



MEDIA ALERT

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New call for Female Australian Athletes with an Olympic Dream.

Once upon a time dreams of becoming an Olympian and representing Australia were simply that, a dream. But the Australian Women's Bobsleigh Team are opening the door to female Aussie Athletes by giving them the opportunity to be part of this amazing experience.

Pilot Astrid Loch-Wilkinson will be hosting a series of 'open days' to recruit for the vital role of 'breakwoman' to help push the team to Olympic glory.

The breakwomen plays a major role in the initial push of the bobsleigh, reaching speeds of 40km/h before jumping onboard the sleigh. The success of the run depends on the success of the push and seconds gained at the top can equate to podium finishes at the bottom.

"We are looking for Women aged 18-35, preferably over 70kg bodyweight and with a history of power sports, sprinting or have similar physical qualities (Rugby/Weightlifting/Athletics, other team sports)" says Pilot and two time Olympian, Astrid Loch-Wilkinson.

Open Day in Brisbane: Sunday, 11th July, 2 P.M. UQ Athletics Track, St. Lucia Brisbane.

Sydney & Melbourne: TBC

About us

The Australian Women's Bobsleigh Team was established in 2002 with 5 women willing to go way out of their comfort zone for the chance at their Olympic dream. Pilot Astrid Loch-Wilkinson eventually headed up the team and steered them to two Winter Olympics, Turin 2006 and Vancouver 2010. The team has also competed at World Championships and World Cup level, having impressive results from little resources. Leading up to the 2006 Olympic Games, Loch-Wilkinson and Brakewomen Kylie Reed placed 2nd in a 17-strong field in the Europa Cup in Austria, and 14th in the World Cup in Switzerland that same season.

The Team is not shy of the headlines after controversy surrounded their qualification to the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Games in which they went head to head with the International Bobsleigh federation for wrongly omitting them from the Games. The Australian Olympic Committee felt passionate about The Team's right to compete and was successful in an appeal to the court of arbitration for sport.

Avante IT became the teams first official sponsor, coming on board in April 2010. The team will now compete in Europe in the 2010/2011 season and hope to re-join the World Cup circuit in the 2011/2012 season.

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