“One of the great achievements of the Centenary of Canberra, in my mind, has been the unearthing of community and city pride. This is something we must carry forward as a legacy—the means to a permanent departure from Canberra bashing and self-deprecation about our city. A city brand is far more than a logo. It’s a collective idea—and a collective advocacy—about who we are and what we have to offer”

Chief Minister Katy Gallagher, 2013 Blackfriars Lecture at the Australian Catholic University

“We always have a great day here with the Prime Minister’s XI and to get the One Day International here between the West Indies and Australia, I think that’s a huge coup for the region, especially to play under lights”

Brad Haddin, Australian Cricketer

“When we devise and launch a program, it’s only ever a blueprint. Our success is measured by how people pick up that program, run with it, and make it their own”

Robyn Archer AO, Creative Director

Manuka Oval shone under brand-new lights as the Aussies defeated West Indies for the low One Day International hosted in Canberra. With a sell-out crowd, the match was viewed by 2.54 million people worldwide.
Close to 160 of the world's best women golf players competed in the championship, playing for a prize purse of USD $1.2 million—the richest in the history of the tournament. South Korea's Jiyai Shin claimed the Australian Open title.

The tournament was telecast to 97 million households in 22 countries.

"The 2013 event in Canberra was the best Australian Women’s Open to date"

Golf Australia

Image: Supplied by Golf Australia
Some of Australia’s greatest women sport stars including Dawn Fraser AO MBE, Layne Beachley and Nova Peris OAM made their way to Canberra for the special Centenary of Canberra National Women’s Sporting Congress and Sportswomen’s Ball.

There was most interest in the announcement of Australia’s Top 100 Sportswomen of All Time at a gala dinner in the Great Hall, Parliament House, with Dawn Fraser claiming the number one spot.

More than 300 competitors lined up for the championships in the biggest judo event Canberra has ever seen. Canberra was well represented with 48 local competitors up against contestants from all Australian states as well as competitors from Indonesia, Italy, Brazil, New Zealand, Spain, Korea and Japan.

“This competition was used for selections to next year’s Commonwealth Games in Glasgow”

Midge Hill, President of the ACT branch of the Judo Federation of Australia

Image: supplied by @Judophoto.com.au
WHEELOUT IN THE CAPITAL

Over 150 people attended the SPIN event at the University of Canberra to try their hand at wheelchair basketball. Teams participated in a round-robin competition, with Macarthur Disability Services taking home the coveted Wheelout trophy.

Wheelout in the Capital raised nearly $3,000 to kick-start a new Australian Sport for Development Program in Timor-Leste that will use sport to promote leadership and life skills for children and young people across the country.

“The event was extremely successful, we had 2012 Paralympics gold medallists competing, and athletes vying for a spot on the Rio 2016 team”

Terry Peek
Chair of the Organising Committee and Vice Chair of Sailability ACT

THE CENTENARY OF CANBERRA 2013 ASIA-PACIFIC ACCESS CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Over 100 competitors travelled to Canberra from all over Australia along with competitors from New Zealand, Japan, Singapore and the United Kingdom. All agreed that Lake Burley Griffin was a superb site for competitive sailing.

This is one of the few events on the sporting calendar where able-bodied athletes and athletes with disability competed on equal terms.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS NATIONAL SWIM MEET

More than 400 swimmers with intellectual disability represented their local program, with athletes staying and competing in the splendid facilities of the Australian Institute of Sport.

Attendees of the games including athletes, team support, parents and supporters came from 39 regions across Australia and Japan.

“I was extremely pleased with the level of enthusiasm from athletes, parents and supporters. It is heartening to see swimmer’s intellectual challenges and success, and we hope to continue this great work”

Kim Hadley
President of the ACT Sailability Association

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Eight hundred athletes took part in the championships, which encouraged participation for overall health and wellbeing, as well as elite athletes excelling in their chosen sport.

ACT athletes walked away with 64 gold, 68 silver and 52 bronze medals, and a world record was broken by the Australian W60 women in the 4 x 800m relay.

“The relay was one of those special moments that the large and vocal crowd in attendance will remember for years to come. It was one of the many record-breaking performances at the championships which saw over 30 championship, 12 national and two New Zealand national records broken.”

Michael Thompson, Canberra

ACT CENTENARY MASTERS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Forty-four golfers got the chance to play on some of Canberra’s best golf courses, including Gold Creek, Gungahlin Lakes, Yowani Country Club and the Federal Golf Club. Participants came from across Australia, with the oldest competitor in the tournament aged 92.

The ACT Centenary Masters Golf Tournament was open to all male and female golfers over the age of 35 who have an official golf handicap.

2013 AUSTRALIAN MASTERS ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

A record 1,087 athletes from 108 clubs in Australia, New Zealand and the USA competed in Rowing Australia’s annual national regatta. Aged from 27 to 95, the men and women participated in 160 events over four days. The event emphasised Lake Burley Griffin’s excellent location.

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“It was remarkable that Canberra could produce 10 artists and athletes of sufficient skill and calibre to complete the rigorous and demanding performance objectives of this project. The group of artists aged 18 to 43 bonded strongly in their sense of local community and pride in achieving the collaborative task they were set.”

DAVID PLEDGER
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, NOT YET IT’S DIFFICULT

Approximately 5,000 people attended the AIS Open Day and experienced how Australian sporting champions are made. This was the first time the AIS has opened its doors since 2006.

The open day included The Art of Sport Forum that drew fascinating parallels between the arts and sport. Guest speakers included Philippa Paige from the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, David Pledger from Not Yet It’s Difficult and Australian Marathon Champion Robert de Castella. The forum was moderated by ABC 24’s Beverley O’Connor.

THE TRAINING SQUAD

This project saw David Pledger from Not Yet It’s Difficult sculpt a special team including local sportspeople and the best of Canberra’s physical performance community. Kitted out in AIS uniforms, they presented roving performances full of muscle, attitude and irony for the open day. The project has received preliminary interest from the Art/Sport Festival in Lille and Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Canberra Stadium was almost at capacity with 25,628 fans. This was the first time Australia has played New Zealand in Canberra. The match was viewed by 1.65 million people.
Again Canberra Stadium was almost at capacity with 21,655 fans as the ACT Brumbies defeated the British and Irish Lions. This was the first time the international team had come to Canberra since 2001.

The ACT recorded a 22% increase in international visitation during the period. Local accommodation was at capacity.

For the first time, the AFL’s Hall of Fame awards night was held outside of Melbourne in 2013. The event attracted more than 500 people to the Great Hall of Parliament House and was broadcast to 153,808 viewers Australia-wide.
WESTFIELD MATILDAS V NEW ZEALAND FERNS CENTENARY CUP

“We were delighted to host this important trans-Tasman game and we were only able to do so because of the assistance provided by the Centenary of Canberra”

Heather Reid
CEO Capital Football

McKellar Park was packed to the brim with soccer fans as the Aussie Matildas took on the New Zealand Ferns, the first time in many years that the Matildas have played in Canberra. The game went to a penalty shootout, with the Aussies taking home the specially crafted Centenary Cup.

KANGA CUP

“The support provided by the Centenary of Canberra for what was the biggest Kanga Cup ever, enabled us to attract more international teams and we can look forward to boosting our numbers even more next year”

Sam Irvine, Capital Football

The 2013 Kanga Cup was the largest in the 23-year history of the event, with 250 youth teams competing from Australia, China, New Zealand, the Philippines and South Korea.
With tickets selling out in days, 3,000 spectators packed into the AIS Arena to witness the Australian Diamonds defeat arch rivals the New Zealand Ferns to take home the Constellation Cup.

Close to 200 riders and 400 horses leapt into action for the Centennial Showjumping Cup at Equestrian Park. The cup celebrated Canberra’s rich equestrian history and included some of Australia’s most talented riders and equine athletes from as far away as Western Australia.

“Our thrilled that the Canberra community has embraced the Australia Diamonds’ historic test against the Silver Ferns as the Centenary celebrations reach fever pitch in the national capital”

Lisa Alexander
Australian Diamonds coach
OCTOBER

The Canberra Centenary Trail was officially opened on 27 October. The trail is a 145 kilometre self-guided, non-motorised loop for walkers and touring cyclists that showcases Canberra and takes users on a journey between urban and rural environments, past iconic sites and hidden treasures.

The Centenary Trail is divided into daily sections, spaced for walkers and bike riders. Users are able to join or leave the trail in many locations.

“With this ambitious trail, I believe we finally have something we can all hang our hats on and collectively beat our chests about. In fact, I suspect the trail will be one of the only true lasting legacies of our Centenary... the trail will still be weaving its way through our suburbs, national institutions, nature parks and rural fringe”

Tim the Yowie Man

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Held at Boomanulla Oval in Narrabundah, this annual carnival involved approximately 600 people and included teams from as far away as Dubbo, Albury and Wagga Wagga. A number of special acts were engaged to entertain the crowds when they weren’t watching the footy. These included BrothaBlack, Dale Huddleston and the Riverbank Band, Lexine Solomon, Johnny Huckle and Hung Parliament. The event was a great success and organisers are considering extending it to a two-day carnival with a Saturday night concert in future years.
“In a clear indication of how fans have come back in droves, it was the first time in four years that the Brumbies broke the 20,000 barrier and just the fourth time since 2006”

The Canberra Times

NIKE SB X SBA PRO/AM INVITATIONAL AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

The long weekend in October saw Australia’s largest skate pilgrimages home in on Canberra’s Belconnen Skatepark for Belcopalooza 2013. With more than 33 participants, the standard of skating was one of the highest ever seen in the country.

SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE

While Canberra may be a land-locked city, the Canberra Ocean Racing Club flew the Centenary city’s flag in the 69th Rolex Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race which began on Boxing Day.

In one of the world’s toughest ocean races, the eyes of Canberra followed ‘Namadgi’ as she made her way south to Hobart.

CENTENARY MATCHES

All of Canberra’s elite sporting teams got behind the Centenary of Canberra and dedicated one of their big matches to the year-long celebration. Teams included:

- Canberra Capitals
- ACT Brumbies
- GWS Giants
- Canberra United
- Canberra Cavalry
- Canberra Gunners
- Canberra Raiders
- Canberra Knights
- Canberra Darters
- Suzuki Bontrager Trek Cycling Team
- Canberra Cockatoos
- Canberra Hoots
- Canberra Velocity
- National Orienteering Championships

Spectators dressed in their best Centenary yellow, and attendances totalled 64,442.
SPORTING EVENTS SUPPORTED BY THE COMMUNITY CENTENARY INITIATIVES FUND

February
- Centenary of Canberra 2013 International Judo Championships
- Centenary of Canberra National Women’s Sporting Congress and Sportswomen’s Ball

March
- Australian Masters Athletics National Championships 2013
- 2013 Access Class Asia Pacific and Australian Championships

April
- Canberra Centenary Special Olympics National Swim Meet
- ACT Centenary Masters Golf Tournament
- 2013 Australia Masters Rowing Championships
- Australian Little Athletics Championships

June
- Dance Nation

July
- Kangaroo Cup

August
- Festival of Squash – Australian Open, U17, Masters and Juniors Championships and Centenary of Squash

October
- Bowls Centenary Celebration
- Capital O (part of 2013 Australian Orienteering Championship Carnival)
- ACT Centenary Showjumping Cup
- 25th Oceania Pan Hellenic Games Canberra 2013
- Nike Pro-Am Skateboarding Tour

October/November
- Orange Cycle Tour

November
- Centenary Ride (Equestrian)
- Centenary of Canberra 24hr Relay Canoe Challenge

53 community-based projects were funded through the Community Centenary Initiatives Fund. The fund allocated more than $1 million to community projects after receiving a wide range of ideas that were assessed by an independent panel.

SPORTENARY
ACT Sport and Recreation delivered 100 community sporting events showcasing a diversity of sport and recreation activities, facilities and local attractions throughout the ACT.

The program got 64,789 Canberrans off the bench and participating in this grass-roots centenary event.
The Centenary of Canberra would like to thank its partners for their generous support

Our special thanks go to the Capital Arts Patrons Organisation (CAPO) for its assistance. The Centenary of Canberra also wishes to thank our many program partners and members of the community for their creativity, enthusiasm and passion for these celebrations.

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