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Dear Australian Athletes and Supporters,

Re: The Arafura Games incorporating the Oceania Paralympic Championships

It is with great pleasure that I bring your attention to the Arafura Games incorporating the Oceania Paralympic Championships which are to be held from the 9th through to the 17th of May 2009 in Darwin, Australia. The Oceania Paralympic Championships are presented by the Northern Territory Government in partnership with the Australian Paralympic Committee.

The inaugural Oceania Paralympic Championships held in 2007 attracted well over 320 athletes with a disability from 30 countries and the event is expected to grow given the increasing international interest amongst the membership of the International Paralympic Committee.

Eight Paralympic sports are to be contested at the 2009 Championships; Athletics, Cycling (road), Swimming, IPC Powerlifting, Shooting, Table Tennis, Wheelchair Tennis and 7-a-side Football (invitational). All sports will receive sanctioning from the relevant International Federation and have the support of the respective National Federation.

For further information about the Games, entry process and the host city Darwin, I would like to direct your attention to the Arafura website at www.arafuragames.nt.gov.au. Online entry and accreditation is now available.

If you would like further information on the Paralympic sports please contact:

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On behalf of the Oceania Paralympic Committee, I welcome you to the Arafura Games and look forward to you encouraging your attendance. I invite you to forward this letter amongst your sporting contacts.

Kind Regards,

Paul Bird
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Oceania Paralympic Committee