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Australians recognised in the Paralympic hall of fame

The Minister for Sport, Kate Ellis, congratulates two Australians – an athlete and coach – who were inducted into the Paralympic Hall of Fame.

“The Paralympic Hall of Fame celebrates the universal values of sportsmanship, excellence and commitment,” Kate Ellis said.”

Ms Ellis, who attended the induction ceremony in Beijing, said, “Five individuals were today inducted into the Paralympic Hall of Fame, the fact that there were two Australians amongst them is testament to the strength of our Paralympic movement and something all Australians can be proud of.

“It is only fitting that the achievements of these two remarkable people will now be entrenched in sporting history as they take their place in the Hall of Fame.”

Peter Homann has competed in three consecutive Paralympic Games, winning both gold and silver medals, and has also been the Team Captain for the Australian Paralympic Cycling Team.

Kevin McIntosh received the award for Australian Paralympic Committee Coach of the Year for his work with cycling teams in 2000, 2002 and 2004 – and has extensive experience in leading his athletes to medal success.

“The fact that the two Australians are both involved in the sport of cycling is a fantastic credit to the Australian Paralympic Cycling Team.

“But they are not only recognised for their participation, but also for the behind-the-scenes work they do in influencing and developing the Paralympic movement,” Ms Ellis said.

Potential candidates are elected after an extensive review process by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) based on athletic performance, history of fair play and participation in community service.

Ms Ellis congratulates both Peter and Kevin.

The 2008 Paralympics in Beijing, China, will run until the 17th September 2008.

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