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**12th AUSTRALIAN  
MASTERS GAMES**  
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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Get ready to register in 68 Sports at the Australian Masters Games**

The 12th Australian Masters Games today announced there are now 68 sports to participate in from 20 February – 1 March 2009. The Games have smashed the record number of sports offered since their inception in 1987. Newcastle in 2001 hosted 61 sports. In 2009, the Games will be bigger than ever with more sports to choose from than previous years. Games organisers encourage all people aged over 30 (for most sports) to start training and get ready to register online from Monday 23 June 2008.

Chair of the Games Advisory Board, Mr Bob Spurling is proud to have surpassed the Games record of sports offered and is looking forward to the Games coming to Geelong.

“I am thrilled Geelong will host a record number of sports as this is the first time the city will hold the Games and is a fantastic opportunity to showcase the region. Geelong offers the finest in sporting facilities and with over 10,000 participants, the city will come alive” Mr Spurling said.

Some of the new sports confirmed include athletics, racquetball, squash, mototrials, indoor netball, mountain bike cross country, mountain bike downhill, motocross, indoor netball and football (AFL).

“I encourage everyone aged over 30 to consider participating in a few of the sports on offer. This will be your opportunity to be part of Australia’s largest multisport festival and meet new people in a social and active environment” he added.

The Games are run by the Confederation of Australian Sport ethos of ‘Sport for all’ which provides the opportunity of participation in sport for anyone over the age of 30 regardless of sporting background or ability. There is literally a sport for everyone, from softball to dance, baseball to surfing, basketball to equestrian, netball to pool lifesaving. Get your friends and family together and join a team sport or as an individual.

Online Registrations open on Monday 23 June 2008. For more information, please go to [www.AustralianMastersGames.com](http://www.AustralianMastersGames.com).

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