

## LYDIA'S STILL ON A HIGH

The achievements of our State's best athletes, coaches, officials and administrators were celebrated at the 2010 Victorian Sport Awards. Our proud tradition of aerial skiers again came to the fore with Vancouver gold medallist Lydia Lassila taking home the prestigious Governor's Award as Victoria's Sportsperson of the Year.

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By Mark McAllion  
Chief Executive Officer

# New State Government ends another year full of success and surprises for our industry

**B**orrowing a famous Victorian's phrase of "it's all happening" is apt when looking back at Victorian sport in 2010. Each year the exploits of Victorian sportsmen and women continue to amaze, but in 2010 there was just as much action off the field with several events and announcements that will have a significant impact on the future of sport in this state, including:

- The release of the Crawford Review Report
- A new direction from the Australian Sports Commission including new funding streams and criteria
- A Federal Election and a hung parliament
- A new Federal Sports Minister
- Australia failing in its bid to host the 2022 FIFA World Cup, and
- A new State Government

The most significant event for sport in this state was the 2010 Victorian State Election. After one of the closest Victorian elections for many years, the Coalition is to be congratulated for its victory. From the start of the campaign most experts tipped a Labour victory but as the Election loomed closer it was clear that there would be a narrow margin.

The outgoing Brumby Government and Minister James Merlino must also be congratulated for their contribution to Victorian sport. Over the past 11 years, the Victorian Government introduced many projects and initiatives that will benefit sport for many years to come - particularly the substantial investment in community sporting facilities.

As the new Government is sworn in, Victorian sport administrators anxiously wait to see the direction and priorities of the Baillieu administration. What will be the focus of the new Government? Will existing funding programs be maintained? Will the priorities of VicHealth change?

In the coming months **vicsport** will seek answers to these questions via the new Minister for Sport and Recreation Hugh Delahunty, and with Sport and Recreation Victoria. **vicsport** will also develop a proposal for the Government of a structured, regular communication plan between the Government, **vicsport** and member organisations. It is expected that the Government will support regular communication with the Victorian sports industry.

Pleasingly the Coalition's Election Policy included initiatives related to facilities, participation and volunteers. All member organisations are strongly encouraged to begin correspondence with the relevant Ministers to ensure the Government has the current information in relation to Victorian sport.

This election highlights the saying "that every vote counts". The Victorian Sports industry must continue to improve communication with Government and engagement with the political process to ensure the needs of sport are strongly articulated to the relevant stakeholders.

**vicsport** will continue to perform the role of the 'active voice of Victorian sport' but it is the responsibility of every organisation to ensure that the specific challenges confronting every stakeholder are communicated.

In addition to the State Election, November was also the month of the 2010 Victorian Sport Awards. A record number of people attended the ceremony, which was been regarded a tremendous success. All athletes, coaches, officials and journalists nominated are to be congratulated for their wonderful achievements. In the year of the 2010 Winter Olympics and some extraordinary performances by athletes and teams, each award category contained very competitive fields.

Overall 2010 has been another extraordinary year for Victorian sport and as it draws to a close I wish all **vicsport** members a safe and happy festive season.



**New Premier  
Ted Baillieu**

# Olympic champion rises above world-class field to snare Victoria's most prestigious sporting honour

By Matthew Heinrich

The Crown Entertainment Complex was the venue for the 2010 Victorian Sport Awards function at which aerial skiing champion Lydia Lassila was awarded the prestigious Governor's award as Victorian Sportsperson of the Year.

Among the other highlights of the evening, AFL great Jim Stynes was honoured with the Lord Mayor's Award for Outstanding Contribution to Sport, joining a prestigious group of previous recipients including Ron Barassi (2009), Catherine Freeman (2007) and Lindsay Gaze (2000).

Victoria's best athletes, coaches, officials and administrators attended the function to celebrate the year's sporting achievements both on and off the field and recognise the success of our athletes on the national and global stage.

The Victorian Sportsperson of the Year award is presented to an athlete who has achieved outstanding sporting performances and has also made a significant contribution to sport as a leader and role model.

No-one fitted these criteria better than Lydia Lassila. She rose above an impressive list of athletes that included world road race champion Cadel Evans, Australia's most successful winter sports athlete Dale Begg-Smith, rower Kim Crow, Matilda's captain Melissa Barbieri and world snooker champion Neil Robertson.

The 28-year-old was also named Victorian Female Athlete of the Year together with Evans who took out the title of Victorian Male Athlete of the Year. That duo added their name to an honour role with some of the nation's most renowned sportspeople including Cathy Freeman, Leisel Jones, Sharelle McMahon, Andrew Gaze, Steve Moneghetti, James Tomkins and Dean Jones.

**vicsport** Chief Executive Officer Mark McAllion said Lassila was a most deserving recipient of the Governor's Award for the Victorian Sportsperson of the Year.

"Lydia not only performed extremely well to be crowned the Olympic champion in Vancouver but the way she has conducted herself since has been a fantastic advertisement for Victorian sport," McAllion said.

In other awards, the Victorian Bushrangers and the Olympic aerial skiing team took out the Victorian Men's and Women's Team of the Year titles respectively while the Victorian junior track cycling team, was named Junior Team of the Year.

Singapore Youth Olympics gymnastics champion Angela Donald was named Victorian Junior Athlete of the Year and Ian Pope, whose swimming squad includes Marieke Guehrer, took out Victorian Coach of the Year for the second time (his first came in 2006).

AFL Victoria's Gerard FitzGerald took out the inaugural Lindsay Gaze Sporting Conduct Award after leading VFL team the North Ballarat Roosters to their third successive premiership.

It was a fantastic night to celebrate and congratulate the best of Victoria's premier athletes, coaches, officials, journalists, administrators and clubs in front of more than 300 representatives from the sport, recreation and health



Lydia Lassila

industries. The 2010 Victorian Sport Awards recognised achievements for the period of August 2009 to August 2010.

We extend our appreciation to our partners for their continued support allowing **vicsport** to provide a high level of service to its members and allow events such as the Victorian Sport Awards to be staged. **vicsport** would especially like to acknowledge major partners the State Government of Victoria and VicHealth.

**vicsport** would also like to acknowledge the sponsors of the Victorian Sport Awards who ensure the high quality of the event: OAMPS, Deakin University, LaTrobe University, Victoria University, Winning Edge Trophy Supplies and the City of Melbourne.

# State of excellence: our top performers honoured at 2010 Victorian Sport Awards

## Governor's Award for the Victorian Sportsperson of the Year

**LYDIA LASSILA** (aerial skiing)

*Liz Gardner accepting on behalf of Lydia Lassila with presenter, Governor of Victoria, Professor David de Kretser*



## Victorian female athlete of the year

– *Kitty McEwan Award*



**LYDIA LASSILA**  
(aerial skiing)

*Geoff Lippshut accepting on behalf of Lydia Lassila with presenter Dr Peter Herten*



## Victorian Male Athlete of the Year

– *Frank Wilkes Award*



**CADEL EVANS** (cycling)

*Helen Cocks accepting on behalf of Cadel Evans with presenter, Dr Peter Herten*



## Victorian Junior Athlete of the Year

– *Dame Mary Herring Award*



**ANGELA DONALD**  
(gymnastics)

*Angela Donald with MC Gerard Whateley*



## Victorian Men's Team of the Year



**VICTORIAN BUSHRANGERS**  
(cricket)

*Presenter Clare Ewart-Kennedy with Simon Helmut, James Pattinson and Greg Shipperd*



## Women's Team of the Year



**WOMEN'S OLYMPIC AERIAL SKIING TEAM**

*Jacqui Cooper, Liz Gardner and Bree Munro with presenter Clare Ewart-Kennedy*



## Victorian Junior Team of the Year



**VICTORIAN JUNIOR TRACK CYCLING TEAM**

*Presenter Prof. Michael McKenna with Imogen Jelbart, Laurie Norris and Jack Cummings*



## Masters Sport Award



**LAVINIA PETRIE**  
(athletics)

*Lavinia Petrie with presenter Prof. David Shilbury*



*The Victorian Sport Awards have been recognising the achievements of Victoria's athletes, coaches, officials and administrators for three decades. The 2010 Awards capped another year to remember for the Victorian sport and active recreation community.*

### Lord Mayor's Award for Outstanding Contribution to Sport



**JIM STYNES**  
(Australian football)

*Ron Barassi accepting on behalf of Jim Stynes with vicsport CEO Mark McAllion*



### Victorian Coach of the Year



**IAN POPE**  
(swimming)

*Ian Pope with presenter Jacqui Cooper*



### Victorian Official of the Year



**RICHARD LAWYSZ**  
(athletics)

*Presenter Prof. Leigh Drake with Richard Lawysz*



### Victorian Sports Leadership

*- Eunice Gill Award*



**MARK RENDELL**  
(Football Federation Victoria)

*Belinda Wilson accepting on behalf of Mark Rendell with presenter Dr Peter Herten*



### Best Sports Development Initiative by Industry Associate / Corporate Supporter



**GAMEON**  
(OnSide Victoria)

*Patrizia Torelli from OnSide Victoria with presenter Prof. David Shilbury*



### Best Reporting of an issue relating to Victorian Sport



**SAMANTHA LANE**  
(The Age)

*Samantha Lane with presenter Jacqui Cooper*



### Best Sports Development Initiative by an affiliated VicSport member



**MULTICULTURAL PROGRAM FOR WOMEN** (Football Federation Victoria)

*Presenter Prof. Russell Hoye with Elyce Carlyle from FFV*



### VicHealth Gaze Sporting Conduct Award



**GERARD FITZGERALD**  
(Australian football)

*Gerard Fitzgerald with presenter Lindsay Gaze*



# Timely relief for clubs on liquor licence fees

By Anthony Bowd

**O**n May 2, 2008, then-Premier Brumby launched a five-year \$37.2 million regulatory program, which altered the way in which liquor licences were administered and regulated throughout Victoria. The Restoring the Balance - Victoria's Alcohol Action Plan 2008-2013 introduced a risk-based structure to the licensing process.

**vicsport** believed that many of 16,000 sporting clubs and associations holding limited or restricted liquor licences were unfairly captured in the categorisation of risk with many clubs reporting a substantial increase in fees from 'around \$90 to \$390'.

Under the new regime most sporting clubs fall under the Restricted Club category, which has an annual renewal fee of \$405.80 plus a one-off application fee of \$387.70.

Following lobbying from **vicsport** Consumer Affairs Minister Tony Robinson announced on October 15 that sporting and community clubs across Victoria were set to benefit from changes to liquor licence fees which would introduce fee discounts for eligible small clubs ahead of a full review of club licensing arrangements and fees in 2011.

"We understand how important local clubs are to the life of our communities and that's why we are refining the liquor licensing requirements that apply to them, to help small clubs reduce their running costs so they can invest more in their members," Robinson said.

The Government has subsequently introduced a range of changes to assist clubs to manage their licences. Firstly, clubs with fewer than one hundred members will be eligible to apply for a 50 per cent discount on their licence for the 2011 fee year.

Licensees that hold both a restricted club licence and a renewable limited (club) licence will be eligible to apply for a 50 per cent discount on each licence for the 2011 fee year. In addition, clubs that require additional temporary limited licences will be able to apply for one temporary limited licence that authorises up to 12 separate activities under the one licence.

Licensees with a full club licence (\$812.70) are also being encouraged to consider whether it would be appropriate for them to transfer to a restricted club licence (\$405.70). Clubs that elect to transfer will be able to reduce their renewal fee and have the licence variation fee (\$174.70) waived.

These reductions will only be offered in 2011 with a permanent review of club licensing to take place during 2011.

It is important to note that to apply for fee relief licensees will need to complete the 2011 Clubs Fee Reduction application, which will be available via Responsible Alcohol Victoria.



Following the election and change of government, Liquor Licence reform is on the agenda with the policy subject to change. **vicsport** have been informed that renewals have been delayed until such time as an announcement can be made regarding prospective amendments. Check <http://www.justice.vic.gov.au> or ph 1300 650 367 for up to date details.

## Does your club have a UV Exposure and Heat Illness Policy?

By Aaron Tenabel

**T**he weather may have been anything but summery, but it's time for clubs to be reviewing and implementing their heat and UV policies. **vicsport** receives many inquiries into what policy and protocols should be in place. Common concerns include games going ahead in extreme conditions, or having to forfeit competition points to reduce the risk to players' safety.

To highlight a recent inquiry, a club had the previous week chosen not to participate in a cricket game due to the temperature being around 38°C, and subsequently forfeited points. The following week, it was above 40°C and if the club wished to forfeit the game due to the extreme conditions, it could. However according to competition by-laws a second forfeit would mean the club would be expelled from the competition.

Extreme weather conditions, including hot weather conditions and subsequent UV and Heat policy are vitally important to state sporting associations and their members.

**Summer sports:** Now is an appropriate time to review current heat policies and subsequent by laws, to ensure they are up to date, comprehensive, transparent and communicated to all members and participants.

**Winter sports:** Remember that pre-season for many winter sports runs over the summer months and it is essential



that you have a heat policy to minimise the risk of heat illness and UV exposure for your participants, coaches, etc.

It's important that all sports that train or play outdoors include a variety of strategies in their policy for both heat illness and UV exposure. As a part of the policy clubs can use the SunSmart UV Widget [www.sunsmart.com.au](http://www.sunsmart.com.au) to check when sun protection is required for training or competition days.

If you would like to develop, review or update your heat and UV policy visit [www.sportsrisk.com.au](http://www.sportsrisk.com.au) or to view the UV Exposure and Heat Illness Guide developed by Smartplay and SunSmart visit [www.sportsrisk.com.au/FactSheets](http://www.sportsrisk.com.au/FactSheets).

If you require assistance getting started with your UV and Heat policy email [smartplay@vic.sma.org.au](mailto:smartplay@vic.sma.org.au) or call 9674 8777.

# Bring on the New Year – **vicsport** raises the bar for sport and active recreation in Victoria in 2010

By Nicole Bearzatto

2010 has been a big year for **vicsport**. It was the first full year that Sport Education Victoria has been integrated with vicsport and with both federal and state elections falling within months of each other it has been a busy time. Below are some highlights from our work in 2010.

Throughout 2010 vicsport has responded to several Government Reviews and Enquiries on behalf of our members including:

- Associations incorporations amendment act 2010
- Department of Health Victoria – men’s health and wellbeing consultation
- Department of Health Victoria – women’s health and wellbeing consultation
- Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission – Inquiry into Victoria’s Regulatory Framework

## MEMBER SERVICING

Over 2010 **vicsport** has continued to communicate with its members through a variety of methods including e-news and Sportsview.

Recently **vicsport** also held the inaugural Sports Talk Forum. This was based around the 2010 State Election and featured both the Minister for Sport and Recreation Mr James Merlino MP and the Shadow Minister for Sport and Recreation, Mr Hugh Delahunty. This forum provided our members the opportunity to hear directly from both sides of politics and to ask specific questions of the Ministers before the election.

## PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

### Good Governance Project

As part of the VicHealth PICSAR Good Governance project we have released a series of fact sheets discussing the main issues relating to the low proportion of women sitting on the boards of sport and recreation organisations. These are available on the **vicsport** website.

A Good Governance and Diversity Framework has been developed to provide useful information, handy hints and templates based on key areas of governance. Four state sporting associations completed a pilot program and successes included a female being elected to an all male board and the development of toolkits/templates/factsheets to support boards to improve governance and improve diversity.

### Bushfire relief Project

In consultation with the Australian Sports Commission, particularly the Victorian branch of the Active After School Communities program, **vicsport** developed a number of initiatives to assist communities in the regions that were affected by the Black Saturday bushfires.

The initiatives include:

- Providing an after-school activity program for the children residing in the Marysville and Flowerdale temporary villages

**vicsport** members were able to make their own judgments on the merits of the respective sport and recreation policies prior to November’s State Election when Mr James Merlino and Mr Hugh Delahunty (pictured) spoke at the Sports Talk Forum



- Providing assistance in the development of the Marysville Sports Hub plan
- Funding assistance provided to sports clubs that were affected by the bushfires

## Victoria’s volunteer portal

The Victorian Volunteer Portal, created by the Department of Planning and Community Development, was developed to ensure that community organisations are equipped with tools and information to assist in volunteer management and government activities. **vicsport** has been working with SSA’s, LGA’s, RSA’s and the rest of the sector to make volunteers and organisations aware of the resources and functions the portal has and importantly to ensure that the portal services the needs of the sport and recreation industry.

## WOMEN’S SPORT

Women’s sport continues to be developed through several mechanisms. The Women’s Advisory group continues to work to enhance the profile and positions of women’s sport and women in sport.

In 2010 the Female Administrators Network (FAN) has run four development sessions including sessions on Mentoring, Media, Professional Writing, and the launch of the new Women’s Mentoring Bank.

The Professional Development and Mentoring program, developed in 2009 has again been a success with eight women taking part in the program.

## SPORT EDUCATION AND SPORT CONNECT

The Sport Education branch has been working with state sporting associations, locally based national sporting organisations and local government authorities to help them design and deliver coaching and officiating programs.

Sports Connect’s focus has shifted from providing sport with the required skill set to assisting the disadvantaged people to access their local sporting clubs. The VU Hub, developed by **vicsport** and Victoria University, is bringing together their physical and human resources for the benefit of disability groups and sporting clubs in Melbourne’s western suburbs.

## Affiliated Members

AFL Victoria	8663 3000
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Basketball Victoria	9927 6666
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Calisthenics Victoria Inc	9562 6011
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Confederation of Australian Motor Sport	1300 883 959
Cricket Victoria	9653 1100
Croquet Victoria	8361 8887
Cyclesport Victoria Inc	8480 3000
Deaf Sports Recreation Victoria Inc	9473 1161
Diving Victoria	9686 7534
Dragon Boats Victoria	9457 3944
Equestrian Federation of Australia (VIC)	9013 0707
Fencing Victoria	9521 4430
Football Federation Victoria	9474 1800
GippSport	5135 8335
Gridiron Victoria	0434 510 031
Gymnastics Victoria	9214 6020
Hockey Victoria	8379 4288
Ice Skating Victoria Inc	9570 1169
Lacrosse Victoria	9926 1390
Leisure Networks	5224 9926
Life Saving Victoria	9676 6900
Mallee Sports Assembly Inc	5021 3464
Modern Pentathlon (Victoria) Inc	9857 0110
Motorcycling Victoria	9673 0600
Netball Victoria	9321 2222
Orienteering Victoria	8846 4140
Pony Club Association of Victoria Inc	8685 8925
Pool Victoria	9758 2566
Rowing Victoria	9820 8888
Skate Victoria	5622 0095
South West Sports Assembly	5561 1699
Sporting Shooters Association of Australia	8892 2777
Sports Central	5331 6966
Sports Focus Inc	5442 3101
Squash Vic	9682 2199
Surfing Victoria	5261 2907
Swimming Victoria	9686 5222
Table Tennis Victoria	9682 2011
Target Rifle Victoria	5862 2141
Tennis Victoria	8420 8420
The Centre (CARN)	5762 4311
Touch Victoria	9206 6755
Triathlon Victoria Inc	9904 4877
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Victorian Amateur Judo Union	9383 2244
Victorian Amateur Pistol Association	9398 5351
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Victorian Golf Association	9889 6731
Victorian Parachute Council Inc	0417 376 792
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Victorian Rugby League	8412 4942

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Victorian Speedway Council Inc	5250 4600
Victorian Tenpin Bowling Association	9363 5239
Victorian Water Polo	9926 1552
Victorian Water Ski Association	9531 1388
Victorian Water Ski Federation	9602 4244
Victorian Weightlifting Association Inc	9819 5999
Volleyball Victoria	9794 0009
Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly	5382 4599
Women's Golf Victoria	9524 7610
Yachting Victoria	9597 0066

## Associate Members

ACHPER Victorian Branch	9274 8900
AFL SportsReady	8663 3037
Aquatics and Recreation Victoria	9271 3800
Ararat Rural City Council	5355 0200
Australian Drug Foundation Inc	9667 9220
Australian Paralympic Committee	9614 6800
Ballarat City Council	5320 5641
Bass Coast Shire Council	1300 226 278
Baw Baw Shire Council	5824 2468
Bayside City Council	9599 4699
Bendigo Bank Academy of Sport	5444 7700
Boroondara City Council	9278 4792
Buloke Shire Council	5493 7400
Camp Australia	8851 4100
Camaspas Shire Council	5481 2200
Cardinia Shire Council	5945 0410
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City of Whittlesea	9457 3944
City of Wodonga	02 6022 9300
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Country Fire Authority Recreation	5240 2700
Darebin City Council	8470 8504
Disability Sports Victoria - VDSAC INC	9614 6215
East Gippsland Shire Council	5153 9500
Eastern Football League	9762 5766
Eastern Recreation Leisure Services	9855 9977
Frankston City Council	9784 1888
Glen Eira City Council	9524 3333
Glenelg Shire Council	5522 2200
Gordon Institute of TAFE	5225 0500
Greater Geelong City Council	5227 0270
Greater Shepparton City Council	5832 9536
Hepburn Shire Council	5321 6113
Hobsons Bay City Council	9932 1000
Holmesglen Institute of Tafe - Fitness	9564 6234
Horsham Rural City Council	5382 9777
Hume City Council	9205 2200
Inclusive Leisure Living	9489 2999
Kids Tennis Foundation	9510 9165
Knox City Council	9298 8236

La Trobe City Council	5128 5660
La Trobe University Sports	9479 2973
Loddon Shire Council	5494 1200
Maccabi Victoria Inc	9272 5660
Macedon Ranges Shire Council	1300 656 577
Maribyrnong City Council	9688 0211
Maroondah City Council	1300 882 233
Masters Swimming Victoria	9682 5666
Melbourne University Sport	8344 5401
Melton Shire Council	9747 7200
Mildura Rural City Council	5018 8316
Monash City Council	9518 3583
Monash University	9905 8801
Moonee Valley City Council	9243 9140
Moorabool Shire Council	5366 7100
Moreland City Council	9420 2301
Mornington Peninsula Shire	5950 1740
Moyne Shire Council	5568 0579
Nillumbik Shire Council	9433 3130
OnSide Victoria	9705 0666
School Sport Victoria	9488 9466
Shire of Yarra Ranges	9294 6736
Simply Skateboarding	8486 2160
South Gippsland Shire Council	5662 9200
Special Olympics Victoria Inc	9275 6922
Sports Medicine Australia Vic	9674 8777
Sports Without Borders	9349 2729
SportsPeople	1800 634 388
Swan Hill Rural City Council	5036 2333
Towong Shire Council	02 6071 5100
Turf Grass Association Australia	9791 6900
VICSRAPID	9926 1382
Victoria University Sport and Fitness	9688 4000
Victorian Amateur Football Association	9531 8333
Victorian Country Football League	8663 3060
Victorian Police Amateur Sport and Welfare Society	9566 9470
West Wimmera Shire Council	5392 7700
Wheelchair Sport Victoria	9473 0133
Woodend Hanging Rock Club	5427 2477
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