



World Transplant Games Circular

## A Big Welcome from the Gold Coast!

Welcome to Transplant Australia's first world games circular. This is our way of keeping you updated each month on the latest news and information about these exciting games. Transplant Australia is looking forward to hosting one of the best games in history and we hope you will join us in August 2009.

### Registration costs confirmed

The Gold Coast Local Organising Committee has announced the registration costs for next year's World Games following discussions with the World Transplant Games Federation.

The cost is all inclusive and includes:

- Full access to all sporting events and approved training sessions
- Standard accommodation in a shared four star or above self-contained apartment. Those wanting single rooms will be required to pay a subsidy pending configuration and availability
- Three meals daily (breakfast, lunch and dinner) from dinner on August 22 to breakfast on August 30.
- Gala Dinner and Opening Dinner
- Approved transfers from either Brisbane Domestic or International airports or Gold Coast Domestic or International airports
- Scheduled transport to all sports and training sessions
- A Games T-shirt, bag and program



The cost for an adult athlete or support is \$AUD1,200. The cost for a junior athlete or supporter is \$AUD1,067.

Please note that all athletes and supporters must pay the full registration cost. There is no discount for those wishing to stay in their own accommodation with friends, relatives, uncles, aunties or distant cousins which happen to own a seaside weekender at Nobbys Beach.

### World Transplant Games 2009 website launched

Transplant Australia has just released the new World Transplant Games 2009 website which will promote the Gold Coast Games through to August. For all your games information, please visit [www.worldtransplantgames09.com/](http://www.worldtransplantgames09.com/)

### Junior subsidies

Transplant Australia has secured a substantial number of subsidies for child athletes to attend the Games. The

subsidy will cover their entire registration fee (\$1,067) however it does not cover their transport costs to the Games. More details in the next newsletter.

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## World cyclist signs on to help promote the Games

Professional Australian cyclist Lorian Graham has signed on as Transplant Australia's newest ambassador and made a commitment to helping transplant recipients reach their full athletic potential.

Lorian's courageous recovery from a horror crash that killed her teammate has changed her outlook on life and motivated her to help others overcome adversity.

In 2004 Lorian celebrated a World Cup series win with the Australian Women's Road Team. The following year, in the peak of physical fitness, she became the Australian Open Women's Road Cycling Champion.



Lorian's successful streak ended abruptly on July 18, 2005 in Germany, when a young motorist lost control of her car and ploughed into a group of Australian cyclists. Teammate Amy Gillett was killed and five women riders, including Lorian, were injured - two critically.

Lorian suffered multiple fractures including a broken left collarbone, a fractured sternum and broken ribs. However, it was a shattered knee that was the hardest injury for Lorian to recover from resulting in five operations and extensive physiotherapy and other treatments for her to be able to walk again.

"I took months to be able to walk and up to 14 months for my knee to bend enough for me to get back on a bike," said Lorian, who is based in Brisbane, just north of the Gold Coast.

"Following my traumatic experience in Germany, where a teammate lost her life and I was fortunate to live on, I wanted to do something positive for people and motivate others to fulfil their dreams."

Once back on the bike Lorian took small steps to get her knee moving properly again. Initially it was gratifying for her to be able to ride to the park and later to a coffee shop, all the while trying hard not to be frustrated by her lack of fitness.

Remarkably, just 18 months after the accident, Lorian was competing again in the 2007 National Road Cycling Championships and she also made the 2007 World Championship team.

This year Lorian capped off her brave come-back by being named a reserve member of the Australian Team for the Beijing Olympics.

She will be one of several sporting stars helping transplant recipients leading up to the World Games.

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