



World Transplant Games Circular

A Big Welcome from the Gold Coast!

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Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season!

Wishing everyone a very happy holiday season and good wishes for the New Year.

It is almost time to start dusting off those joggers and squeezing into those swimsuits for pre-games training! Register online at <http://www.worldtransplantgames09.com/>

Games Information Update

- Juniors aged 16 and 17 can now select to play doubles in Badminton, Tennis and Table Tennis, though they will play up in the adult category. This will be counted as one of their five sporting events.
- The Local Organising Committee is pleased to announce the introduction of a discounted junior registration fee for 11 years and under. The cost is now \$947 per child and includes both athletes and supporters. If you have already registered for a child 11 years and under, your fee has automatically been adjusted. Children under two years are free.
- Medical Forms have been sent to your Team Managers. Please remember the form needs to be completed no more than two months prior to the Games and must be returned no later than one month prior. Please contact your Team Manager for further information.

Games Village

The Games Village is always a great place to soak up the atmosphere, mingle with your international peers, and keep updated on events. It is also a requirement of the World Transplant Games Federation that all registered participants stay in the Games Village.

Next year the Gold Coast Games Village is located in the heart of Broadbeach - just minutes stroll from the surf and shopping district. Please note that children accompanying adults to the Games are required to use the bedding provided in the hotel room and any additional bedding requirements such as cots or rollaway beds will incur an additional cost.

If you have any concerns the most up to date information is provided on the website or you can contact your

team manager.

Kerri's Inspiration

Transplant Australia welcomes Aussie Olympic Gold Medallist and World Champion Beach Volleyball Player, Kerri Pottharst, as a proud supporter of the World Transplant Games. Kerri has joined us as both a professional motivational speaker and elite sports woman to help competitors (especially juniors) achieve their very best at the games. Beach Volleyball is one of our chosen sports and we hope for a great competition. More information from Kerri will be on the website early next year.

It's a common thread that everyone participating in games has experienced a serious life challenge. The World Transplant Games 09 will bring its own set of challenges and Kerri has shared with us some inspirational words written by Ralph Morston that will hopefully inspire you to meet and exceed your challenges.

Make Each Challenge Pay

By *Ralph Marston*

Challenge can make you stop, or it can make you unstoppable.
It all depends on how you respond.

Challenge can compel you to make valuable improvements that you never would have attempted otherwise. Challenge can open your eyes to a whole new level of possibilities.

When the challenges come, gladly accept the energy that they have to give you. Greet each challenge with the expectation that it will make you stronger, more capable, more experienced, more effective.

Then jump right in and get to work on that challenge. The more quickly and enthusiastically you get started, the more real value you'll be able to gain.

Challenge will give you the opportunity to discover how very much you can accomplish. And knowing how much you can accomplish sets you up to accomplish even more.

When there is a challenge in your life, it's only a matter of time and effort before that challenge can be transformed into a real and lasting treasure. Take the time, put forth the effort, and you'll surely make each challenge pay.

(Image of Kerri Pottharst at Sydney 2000 Olympics, courtesy of <http://www.kerripottharst.com/>)



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