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NATALIE COOK TAKES CENTRE COURT AT THE 2005 AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY GAMES

Australia's beach volleyball queen, Natalie Cook has thrown her full support behind the 2005 Australian University Games (AUG) that commences on Sunday 25th September in Brisbane.

Queensland's Golden Girl of the 2000 Olympic Games is not only an ambassador for the event but has opened up her new facility "The Beach" for the beach volleyball competition that will be home to over 80 participants from universities across Australia.

Excited at being a part of Australia's largest annual multi-sport event, Cook is looking forward to witnessing some world class competition on the sand.

"It's great that "The Beach" is able to be a part of this great event. I'm excited that we are able to offer our facility to help develop beach volleyball in Australia," said the three-time Olympian.

As an ambassador for the Games, Cook will be on hand to host a table at the inaugural Australian University Sport Business Lunch to be held on Thursday 29th September.

Combining a stellar cast including Former Wallaby and renown journalist Peter FitzSimons, Queensland Red and Wallaby John Roe, Queensland's current and former Queens of the pool Libby Lenton and Susie O'Neil and former Australian Cricket representative Geoff Lawson, the AUS Business Lunch has attracted a large number of attendees with tickets selling out fast.

An advocate of university sport Cook is keen to ensure that the opportunities available to students through events run by AUS don't go unnoticed.



“University Sport is an integral part of university life that enables all students the opportunity to participate in events like the Australian University Games and not only succeed on the field but enjoy the friendships made during the events,” said Cook.

All attendees at the lunch will have the chance to dine with one of the AUG sports ambassadors and or elite guests. Tickets are \$125 per person or \$1125 per table and available through www.unisport.com.au.

Returning to Brisbane for the first time since its inception in 1993, the 2005 AUG will be the biggest to date with over 6,700 participants competing in 26 sports on 17 venues throughout South East Queensland.

The six days of sporting competition will be complimented with a star studded social program at the RNA Showgrounds featuring Grinspoon, The Tenants, Tambalane, Frenzal Rhomb, Diana Ah Naid and Red Paintings.

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