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OLYMPIANS TO LEAD CHARGE AT AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY GAMES

Local Olympian, Robert Newbery, will lead more than ten Australian Olympians in the charge for Gold at the 2005 Australian University Games to commence in Brisbane on 25th of September.

With registrations now closed, over 6,700 participants are ready to descend on South East Queensland for six days of intense competition in what will be the biggest Games ever.

Looking to stir the competition up in the diving pool, Newbery has been a long-time supporter of university sport and is excited to be able to compete in his home city.

"I'm really looking forward to competing at this year's university games. It'll be great to compete on home turf and with the high number of registrants the competition is going to be tough,

"I think the event to watch will be the athletics followed by the swimming with a number of high quality competitors entered into the events," said Newbery.

In other events Sydney University Sport will be looking to exert pressure on their opponents with Olympic Water Polo representative's Elise Norwood, Yvette Balla-Gow, Trent Franklin and Sam McGregor heading up the women's and men's teams respectively.

At The University of Queensland's athletics track, competition will be fierce as Olympic 4 x 400m Bronze Medallist Clinton Hill will put up a challenge in the men's 400m while Australia's World Cup number one ranked triathlete Anabelle Luxford will be the one to watch in the women's 5,000m.



In the rowing regatta at Hinze Dam, Olympians Kyeema Doyle and Katie Foulkes will churn up the water in the women's eight contest while recently crowned World Champion Sam Conrad will contest the men's and mixed eight competitions.

At the Sleeman Complex at Chandler, Fijian Olympian Carl Probert will carve up the water alongside Australia's Olympic Silver Medallist and World Championship competitor Nic Sprenger.

Australian University Sport CEO, Daniel Marsden is ecstatic to see so many students registered for the Games, especially of such a high quality, which this year returns to its birth-place.

"It is good to see so many athletes coming to Brisbane especially of the calibre of some of our Olympians.

"With participant numbers well exceeding expectations, we are looking forward to the best Games ever in the city where it all began," said Marsden.

The Games are on from the 25th to 30th of September with events being staged at several of Brisbane's landmark facilities including the Sleeman Sports Complex and Queensland Sport and Athletic Centre.

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