

# VIBE ACTIVITIES

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### Our Games HEROES

Boxers **Cameron Hammond** and **Damien Hooper** will be flying the Aboriginal flag when they strive to win Australia's first ever Olympic gold medal in the sport.

Damien is considered one of our best medal prospects. The 20-year-old from Dalby in QLD is the national champion in the under-81 kilogram division and the 2010 Youth Olympics gold medalist.

22 year-old Cameron Hammond won his first Australian title in 2007 in the U/19 U/64kg division, after winning the NSW senior title. He competed at the Delhi Commonwealth Games and came third at the 2011 Australia Titles before taking out the 2012 Australian and Oceania Welterweight U/56kg titles to qualify for London 2012.

What a 2012 it's been for **Patrick Mills**. After his career was left in limbo following the NBA lockout, Patrick had a stint playing for the Melbourne Tigers in the NBL, then headed to China, and then wound up on the roster of NBA club the San Antonio Spurs - who went deep into the playoff series. To cap it all off, Patrick has been named Captain of the Australian Boomers ahead of the Games, making him the first Aboriginal person to captain an Olympic team.

**Benn Harradine** has already won Commonwealth gold in the sport of discus and is the current Australian record holder. Benn finished 31<sup>st</sup> at the Beijing Games, and 4<sup>th</sup> at last year's world championships - making him a legitimate medal prospect in London.

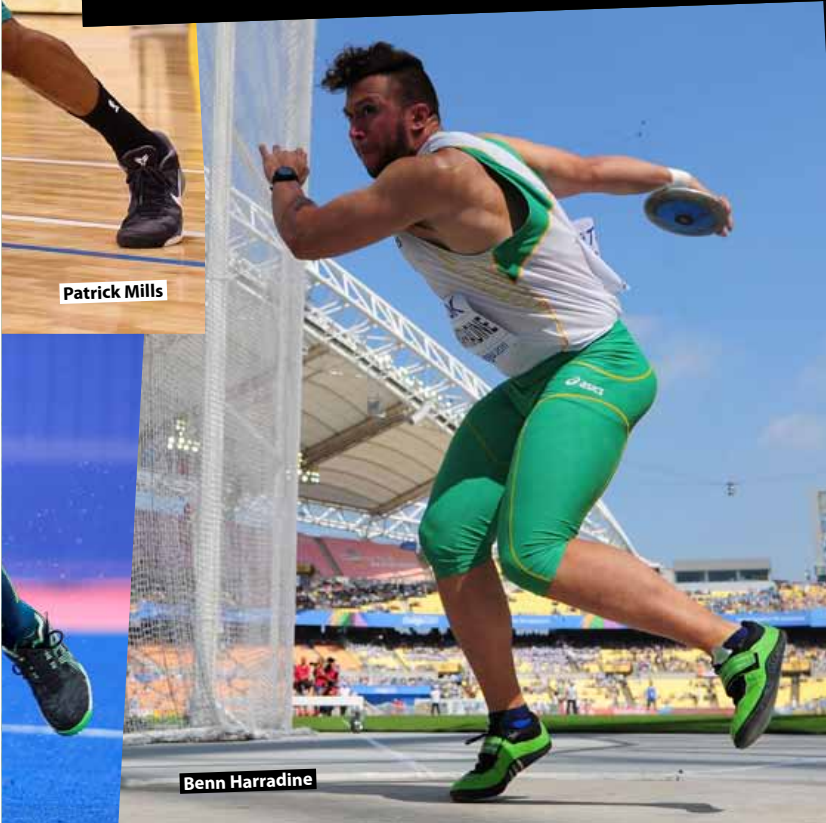
Sprinter **Josh Ross** has completed a stunning comeback to athletics after quitting the sport several years ago. Josh has been named in 4x100m relay team and in Kawasaki, Japan, in May, recorded an impressive time of 10.16s.



Cameron Hammond



Damien Hooper



Patrick Mills

Benn Harradine



Josh Ross



## Did you know?

The first Olympic Games were held in ancient Greece.

The Olympic Games are just about to start in London, England. London previously hosted the 1908 and 1948 Olympic Games.

This year, young Olympic boxers Cameron Hammond and Damien Hooper will try to win Australia's first ever boxing gold medal.

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## ACTIVITY 1

### READING FOR MEANING



Cameron Hammond



Damien Hooper

#### Building reading skills

- skimming and scanning for information.
- reading headings, text boxes and pictures.
- reading for meaning.
- making connections between the text and your world.

There are three levels of comprehension questions:

**Literal** The answer is located in one sentence in the text.

**Inferred** You need to make links between sentences and graphics (such as illustrations, maps and tables) and what you already know.

**Applied** The answer is in your background knowledge, what you already know or feel.

**1** If Cameron Hammond wins a gold medal, it will be Australia's first Olympic gold medal in the sport of boxing. (inferred)

TRUE

FALSE



## 2 How old is Damien Hooper?

(literal)

- 18
- 20
- 22
- 2012



## 3 What awards has Damien Hooper already won?

(inferred)

- Olympic Gold Medal for boxing
- Australian National Championship in under 81 kg weight
- NSW boxing championship
- Oceania Welterweight championship

## 4 When did Cameron Hammond win his first Australian boxing title?

(inferred)

- 2006
- 2007
- 2009
- 2012

## 5 How do you think that Cameron Hammond and Damien Hooper would feel if they were able to win gold medals at the London Olympics?

(applied)



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## ACTIVITY 2

### LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS - SPELLING

**1** The spelling mistakes in these sentences have been underlined.

Write the correct spelling for each word in the box.



Damien is konsiderred to be one of our best chances.

He one his first medal when he was still young.

He has the tytle.

**2** Each sentence has one word that is incorrect.

Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.

He won the seenior competition.

He has to tranne hard to be in the Olympics.

It is a great achievement to kwallify for the Olympics.



# ACTIVITY 3

## LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS - GRAMMAR

**1** **Synonyms** are words that mean the same thing. (**Antonyms** are words that have the opposite meaning.)

Read the Olympic story below. Rewrite the story by replacing each underlined word with a **synonym** in the box that means the same thing.



Cameron is competing in an Olympic boxing match tonight. He has invited a lot of his family to come to the match to watch him fight. After the match, they will go back home.

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**Draw a picture of your story.**

## ACTIVITY 4

### LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS – PUNCTUATION



**1** Contractions are words that we contract or shorten.  
We insert an apostrophe ( ' ) in place of the missing letter or letters.

Write the word that each contraction stands for.

Contraction (short form)	Long form
they'll	they will
don't	
wouldn't	
shouldn't	
they're	
it's	
haven't	
he's	
she'll	
you're	

**2** Write the contraction that each word stands for.

Long form	Contraction (short form)
she is	she's
we have	
must not	
could not	
they had	
I have	
had not	
they will	
she did	
were not	

## ACTIVITY 5 UNSCRAMBLE WORDS



### 1 Unscramble these Olympic words

YCEERONM	
LDEMA	
NOOIIMPETTC	

## ACTIVITY 6 JUST FOR FUN

### 1 Make your own cardboard tube Olympic rings

Recycle some cardboard tubes to make this fun Olympic rings craft. Lots of fun and messy painting involved!

#### You will need

- 5 cardboard tubes
- paint in red, green, black, yellow and blue
- glue

#### Instructions

1. Paint each tube in a different Olympic colour and leave to dry.
2. Cut the tubes into 5 smaller rings.
3. Take a ring from each colour and glue them together to form the Olympic Rings.



*This is what your cardboard tube Olympic rings should look like!*