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2020 Australian Open

The preliminary entries for the 2020 Australian Open are looking good. So far, we have 50 athletes from 11 countries registered. These countries include Great Britain, Kiribati, Marshal Islands, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and of course Australia. The entry deadline is Friday 27th December. All entries must be completed online at <http://www.awf.com.au/registration/>.

The 2020 Australian Open is an IWF Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Qualification event, and all competitors must provide their Athlete Whereabouts Information in ADAMS for the period of 28th December 2019 to 1st March 2020.

6th Qatar Cup International

A late change to the Coach/Manager appointed to the Australian Team for this trip became necessary when the original Coach/Manager, Miles Wyardall, was struck by sudden illness. On the morning of the team's departure, the AWF called upon Angela Wyardall, who had also been an applicant for the position, to step-in and guide the athletes in Doha.

Six Australian lifters are competing in the Qatar Cup, commencing today, Friday 20th December.

2020 Oceania and Commonwealth Championships

The 2020 Oceania Championships and Commonwealth Championships will be held in Nauru on 21st – 25th April. The qualifying period for Australian athletes vying for selection for this event ends on 12th January and the preliminary entries must be lodged with the OWF and CWF by 20th January. The Oceania Championships will be the final Tokyo 2020 Qualification event and the competition is expected to be intense.

Message from the AWF President

On behalf of the AWF Board of Directors and staff, I wish to thank everyone who has made a contribution to Australian Weightlifting this year. No matter whether your involvement has been at the local club level, or with your State body or indeed on the National scene, the combined efforts of every person and every committee and every Club and State make the AWF strong.

This year, we have achieved many things together. We have a new High Performance Program structure led by the High Performance Commission with squads, athletes and coaches supported by four State High Performance Coordinators. We have staged two outstanding international events in the Arafura Games and the Oceania & Commonwealth Masters Championships. We have filled a need in the competition program for lifters progressing from the Junior ranks to Seniors, with new State Championships and National Championships for the Under 23 age group. And we have seen the first Australian in many years break World Junior Records!

And of course, there have been many other successes in the day-to-day operations of Clubs, States and the AWF, all of which add up to making 2019 a good year for weightlifting in Australia.

I extend best wishes to all for a Merry Christmas and I look forward to working with you all again in 2020.

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President