

Sport

Georgia's focus is back **Solid result for Seagulls**



Bayside gymnast Georgia Godwin has found her focus again after the excitement of the Commonwealth Games.

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GYMNASTICS

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BAYSIDE Commonwealth Games hero Georgia Godwin concedes it was difficult to focus again for October's world titles after the euphoria of her medal-winning efforts on the Gold Coast in April.

Godwin was lauded for her silver and bronze medals which were captured in front of family, friends and a

Games star admits it was a tough struggle

vocal home crowd during the Commonwealth Games.

The former Moreton Bay College student then returned to her training base at Delta Gymnastics to a see a life-size poster of her dangling from the complex as children gathered to greet her and have photos taken with her and her medals.

Being the centre of attention did not come naturally to the down-to-earth God-

win, who is now training ahead of next month's world championships.

"It had been difficult to focus after the success and excitement of the Games," she said.

"I have found it kind of difficult to refocus after the high of Commonwealth Games, the nationals and my short holiday.

"My fitness and skill level had dropped and the simple

skills weren't that easy anymore.

"I didn't know how I was ever going to get back to competing, and was struggling daily, but my coaches, teammates and family helped me through the tough times.

"I'm pretty much back to my Commonwealth Games fitness now and I am prepared to do the hard work in preparation for worlds."

Godwin said her success at the Games had given her confidence.

"I now believe that I can actually be a contender at international competitions. But I also know that there's heaps of hard work to do between now and October if I want to be able to compete against the best in the world."

She said she aimed to "hit all my routines cleanly and potentially pop in a few skill upgrades" at the world championships.

Interstate honours for trio

CROQUET

THREE Wynnum Croquet Club members travel to NSW this month to represent Queensland in premier interstate competitions.

Richard Pickavance will be the Queensland representative in Australia Croquet Association's Golf Croquet Gold Medal event in Tempe, from September 5-7.

Richard achieved this honour by winning the Queensland ACA Bronze Medal event that was re-

stricted to 10 of the best players in Queensland, with entries based on world rankings.

Richard has only been playing croquet for two years and will compete against the other five state Bronze Medal winners for the ACA Gold and Silver Medals.

Meanwhile Ron Schodel and Geoff Hull have been selected to play in the Queensland Golf Croquet representative team that will compete against the five

other states for the Interstate Shield in the Hunter Valley.

Ron is a very experienced player, having represented Queensland in 2009 and 2010 and although Geoff has only been playing for five years, he has competed strongly in many state and national events and reached the final of the 2017 Australian Singles Championships in Melbourne.

The Queensland's team coach is Wynnum Croquet Club president Liz Fleming.



Richard Pickavance.

School teams in form

RUGBY LEAGUE

WYNNUM State School has continued its good form on the rugby league field, this time at the Brisbane Rugby League Metropolitan Cup.

After dominating Wynnum District Patron's Trophy Finals, where it won three of the four divisions, Wynnum State School progressed to the knockout Metro Cup competition which culminated in grand finals at SunCorp Stadium.

The school's under-nine team was beaten on the full-

time hooter in the quarter-finals by the eventual premiers.

The under-12s were beaten in the semi-finals, also by the eventual premiers.

The Wynnum under-10s progressed to the grand final for the second year in a row (as under-nines last year) and faced the same team from Kruger State School (Ipswich) that beat them in last year's decider.

Against the much larger opposition, the Wynnum boys put in a brave effort but were again defeated.

THE Wynnum-Manly BRL A Grade side kept its grand final hopes alive with a 31-20 win over East Tigers in the weekend's elimination final at BMD Kougari Oval.

The Seagulls scored five tries to four in a solid win while minor premiers Redcliffe Dolphins overcame the West Brisbane Panthers 26-22 to secure their third consecutive grand final berth.

Halfback Mitch Moore scored two tries in Wynnum-Manly's win, with veteran John Te Reo scoring 15 individual points with a try, five goals and a field goal.

The Seagulls and Panthers will clash this weekend for the right to take on Redcliffe in the decider.

Meanwhile, the Wynnum-Manly Under 20 Colts were not as lucky, going down 28-6 to the Victoria Thunderbolts in their elimination final, played as a curtain-raiser to the Melbourne Storm's NRL clash with Penrith.

Big funding win for Jets

BASKETBALL

THE Bayside Jets Basketball Club has secured more than \$20,000 in the latest round of the Queensland Government's Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF) to upgrade its home court at Wynnum State School.

The Jets plan to replace and upgrade the existing basketball backboards and supports, so they meet current FIBA regulations.

The hoops will also be able to be lowered for the Under Sevens and Under Nines players in training and competition.

With Bayside Jets securing this grant, every student at Wynnum State School will be able to train and play basketball on the right height hoops.