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OPPORTUNITY FOR NW COAST ATHLETES

With the Commonwealth Games fast approaching more attention is being focussed on our Nation's elite athletes.

The Australian Sports Commission's National Talent Identification and Development (NTID) program is looking for young athletes aged 12 to 25 to find out if they have what it takes to participate at an elite level.

Dr James Fell, Lecturer and Exercise Science Co-ordinator in the UTAS School of Human Life Sciences, said the University of Tasmania is one of 28 NTID Talent Assessment Centres (TAC) established across Australia.

"We are holding a one-off testing session on the North West Coast as part of the Cradle Coast Campus Open Day to give athletes from the North West Coast a better opportunity to get tested" Dr Fell said. "At this session, young athletes will be tested on their stature, strength, power, speed and endurance."

"I encourage anyone interested to take this opportunity and sign-up to have their sporting ability tested," Dr Fell said.

The tests will be carried out by UTAS Bachelor of Exercise Science students as part of their practical work.

Currently across the nation, 497 athletes are being supported by NTID scholarships. Nine NTID athletes were chosen as part of the 2008 Beijing Olympic team, while 89 NTID athletes were selected on national teams in the last year.

The testing session will be held on Sunday 22 August at the UTAS Cradle Coast campus. Participants are required to check in at the main building by 10:15 am with the session starting at 10.45 am in the rage cage.

Athletes must first book into the session and pay online by Friday 20 August 2010. To book a testing spot and to find out more information on the NTID program, log-on to: www.ausport.gov.au/eTID and follow the prompts.

Event Details

What: One-off testing on North West Coast as part of the Australian Sports Commission's National Talent Identification and Development (NTID) program

When: Sunday 22 August (participants are required to check in at the main building by 10:15 am with the session starting at 10.45 am).

Where: UTAS Cradle Coast campus, 16-20 Mooreville Road, Burnie

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