The Northern Territory’s best up-and-coming athletes have been rewarded for their efforts with 35 from 14 sports receiving Northern Territory Institute of Sport Individual scholarships for 2006-07.

Announcing the recipients today, Acting Minister for Sport and Recreation, Marion Scrymgour, said 10 new athletes are included in the scholarship program this year including Alison Kean, a professional class triathlon athlete who is aiming for success at the Ironman World Championships in Hawai in October, and the sailing team of Rohan Langworthy and Mark Edmunds who just competed at the National Tornado championships held in Darwin.

“The Territory Government is committed to supporting our elite athletes and through the NTIS, athletes will continue to gain the recognition and support that gifted sportspeople deserve,” said Ms Scymgour.

“An NTIS scholarship opens doors for athletes to first class facilities such as a sports science laboratory, a fully equipped weight training facility, sports medicine staff.

“Some athletes are aiming for 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Beijing with the likes of Crystal Attenborough - Athletics, Melanie Hall - wheelchair basketball, Kelly Fong- Judo, Rebecca Brooke - weightlifting and Desmond Abbott - Hockey.”

The full list of scholarship holders for 2006/07 is as follows -

**Elite scholarship**
- Crystal Attenborough  Athletics
- Kelly Fong  Judo
- Melanie Hall  Wheelchair Basketball
- Jayde Flanagan  Tenpin Bowling
- Ronald Voukolos  Tenpin Bowling
- Alison Kean  Triathlon- Ironman

**Elite Development**
- Andrew McArthur  Tenpin Bowling
- Rebeca Simpson  Tenpin Bowling
- Bruno Maglieri  Tenpin Bowling
Ashlee Brown  Tennis
Dennis Wormald  Blind Lawn Bowls
Desmond Abbott  Hockey
Joel Carroll  Hockey
Travis Carroll  Hockey
Rebecca Brooke  Weightlifting
Karyn Bailey  Netball

**JEDS – Junior Elite Development**

Adrian Lockley  Hockey
Robert Duguid  Hockey
Leon Hayward  Hockey
Emily Peris  Hockey
Heather Langham  Hockey
Nathan Edwards  Hockey
Jack Benson  Yachting- Tornado
Rohan Langworthy  Yachting- Tornado
Mark Edmunds  Yachting- Tornado
Rachel McLean  Swimming
Kia King  Swimming
Matt King  Cycling
Daniel Johnston  Cycling
Nancy Ferguson  Tennis
Adil Hakeem  Tennis
Nicholas Blackwell  Judo
Amy Hardy  Weightlifting
Callan Richardson  Cricket
Narelle Long  Athletics

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