# New IQ City and Commonwealth Games

Come watch the men’s badminton team play their first round match at the Commonwealth Games in India with us at Lander Toyota and celebrate the release of the New IQ City Car.

It will include snacks, drinks and the live action of the Australian team play their first match against the Seychelles. This will also be the first time that Toyota has presented the New IQ City Car.

**Sport:** Badminton

**Round:** 1

**Teams:** Australia vs. Seychelles

**Date:** 4th October 2010

**Time:** 2 pm for a 2.30 start

**Venue:** Conference room

**Address:** Lander Toyota, Main Street, Blacktown

**Menu:**

The menu will includefinger food such as chicken wings, spring rolls, samosas, mini pies and sausage rolls.

The drinks will consist of beer, wine and soft drink.

**RSVP:** 20th September 2010

## The Australian Badminton Team Profile

Badminton made its debut on the Commonwealth Games programme in Kingston, Jamaica in 1966. It was the first racquet sport to be included in the Games and has remained on the program every year since.

Australia has won 11 medals in badminton since 1966; including two gold, one silver and eight bronze. Michael Scandoleva (Vic) and Audrey Tuckey (WA) combined to deliver Australia's first gold in the mixed doubles in 1986, followed by Lisa Campbell (Vic) in the women's singles in 1994.

Badminton premiered in the Olympics at the 1992 Barcelona Games. Two Australians, Anna Lao and Rhonda Cator competed, with Anna Lao gaining a fifth position in the singles, and a similar finish in the ladies doubles with Rhonda Cator.

Six gold medals will be on offer in Delhi – men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles and mixed doubles and team.

## Player Profiles

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| **Name** | **Photo** | **Date of Birth** | **Position** | **Background** |
| **Glenn Warfe** | http://www.badminton.org.au/typo3temp/pics/29baf36f63.jpg | 19 January 1984 | Men’s Doubles | Glenn grew up in Strahfieldsaye, just outside Bendigo, Victoria. He currently lives in Melbourne, Victoria. He started playing badminton at Age 7, and started training at 13 years old. |
| **Ross Smith** | http://www.badminton.org.au/typo3temp/pics/485816189d.jpg | 11 Apr 1985 | Men’s Doubles | Ross grew up in Swan Hill, Victoria and currently lives in Melbourne. Ross started playing badminton at age 6 at his local club in Swan Hill. He began training with Paul Stevenson in Bendigo at age 14. |
| **Leanne Choo** | http://www.badminton.org.au/uploads/RTEmagicC_leanne_choo__sized_150_03.JPG.JPG | 5 June 1991 | Women’s doubles | Leanne is a member of the Sturt Badminton Club. She trains under coach Chris Thirlwell and attends the National Junior Camps and training sessions run by Badminton Australia throughout the year |
| **Renuga Veeran** | http://www.badminton.org.au/typo3temp/pics/a5425d6058.jpg | 20 June 1986 | Women’s doubles | First started playing badminton at age 8. Represented Malaysia at the Word Juniors in South Africa 2002. Was awarded most promising badminton player of the year in 2002. |
| **Chia-Chi Huang** | [http://ts1.mm.bing.net/images/thumbnail.aspx?q=274285073800&id=b4842d0bcf10bd65b727041f8fae7cc7&url=http%3a%2f%2fwww.topbadminton.com%2f2006-dutchopen%2fchia-chi-huang-AUS-2-300.jpg](http://www.bing.com/images/search?q=Chia-Chi+Huang#focal=e33ceee2396851871dc2da3b252ef96d&furl=http://www.topbadminton.com/2006-dutchopen/chia-chi-huang-AUS-2-300.jpg) | 26 January 1979 | Women’s singles and doubles | Huang came out of retirement for the chance to represent Australia in Delhi, having played twice in the Olympics for her birth country Taiwan |
| **Nicholas Kidd** | [http://ts1.mm.bing.net/images/thumbnail.aspx?q=257191324804&id=55b08829d51f22c729ded53d80e243ce&url=http%3a%2f%2fwww.badmintonwa.org.au%2fimages%2f2009%2520Country%2520Carnival%2fBAWA08awards_coach_1.JPG](http://www.bing.com/images/search?q=Nicholas+Kidd#focal=5c721ba6de833aaf37f36bbe744db225&furl=http://www.badmintonwa.org.au/images/2009%20Country%20Carnival/BAWA08awards_coach_1.JPG) | 21 April 1981 | Men’s singles | Nicholas grew up in remote north-western Australia and he immigrated to England. He represented his England at badminton before returning to Australia. This is his first commonwealth games. |
| **He Tian Tang** | [http://ts3.mm.bing.net/images/thumbnail.aspx?q=273346658982&id=b6067401fd7d26d8e092448f388c14af&url=http%3a%2f%2fwww.badminton.org.au%2fuploads%2fRTEmagicC_Erica_Pong_April_2009.jpg.jpg](http://www.bing.com/images/search?q=He+Tian+Tang+-+australian+badminton#focal=694d14d57e39391dc2c77860484845ae&furl=http://www.badminton.org.au/uploads/RTEmagicC_Erica_Pong_April_2009.jpg.jpg) |  | Women’s doubles | Came out of retirement to play in the Delhi Commonwealth Games. |
| **Jeff Tho** | http://www.badminton.org.au/uploads/pics/Jeff_Action_2.jpg | 19 April 1988 | Men’s singles | Began playing badminton when he was 9 years old in Bendigo, Victoria. He won his first national title in 2004 at the Youth Commonwealth Games. |
| **Raj Veeran** | http://www.badminton.org.au/typo3temp/pics/9fe1e57922.jpg | 10 July 1985 | Mixed doubles | He played in the Thomas Cup finals for Australia in Malaysia and in the final of the Scotland International in front of His Royal Highness Prince Andrew. |
| **Kate Wilson Smith** | [http://t2.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:TH9OtsMRsW1xtM:http://www.badminton.org.au/uploads/RTEmagicC_Kate_Wilson-Smith_April_2009_01.jpg.jpg](http://www.google.com.au/imgres?imgurl=http://www.badminton.org.au/uploads/RTEmagicC_Kate_Wilson-Smith_April_2009_01.jpg.jpg&imgrefurl=http://www.badminton.org.au/index.php?id=233&usg=__3ZAHx3tLHAyveZg0MhqibB-mQPk=&h=114&w=93&sz=20&hl=en&start=3&zoom=1&um=1&itbs=1&tbnid=TH9OtsMRsW1xtM:&tbnh=87&tbnw=71&prev=/images?q=Kate+wilson+smith&um=1&hl=en&safe=active&sa=N&rls=com.microsoft:en-au&tbs=isch:1) | 9 January 1979 | Women's doubles & mixed doubles | This will be Kate’s fourth commonwealth games. |

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