



**Celebrity Tennis Day**  
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## media release

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Head:

**International flavour at this Sunday's Celebrity Tennis Day  
for Diabetes Australia-NSW**

The Australian Open may be over but there's still time to see some great Aussie athletes take on the world at the **NSW Corporate Games Celebrity Tennis Day** in Chatswood this **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February**.

This great event now has an international flavour with the addition of World 5<sup>th</sup> ranked U.S. beach volleyball pairing **Angie Akers** and **Tyra Turner**. Considered a good bet to represent America in the 2012 London Olympics, Akers and Turner will be travelling to the Tennis Valley club this Sunday with Australia's own beach volleyball golden girl, **Kerri Pottharst** who's playing host to the Americans during their Sydney stay.

The three beach volleyballers are joining forces with World Champions, Olympic Gold Medallists and Melbourne Cup Winners to raise both awareness of the growing problem that is diabetes and much needed funds for the organisation that cares for families dealing with the disease.

**Simon Westaway** (currently best known as 'Mick Gatto' from Underbelly) will M.C. the day and among the 16 stars competing are Seven Time World Surfing Champion **Layne Beachley**; Sharks and Souths footie legend **Dave 'The Peach' Peachey**; last year's Melbourne Cup winning jockey **Corey Brown**; and Channel 9 Sports Presenter, **Stephanie Brantz**.



Members of the general public were bidding for a week at GraysOnline to **play with their choice of heroes** in the main Celebrity Fan Tournament on the day. The auction closed yesterday raising over \$5,500 for the charity. Former Aussie cricketer **Trevor Chappell** attracted the highest bid, while **Layne Beachley** and **Kerri Pottharst** were the next most popular. Larrikin jockey **Allan Robinson** received the most number of bids.

Together with entry fees on the day, raffles and an auction of items donated by local businesses and the celebrities themselves, organisers are hoping to raise up to \$20,000 to help fight Type 2 diabetes, which is now officially **the fastest growing chronic disease** in Australia and around the world. In fact, one in four Australians over the age of 25 either has diabetes or some form of glucose intolerance.<sup>1</sup>

The Celebrity Tennis Day will launch the 2010 NSW Corporate Games, wholly owned by Diabetes Australia-NSW. Both this event and the Games in March aim to focus attention on the fact that **living an active, healthy life is a great way to prevent the onset of diseases** like Type 2 diabetes.

The emphasis on Sunday will be FUN. Apart from the Celebrity Fan Tournament, there'll be an **All Star Showdown** featuring four of the celebrities who don't make the knock-out semi-finals, plus four State or Australian ranked junior tennis players will put on a **Stars of the Future** exhibition match during the lunch break.

**Nickelodeon's Active Kidz** will be holding court for young visitors and there'll be show bags given out (each of which includes a \$25 discount voucher from The Good Guys) to every spectator. Other celebrities taking part in the event include former World Ironman Champion **Guy Leech** and Three Time Miss World Body Shaping Champion, **Lindy Olsen**, who is travelling all the way from Queensland to play.

The Member for Willoughby, Ms Gladys Berejiklian MP and Diabetes Australia-NSW CEO, Ms Nicola Stokes, will officially open the event, while the Mayor of Willoughby, Councillor Pat Reilly, will dedicate the new Centre Court at Tennis Valley to recently deceased past President, Mr Bernard Sharpe. A presentation of trophies to winners and runners up will take place at around 3:30pm.

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<sup>1</sup> Ausdiab 2001

You can check out all the details of the NSW Corporate Games Celebrity Tennis Day at [www.celebritytennisday.com.au](http://www.celebritytennisday.com.au) Come along and watch the stars in action for a great cause. Entry fee at Tennis Valley is just \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids on the day.

**Web:** [www.celebritytennisday.com.au](http://www.celebritytennisday.com.au)  
**Date:** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2010  
**Time:** From 10:30am  
**Venue:** Tennis Valley  
325a Eastern Valley Way  
Chatswood  
[www.tennisvalley.com.au](http://www.tennisvalley.com.au)  
**Cost:** \$10 adults, \$5 children

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*Hi-res photos of David Peachey and Kerri Pottharst can be downloaded at:*  
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**Caption: David Peachey and Kerri Pottharst get in some court time ahead of the NSW Corporate Games Celebrity Tennis Day on Sunday February 7.**