



## UPCLOSE

### Toby Jenkins

27 // co-director, Bluewire Media

Toby Jenkins may well have been a scientist if he wasn't so good at water polo. As a child, the Brisbane-born sports fan had plans for a career in genetics before his talent for the water sport paved a new path.

"Water polo squeezed the science out of my career - I didn't have time for it," he says. Toby was accepted into the Australian Institute of Sport after leaving school. "I missed out on the Sydney Olympics and afterwards made the commitment to see if I could make it to Athens."

He achieved that goal and represented his country in the 2004 Games. Water polo took him all over the world. "I was away for three or four months of every year from 2000 to 2006. It was a great experience."

The 27-year-old Ashgrove resident still competes (with the Queensland Breakers) but has less time to train since he launched his own company with his friend Adam Franklin in 2005. Bluewire Media is a one-stop shop for company websites, covering everything from design to marketing. Clients include Ian Healy, Chris Johns and Kevin Walters (for Hand Wash Cafe) and Jamie Charman and Carole Haddad (for No. 19 Men's Day Spa). "It probably was a risky proposition as neither of us had had a business before but we had nothing to lose."

Lizzie Corser

## This week don't miss...

### Licensed to chill

QPAC is the ultimate venue to chill out. Gighthouse at the Cremorne Theatre will feature four weeks of hip hop, pop and folk acts including Bobby Flynn, Dave McCormack, The Winnie Coopers and The Daisycutters. From \$20, 7pm, Fri and Sat until Feb 3. Ph: 136 246. [www.gighthouse.com.au](http://www.gighthouse.com.au)

### Spinners and sand

The XXXX Gold Beach Cricket Tri Nations Series kicks off on Jan 20 at Coolangatta Beach. Broadcast on Network 10, watch Allan Border, Graham Gooch and Courtney Walsh captain teams in the six-a-side comp between Australia, England and the West Indies.

### Energy thrills

African troupe Zimboyz is dancing up a storm with daily performances in the Queen Street Mall. The troupe combines African dance and acrobatics using chairs and fire hoops to perform human pyramids, free diving and wheel dancing. 12.30pm and 1.30pm, until Jan 21. Ph: 3006 6200.



### Breath of fresh air

Ex-pat Kiwis dreaming of home will enjoy the Freedom Air Kiwi Film Festival. With flights to New Zealand to be won, a jumping castle and face painting for the kids, the free, three-night outdoor event will show *The World's Fastest Indian*, *Footrot Flats: A Dog's View* and *Whale Rider*. Grounds open 5pm, Jan 19-21, Logan Gardens, Civic Pde, Logan Central. [www.freedomair.com](http://www.freedomair.com)

### Women of substance

Kate Smith's latest exhibition Divas of Style features Kate's beautiful pastels exploring femininity, fashion and style. Until Feb 4, 10am-5pm, Tue-Sun, Tiffany Jones Fine Art Gallery, 138 Burnett St, Buderim. Ph: 5450 1722. [www.tiffanyjonesfineart.com.au](http://www.tiffanyjonesfineart.com.au)

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## They said it...

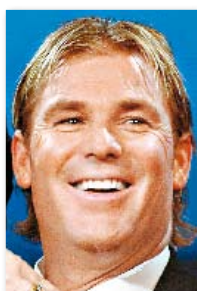
### Alicia Keys, on having two strings to her bow

I need music - it helps me as a person. I'm working on my new album and I'm excited. I've been close to acting since I was a little girl. It's always been a part of my life. I was just waiting for the right time. It's exciting to enter another world where you are not yourself. You can dive 100 per cent into it.



### Shane Warne tells Michael Parkinson about the possibility of a reunion with ex-wife Simone

She might like somebody else, I might like somebody else ... I might not be able to commit 100 per cent.



### Anna Bligh, responding to attacks against women in Brisbane's north

While I can understand that people are increasingly reluctant to use the parkways, the reality is we're safer, the more people are out there. The best precaution is to have more people using them ... being eyewitnesses.



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