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The London line-up

London 2012

COMPETITION CATEGORY

Diving

Scheduled to take place from July 29 to August 11, the diving competition consists of four men's and four women's events. Almost 140 athletes will showcase their skills as they dive from either a 10m platform or 3m springboard into the water below. Judges award a score out of 10 for each dive which is then multiplied by the dive's degree of difficulty. As well as the individual events there is synchronised diving for team pairs.

AUSSIES COMPETING: The 2012 Australian Team consists of 10 athletes dubbed the "perfect 10".

Sailing

Over 14 days there will be thrills and spills in the 10 (six men's/four women's) events contested on the open water of the sailing competition. In the fleet races – which include men's and women's two-person dinghy, men's and women's windsurfer, men's keelboat, men's skiff, men's one-person dinghy, heavyweight, men's one person dinghy (Laser) and women's one-person dinghy (Laser Radial) – there are a series of races where all crews are pitted together. In the women's Elliot 6m match racing event only two boats ever race against each other. The individual or crew with the fewest total points is declared winner.

AUSSIES COMPETING: Six men and seven women represent our team.

* For athlete profiles go to <http://london2012.olympics.com.au/sports>

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Mammoth task organising the 'greatest show on Earth' reaps rewards as an amazing feast for the senses is delivered with the world elite battling it out for glory in a wide array of disciplines

Get with the program

Billed as the greatest show on Earth, the Olympics is the world's most watched sporting event and the Games of the XXX Olympiad in London will be no exception. An estimated 10,500 athletes from 205 countries will compete across 26 sports categorised into 39 disciplines for a total of 2100 medals. Trying to schedule the dates, times, venues and tickets for more than 600 sessions of competition across all sports must have been a mammoth task for the Olympic organising committee. Early last year they announced the schedule for the Games listing where and when all the competitions would take place. (For the schedule go to NiE online)

The first action was the women's football on July 25, two days before the official opening of the Games on July 27. It will all come to an end on August 12 at the closing ceremony, signifying the conclusion of the 2012 Summer Games. If you're not one of the 11 million ticket holders watching the sporting spectacle from the grandstand then you will be probably catching the compelling match-ups on television or reading about the action in the news or online. Due to London's nine-hour time difference from the eastern states of Australia, much of the action will be happening while we are tucked up in bed.

Live in London

SPORTING VENUES: London has spent the last seven years getting ready to welcome the world. Part of

FAST FACTS

- Spectators to Olympic venues will have to pass through airport-style security checks, including walk-through metal detectors and x-ray machines.
- The Olympic Stadium was designed by Australian born architect Rod Sheard.
- The Copper Box — the sporting venue hosting the handball, has 88 natural light pipes illuminating the interior.
- The 1904 Olympics saw the one and only appearance of the event 'plunge for distance' – a combination of diving and long jump.
- The sailing competition area, known as the "field of play" covers approximately 50sq km of open water.

this process of being hosts of the Olympic Games has involved building new venues, upgrading existing facilities and constructing temporary places to hold the events. The 26 sports of the London Olympics take place in 28 venues across London and outside the London area. Some of London's most iconic sites such as Horse Guards Parade, Wimbledon, Wembley Stadium, Lords, Regent's Park and Hyde Park have had the honour of being turned into sporting arenas for the Games. The centrepiece of the 2012 Summer Olympics and Paralympics is the Olympic Stadium, the venue of the athletic events as well as the opening and closing ceremonies.

OTHER VENUES: Aquatics Centre – This venue with its stingray shaped roof has two 50-metre pools and 25m diving pool.

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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The London Line-Up Online will provide you with activities to do, videos to watch and direct you to interesting links associated with the Olympic Games.



Aussie athletes medal winners

Australia's success in the pool at the Olympics continues with our first swag of medals being won at London2012 in the swimming arena. The Women's 4x100m freestyle relay made up of Alicia Coutts, Cate Campbell, Brittany Elmslie and Melanie Schlanger (above) claimed Australia's first gold medal of the Games. The Australians won in 3:33.15 – which is an Olympic record.

Claiming a surprise silver medal was Christian Sprenger who took second place in the 100m breaststroke final. Sprenger was ecstatic as he managed to go beyond his dreams as he clocked 58.93 in last Saturday night's final.

Tipped to win the 100m backstroke after smashing the Olympic record in her heat, Emily Seebohm was edged out in the final and finished with silver.

Despite taking in a mouthful of water 15m from the finish, Alicia Coutts held on for a bronze medal in the 100m butterfly. She surged through the field to take third and collect her second medal for the Games.