

MEDIA RELEASE

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Tamara Betts Scores Bronze

Northern Territory Institute of Sport development scholarship holder Tamara Betts secured a Bronze medal competing at her first international competition.

Recently returning from the Oceania Judo Union (OJU) Championships in Christchurch fifteen-year-old Tamara was selected as Captain for the Australian Junior team during the competition where she competed in the Under 20 years, under 70 kg division.

Tamara's string of strong competition results in Australian competitions including winning Gold at the National Championships, elevated Tamara to the top position in the under 70 kilogram Australian Young Women's side.

In only her first year as an NTIS Scholarship holder Tamara's commitment and dedication to training has already paid dividends with selection to the 2007/08 National Talent Identification Development Squad. This provided Tamara with Training opportunities in Japan and Canberra.

Tamara has combined her training and travel commitments well with study, receiving three academic awards during her year 10 studies last year.

Ends

Photo opportunity: A photo opportunity exists with Tamara Betts tonight (Wednesday 26 March) between 6.30 - 8pm at Marrara Judo Club, Abala Road Marrara, other times can be arranged through Sue Gardiner.

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