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### **Strong Australian Judo Team for Pacific Rim Champs**

In mid-August the Australian team will leave for Taiwan and the Pacific Rim Judo Championships. This important International competition attracts entries from many of the world's major judo powers, including Japan and Korea.

This year's Australian team has a mixture of youth and experience, following the retirement of a number of our leading athletes after the Beijing Olympic Games.

Baby of the team at only 15 is Angela Vasic (QLD) She is joined by Amy Meyer from the University of New South Wales club, and Margi Corios (QLD), both just 17. These young athletes will compete alongside veterans such as Semir Pepic, 36 and Morgan Endicott Davies 33, former Olympians from NSW.

Also in the team is Sydney mother of two Kylie Koenig. Kylie has overcome severe injuries since returning to the sport, and fought her way back to lead the national rankings in her weight category.

Melbourne brothers Dennis and Brent Iverson will turn their sibling rivalry towards others as they compete in the 73kg and 81kg categories.

The Championships are split into two divisions, a junior level for athletes under 20yrs, and the seniors. For the juniors, a good result may lead to selection for the Junior World Championships, to be held later this year in Athens

The team will conclude their preparation for the Championships with a training camp commencing on 26 July at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra. The camp will include a grueling schedule of conditioning sessions and competition practice.

Australian athletes have recently shown that they are world class, regularly taking international medals, and achieving top ten placings in World Championships and Olympic Games. National Elite Coaching Director Peter Herrmann is hopeful that the team can achieve a number of medals in these championships, as they have done in the past.

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### **FULL AUSTRALIAN TEAM LISTS**

#### **Pacific Rim Championships**

##### **WOMEN**

48kg Amy MEYER NSW  
52kg Grace ACSETTA VIC  
57kg Emily BENSTED VIC  
63kg Kylie KOENIG NSW  
70kg Catherine ARSCOTT QLD  
78kg Stephanie GRANT TAS

##### **MEN**

60kg Matt D'AQUINO ACT  
66kg Josh COOK QLD  
73kg Dennis IVERSON VIC  
81kg Brent IVERSON VIC  
90kg Priscus FOGAGNOLO TAS  
100kg Morgan ENDICOTT-DAVIES NSW  
+100kg Jake ANDREWARTHA SA

#### **Junior Pacific Rim Championships**

##### **WOMEN**

45kg Angela VASIC QLD  
48kg Amy MEYER NSW  
52kg Kristie-Anne RYDER QLD  
57kg Mollie DABNER TAS  
63kg Margi CORFIOS QLD  
70kg Sarah COLLINS ACT  
78kg Isobe KOPECNY NSW  
+78kg Michelle FISHER NT

##### **MEN**

55kg Michael TOBIN QLD  
60kg Arnie DICKINS QLD  
66kg Beau DE CASANOVE NSW  
73kg Jack BENSTED VIC  
81kg Ben MONGOMERY-LEE VIC  
90kg Shaun McDOUGALL NSW  
100kg Josh DAHL QLD

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