



# The London line-up



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## Aussie swimming sensations

SWIMMING has featured in every edition of the Games since 1896 and in that time Australians have won many medals. It started with Australia's first Olympic swimmer, Freddy Lane who won two events in Paris 1900. Since then we have been a dominant force in the pool with a total of 178 medals – 58 gold, 60 silver and 62 bronze.

Olympic champions such as Andrew Charlton, Murray Rose, Jon Henricks, Dawn Fraser, Lorraine Crapp, John Konrads, Shane Gould, Kieren Perkins, Susie O'Neill, Ian Thorpe, Libby Lenton and Stephanie Rice have become legends. Hopefully at these Games more Aussies will continue the great history of this sport for our country.

Swimmers to watch at London 2012: James 'The Missile' Magnussen, James 'The Rocket' Roberts, Hayden Stoeckel, Christian Sprenger, Alicia Coutts, Kylie Palmer, Stephanie Rice (pictured GETTY IMAGES), Leiston Pickett and of course our ever impressive relay teams.



Mascots, doves, flags, songs all help the Games convey its three core values to the world

### Symbols, songs and signs

WHEN watching the opening ceremony you may have noticed some of the world's most recognisable symbols and logos associated with the Olympic Games.

To give the Games and the Olympic movement an identity, symbols, songs and signs are used. These convey the three core values of the Games – excellence, friendship, respect.

**Rings:** The five interlocking rings of the Olympic logo symbolise the five continents of the world (Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe and the Americas) 'linked together in friendship'.

**Olympics founder and logo designer Pierre de Coubertin** claimed that at least one of the rings' colours (blue, yellow, black, green, and red, along with the white background) was present in each country's national flag. On the Olympic flag the rings appear on a white background.

**Motto:** The Olympic motto is *Citius, Altius, Fortius*, which is Latin for faster, higher, stronger.

**Anthem:** The Olympic anthem, written for the first modern Games in 1896, composed by Spyros Samaras to lyrics written by Kostis Palamas, has been the official anthem played at every Olympics since 1960.

**Release of Doves:** An official part of the Opening Ceremony as a symbol of peace.

**The Olympic Oath:** This is taken by one athlete and one judge from the home nation during the Opening Ceremony of every Olympics, acting on behalf of all the competitors and judges. It is a symbolic gesture of sportsmanship

### FACT FILE

- ▶ The traditional release of doves at the Olympic Opening Ceremony in Seoul 1988 was a debacle when 10 chose to settle on the rim of the Olympic cauldron just as it was being lit.
- ▶ Summer Olympic mascots were introduced in 1968 when Mexico used a red jaguar and a white dove to help them communicate their Olympic message.
- ▶ The very first attempt to stage a modern Olympic Games took place in the small English village of Much Wenlock. It inspired Baron de Coubertin to found the International Olympic Committee.
- ▶ The first women's swimming gold medal was won by Australian Sarah Durack, who took out the 100m freestyle in 1912.

that began at the 1920 Olympic Games in Antwerp. The oath is a pledge to uphold the Olympic spirit of competition and fair play. It is also given by a judge from the host country with slightly different wording.

### Made of steel

Mascots are used at events like the Olympics to help promote and communicate the spirit of friendship, fair play and participation. According to legend, the mascots for the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics, Wenlock and Mandeville, are made from the steel left over from the last girder of the Olympic Stadium.

### WHAT'S NEWS

Check out what's happening at London 2012 in the two-page spread in the Sports Pages of today's paper.

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### COMPETITION CATEGORY

#### Canoeing

OLYMPIC canoeing competition is divided into two forms with two types of boats used: canoes and kayaks.

**Slalom:** Athletes have to use speed, control and precision to negotiate the timed 250m white rapid course that drops 5.5m. There are four medal events.

**Sprint:** There are 12 medal events for men/ women covering distances of 200m, 500m and 1000m in singles, pairs or fours. The competition consists of head-to-head races on a stillwater course.

**Aussies competing:** Warwick Draper, Jessica Fox (pictured), Robin Jeffery, Kynan Maley, Alana Nicholls, Murray Stewart, Ken Wallace, K4 500m women's crew, K4 1000m men's crew (for the full list go online).

#### Synchronised Swimming

IN a pool area 30m long, 25m wide and 3m deep, pairs and teams of eight will compete for the two medals in this event. The synchronised swimming competitors will use grace, precision and immense stamina to perform technical and free routines to musical accompaniment.

**Aussies competing:** Eloise Amberger, Sarah Bombell duet/team (pictured), Jenny-Lyn Anderson, Olia Burtaev, Tamika Dumrow, Bianca Hammet, Taren Otte, Frankie Owen, Samantha Reid.

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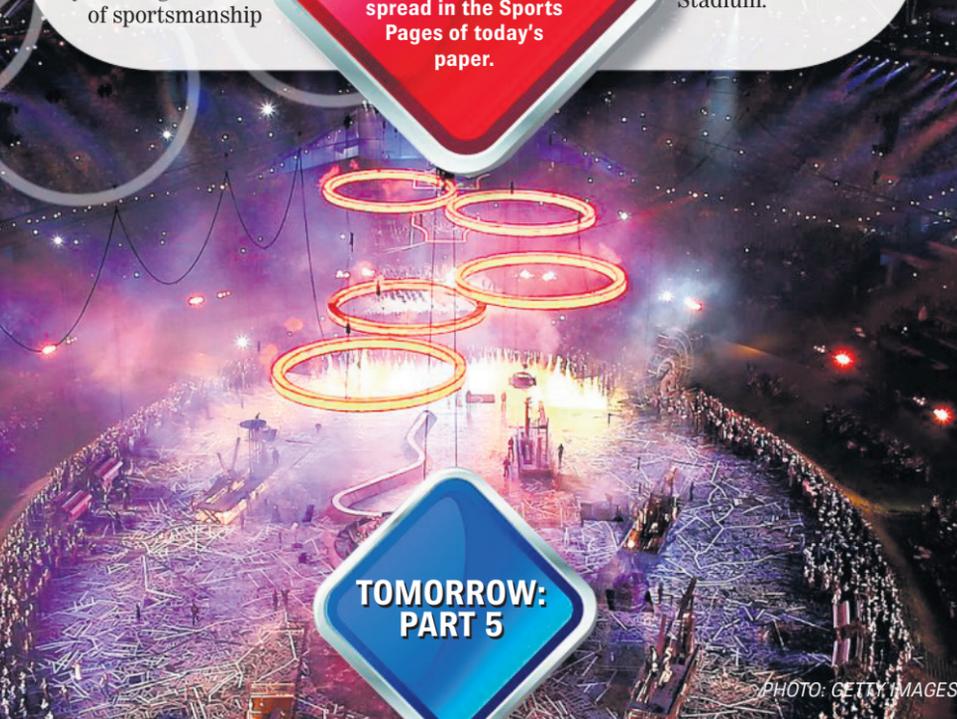


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