries
- The Australian Team is to be close to 200 participants
- Currently 4 AUS Team members were born in Belgrade and still have family there
- 1-12 July Belgrade is to be 18-28°C



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AUS Chef de Mission— Mr Martin Roberts

Mr Martin Roberts, a dual Olympian in Swimming, will head the Australian Team to the 2009 Summer Universiade in Belgrade, Serbia.

Known to his friends and team mates as Marty, he brings a wealth of knowledge and passion for the Summer Games. At the peak of his swimming career Marty attended the 1993 Summer Universiade in Buffalo, USA and came home with 2 Gold Medals (100m & 200m Butterfly). Marty is also a triple Commonwealth Games Gold medallist and is in both the Australian Institute of Sport and South Australian Swimming Halls of Fame.

Marty is currently a Senior Sport Consultant for the Australian Sports Commission and holds a Bachelor of Science (Psychology) from the ANU and a Bachelor of Applied Science from the University of Canberra.



Mr Martin Roberts
2009 Chef de Mission



1993 Universiade
Mascot

Message from Marty

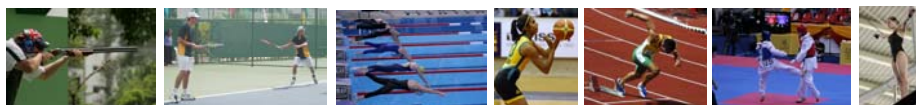
It's a great pleasure and honour to be appointed Chef de Mission to the Australian Team for the 25th Summer Universiade in Belgrade, Serbia, 2009.

The games will give you the opportunity to compete in the largest, village based, international competition leading in to the 2010 Delhi Commonwealth Games and the 2012 London Olympics.

You will be part of a great team of athletes, lead by an experienced and skilled group of managers, coaches and support staff. The focus for the Australian Team in Belgrade is high quality, athletic performance – so work hard and enjoy!

I would like to offer my support and best wishes to all team members in preparation for a successful Universiade campaign. I look forward to meeting everyone very soon.

Regards Marty



About 2009

The event will be the largest sporting event ever to be organised in the city of Belgrade.

Belgrade will be host to 15 sports and will take place in 69 venues across Belgrade and near by cities Indija, Novi Sad, Obrenovac, Pančevo, Smederevo, Vršac and Zrenjanin

The opening and closing ceremonies will take

Summer Universiade

place at the Belgrade Arena with a capacity of 20,000.

A range of sports halls have undergone intense reconstruction to meet standards for the Universiade. A number of venues are also being newly constructed.

University Village is in New Belgrade, 15 km from the Airport and 6

km from the centre of the city. It is in the vicinity of the most of warm-up and competition venues. The modern newly built Village covers the area of 15 hectares and has 16 buildings (nearly 250 000 m2 of living and office space).

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2007 AUS Team Member
Robbie Crowther
Gold Medal Long Jump

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About the Summer Universiade

The word "Universiade" comes from "university" and "Olympiad", and means Olympic games for students.

The **Universiade** is an international sporting and cultural festival which is staged every two years in a different city and which is second in importance only to the Olympic Games. The **Summer Universiade** consists of 10 compulsory sports and up to three optional sports chosen by the host country.

The ten compulsory sports are Athletics, Basketball, Fencing, Football, Gymnastics, Swimming, Diving, Water Polo, Tennis, Volleyball.



Summer Games Host Cities

- 1959, TURIN / ITALY
- 1961, SOFIA / BULGARIA
- 1963, PORTO ALEGRE / BRAZIL
- 1965, BUDAPEST / HUNGARY
- 1967, TOKYO / JAPAN
- 1970, TURIN / ITALY
- 1973, MOSCOW / USSR
- 1975, ROME / ITALY
- 1977, SOFIA / BULGARIA
- 1979, MEXICO CITY / MEXICO
- 1981, BUCHAREST / ROMANIA
- 1983, EDMONTON / CANADA
- 1985, KOBE / JAPAN
- 1987, ZAGREB / YUGOSLAVIA
- 1989, DUISBURG / GERMANY
- 1991, SHEFFIELD / GREAT BRITAIN
- 1993, BUFFALO / USA
- 1995, FUKUOKA / JAPAN
- 1997, SICILY / ITALY
- 1999, PALMA DE MALLORCA / SPAIN
- 2001, BEIJING / CHINA
- 2003, DAEGU / KOREA
- 2005, IZMIR / TURKEY
- 2007, BANGKOK / THAILAND



Red Star Stadium
Athletics Competition
Venue

In its long and
bloody history,
Belgrade was
destroyed over
40 times

Rescued Roo (www.spiegel.de/international/0,1518,620364,00.html)

Baby kangaroo Tijana was abandoned by her mother earlier this month after she was scared by an emu at a zoo in Belgrade, Serbia. Now Tijana, who normally would not survive outside her mother's pouch, is being fed in a special incubator with milk donated by Australia, the United States and Germany. "The zoo has done a fantastic job,"

Australia's Ambassador to Belgrade Clare Birgin told the Associated Press on Tuesday, after delivering a shipment of Australian milk. "They really saved her life."

Situated at the very center of the city, the Belgrade Zoo, stands on one of the most attractive city locations - the Kalemegdan park.

It was founded in 1936 and it is one of the oldest homes of animal kingdom in Europe.



Kalemegdan— Belgrade Fort

The oldest parts of Belgrade Fortress Kalemegdan date back to the first century AD, when it served as a permanent Roman military camp. The Belgrade fort itself (split into the Lower and Upper towns) and the surrounding area (the Kalemegdan park) are located on the point where the river Sava flows into the Danube,

which today means an amazing panorama but once was the main cause of repeated invasion and war over this strategic point. Because of this, Kalemegdan today bears witness to the many centuries of various conquering cultures and arts.

Belgrade fell to Serbian hands during the rule of king Dragutin in the

13th century, Belgrade soon became the biggest Serbian settlement.

In its long and bloody history, Belgrade was destroyed over 40 times and this is visible in the current look of the castle. In some places you can see several layers of walls of different make, and those originate from vastly different historic periods.



Skippy
Australian Team Mascot



Canterbury Ionx Special Offer to Team Members

Canterbury graded BaseLayer Compression is designed to reduce the build up of lactic acid in the muscles and reduce the time it takes for the muscles to recover from exertion.

Canterbury BaseLayer Compression helps prevent muscle oscillation leading to muscle fatigue; minimises muscle soreness and helps the muscles to recover faster than normal.

Canterbury BaseLayer Compression adds blood circulation which improves heart efficiency, particularly beneficial during periods of inactivity. Canterbury BaseLayer Compression improves proprioception (body awareness), enhancing skill and coordination.

Australian University Sport's partner supplier Canterbury is offering Australian Team Members the opportunity to purchase

Ionx garments at a reduced price. See the AUS Website for more information.

Canterbury Ionx Offer



High Performance Assistance Program

The High Performance Assistance Program aims to assist athletes studying at an Australian *regional* University to represent Australian University Sport (AUS) at International University competitions conducted by FISU. Funded by the Federal Government through the Australian Sports Commission (ASC), the pro-

gram is part of AUS's National Funding Program to assist regional universities in sport, recreation and physical activity at all levels and in all capacities.

Athletes studying at a regionally approved University can apply for funding by 25 May 2009. The maximum amount of funding available to an

individual athlete is the total participant contribution.

Funding amounts will be determined in consideration of other funding already paid out to the athlete from other sources and the number of athletes being funded under the program. For more information please see the AUS website.



2007 AUS Basketball Team Gold Medalists
— first team gold for AUS—

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Team Member Profiles

Mission Staff



Sancha Donald

Sancha currently is the CEO for Accessible Arts, an organization which promotes and provides opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in arts and cultural activities. Sancha has previously been the deputy director of the University of Sydney Sports and will be attending her sixth Summer Universiade. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience, as Sancha has been the National Olympic Committee Assistant for the British Olympic Team and the Operations Manager for the Australian Deaf Team at the World Deaf Games.

Medical Team



Maja Markovic

Maja was born in Serbia, and can speak fluent Serbian. She currently works as Sport Physician at the Sports Clinics at Sydney University and has nine years experience in sport medicine and five years in general practice.

Maja is currently involved as the team doctor for The Australian Women's Rugby Union National Team and Norths Rugby Union Team. Maja has been involved in the past as sport doctor in various sport events and team travel events overseas including the 2005 AUS Summer Universiade Team.

Team Member



Tina Morgan
Taekwondo 59-63kg

"Everyone must go through a storm to find a rainbow", is Tina Morgan's personal motto.

The Athens Olympian had a storm hit her career early in 2007 when she tore her anterior cruciate ligament, putting Beijing selection in doubt.

Tina's rainbow was the donated tissue from a dead person for her knee reconstruction, which excelled recovery time and resulted in her selection for Beijing, where she finished 5th.

Tina will be attending her 2nd Universiade and is one of Australia's medal hopes.

Team Member



Leigh Nugent
Swimming Head Coach

A coach of the Nunawading Swimming Club in Victoria, Leigh is currently the Australian head youth coach, and will be attending his third Universiade.

Leigh was the Australian Swimming head coach at the 2004 Olympics in Athens. Under his leadership, Australia tallied seven gold, five silver and three bronze, its best ever haul at an Olympics outside of Australia.

Leigh believes the Summer Universiade is a terrific opportunity to expose the next generation of Olympians to gain international experience.



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USEFUL WEBSITES

AUS
www.unisport.com.au

ASC
www.ausport.gov.au

Smartraveller
www.smartraveller.gov.au

DFAT
www.dfat.gov.au

Organising Committee
www.ub2009.org

Athlete Village
www.belville.rs/eng

Serbia Tourism
www.serbia-tourism.org



[Facebook AUS Team Supporters](https://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=90985080509)
(www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=90985080509)

Administration Information

Eligibility

Eligibility criteria for the 2009 Universiade is that athletes must be currently enrolled and studying a diploma or higher at a recognized university or similar institution recognized by the government/ or have graduated within 12 months of the event.

Athletes are to be aged between 17-28 in the year of the event, basketball athletes are to be 17-24.

All Athletes must complete the FISU Eligibility Certificate and submit the original copy to AUS prior to 25th May.

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Australian Government
Australian Sports Commission

Forms

AUS sends out several administrative forms to team members. Please ensure all forms are completed, signed and returned to AUS within 2 weeks of your selection. These include travel, media, medical, payment and uniform paperwork.

Along with the paper forms please ensure you email through to AUS a digital scan of your passport (or fax a copy) and a head shot to be used for the Australian Team guide and accreditation at the event.

Flights

AUS currently has flights held for team members travelling to and from Australia for the event. These flights will be issued in the coming weeks. Please ensure AUS has your correct details (name as per passport) and departure port to ensure ticketing is correct.

Those travelling separately to alternate competitions and training prior or post event and who are arranging their own travel please check with AUS regarding arrival dates into Belgrade. You will be required to supply AUS with your travel itinerary prior to 25th May, and sign the travel waiver document.

Other

AUS has a face group page for team members only. Video footage of venues and photos will be placed on this group in the coming weeks.

Please ensure you check your "junk" email box and put AUS email addresses on your safe list to ensure you do not miss out on any valuable information.

Don't forget the team induction meetings at the end of May.

Please ensure you are up-to-date on your payments. The next installment is due 30th April with the final payment due on 29th May.

Please contact AUS if your contact details have changed - including phone and email. AUS will use email as the main point of communication in the lead up to the event.