



The Hon Graham Annesley MP

Minister for Sport and Recreation

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NSW ATHLETES HONOURED AT NSWIS SPORT AWARDS

Minister Sport and Recreation, Graham Annesley, congratulated and praised the NSW Institute of Sport for its continued efforts in ensuring NSW athletes, coaches and sport programs remained the envy of all at the 2011 NSW Institute of Sport Awards dinner, held last night.

“This has been another very successful year for the NSW Institute of Sport and these awards rightly recognise our incredible athletes who have once again demonstrated the depth of sporting talent we have in this state,” Mr Annesley said.

Mr Annesley congratulated James Magnussen on winning the Male Athlete of the Year award (swimming) and Holly Crawford on winning the Female Athlete of the Year award (snowboarding).

“James created history by becoming Australia’s first men’s 100m freestyle world champion and Holly put in a record breaking gold medal performance at the FIS Snowboard World Championships this year,” Mr Annesley said.

Minister Annesley also presented the Regional Athlete of the Year award to sailing champion Nathan Outteridge who won the International Moth World Championship and the 49er European Championships.

“I sincerely congratulate all of tonight’s award nominees and winners whose talent, dedication and commitment bring great credit to both NSW and Australia,” Mr Annesley said.

“I also congratulate everyone involved in the Institute’s world class Athletes With A Disability and Wheelchair Track & Road Program which showcases a number of potential Paralympic athletes.

“These athletes display tremendous dedication and continue to be outstanding ambassadors for their respective sports. I have great admiration for them.

“The NSW Government is committed to continuing its support of grassroots and professional sport and we look forward to seeing more exceptional accomplishments over the next twelve months, particularly during the London Olympics and Paralympics,” Mr Annesley said.

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LIST OF THE WINNERS ATTACHED



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2011 NSW INSTITUTE OF SPORT AWARD WINNERS

Australian College of Physical Education Academic Excellence (General)

Gabrielle King (Sailing)

Academic Excellence – The University of Sydney

Jenny Blow (Goalball), Kenneth To (Swimming)

University of New South Wales Career Development

Eamon Sullivan (Swimming)

Ian Thorpe OAM Outstanding Achievement

Nathan Johnstone (Winter Sports)

Out & About Marketing and Media Junior Athlete of the Year

Caleb Ewan (Cycling)

Classic Sportswear Most Memorable Moment

Matthew Abood, James Magnussen, Eamon Sullivan (Swimming – Relay)

Office of Communities, Sport and Recreation Regional Athlete of the Year

Nathan Outteridge (Sailing)

Sydney City Toyota Team Athlete of the Year

James Magnussen (Swimming)

Sportspro Coach of the Year

Brant Best (Swimming)

Sydney Olympic Park Authority Program of the Year

Winter Sports

Samsung Electronics Australia Female Athlete of the Year Award

Holly Crawford (Winter Sports)

ClubsNSW Male Athlete of the Year Award

James Magnussen (Swimming)