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Olympic Games, Sydney 2000 Web Archives

Librarians at Australia's National Sport Information Centre recently announced an exciting initiative that features the web resources from the Sydney Olympic Games. This major, first ever, initiative, undertaken by the National Library of Australia, part of NLA's Pandora Project, provides access to the complete results of the Games, a once-a-day snapshot of the Official Website and many other website snapshots produced by Australian organizations, news media, the community and businesses.

In addition to the archiving of websites, the *Sydney Official Report*, will be released in mid February 2002. Sufficient print copies of this report were printed to meet the IOC regulation on distribution of copies to members of the Olympic Family. Few additional print copies will be available for purchase. Instead, a website called Sydney 2000, **GamesINFO**, will host the fulltext version for the world's Internet users and sports researchers. This online edition will be available in mid February as well.

See <http://www.gamesinfo.com.au/>

GamesINFO's front end, is accessible in many languages including Chinese, Spanish, French, German, Italian and many other non-European languages.

See the following three Olympic Games sections on NLA's website archive:

Official Website: <http://pandora.nla.gov.au/tep/10194>

Torch Relay: <http://pandora.nla.gov.au/tep/10760>

Other OG sites: <http://pandora.nla.gov.au/tep/13335>

This latter website has the Arts & Culture, community projects, anti-Olympic websites and websites on the business world's involvement with the Sydney Olympic Games.

This initiative, the archival capture of web resources, will set a precedent and perhaps be a model, for other archives, national libraries, museums, and documentation centres. Finding web accessible guidelines and standards for this topic was a challenge. Through the assistance of the editor's colleagues at the Library of Congress, USOC and Australia's National Sport Information Centre (and Google), a search was conducted. Many of the national archival organizations are wrestling with how to archive individual documents found on websites (especially government information/resources), but this initiative takes the website archiving a step further. Two documents were found that consider archival capture of web resources and websites. They are:

National Archives of Australia. *Policy and Guidelines for Keeping Records of Web-based Activity in the Commonwealth Government*. Revised January 2001. http://www.naa.gov.au/recordkeeping/er/web_records/intro.html

Australian Sport & Recreation Course Database: <http://www.activeaustralia.org/asrcd/>

In a recent message to IASI-L (listserv), Greg Blood, Client Services Librarian at Australia's National Sport Information Centre announced the newly compiled and activated Australian Sport & Recreation Course Database. This was created in response to the many queries from within and external to Australia for a listing of sport and recreation courses. This database lists over 1000 sport and recreation courses conducted by over 300 organizations. The database can be searched by subject, course name, location, type of organization, and distance education. On the results screen basic information is found, e.g. name and address of organization, name of course. Greg mentioned that the database will provide basic information only as exact times, length and place of the courses changes so quickly. Each organization has been asked to place details of the courses on their websites.

Online Publications

Of the many online publications found recently the following two may be of interest:

Australia. Dept. of Industry, Sciences and Resources. Sport and Tourism Division. *Game plan 2006: sport and leisure industry strategic plan, national plan*, 2001. 20p. Available in fulltext PDF format at: <http://www.isr.gov.au/publications/index.cfm>

United Kingdom's sporting preferences: a post-Sydney look at the public's preferences about the success and funding of sport in the UK. London: UK Sport, April 2001. 43p. Available at: http://www.uk sport.gov.uk/images/uploaded/UKSP_April_2001.Pdf

Other Websites/Discussion Lists

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