Delia Lawrie
MINISTER FOR SPORT & RECREATION

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CHANCE OF A LIFETIME PARTICIPANTS GO FOR GOLD

Minister for Sport and Recreation, Delia Lawrie, today farewelled four young Territorians as they depart for the “Chance of a Lifetime” - the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games.

The Minister said the “Chance of a Lifetime” is a Northern Territory Government initiative providing an opportunity for young Territorians between 10 – 14 years of age to experience the excitement of a world class sporting event.

“The children - two boys and two girls - from across the Territory were chosen based on nominations detailing their level of involvement in their community, both on and off the field, and their personal circumstances, making this trip a true Chance of a Lifetime for the children,” said Ms Lawrie.

“Nominations were sought through the Active After Schools Communities and the Indigenous Sports Program.

“I look forward to hearing about their trip and how the experience will encourage the children towards a pathway to leadership and development in their communities.”

The Minister said Leroy Daly (Daly River), Jerry Wilson (Maningrida), Jaiden Preece-Forrester (Alice Springs) and Vanetty Fernandes (Darwin) are all eagerly anticipating their departure tonight for what will be an exciting and busy four days.

The itinerary whilst in Melbourne includes the opportunity to witness the spectacle of the Opening Ceremony on the 15 March, as well as tickets to hockey, rugby 7’s, squash, table tennis and other activities such as a trip to the Victorian Institute of Sport, the AFL Hall of Fame and a chance to meet some of the stars of the Western Bulldogs.

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