

## Jack Penny crowned Indo Pacific Champion



Jack Penny Wins Gold!

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Full report detailing the success of our Tasmanian Trampolinists.

TIS Scholarship Holder and Olympic Squad Member, Jack Penny, has returned home from Sydney Olympic Park as the 2012 Indo-Pacific Champion. Penny who competed in the Senior Men's Individual Trampoline is the first Tasmanian Trampoline Gymnast to win this prestigious event.

Penny qualified in second position for the final round of the Senior Men's competition, behind 2012 Olympian, Blake Gaudry. In the final round of competition, Gaudry, made a minor error in his routine and was unable to hold on to his gold medal position. State Coach, Ben Kelly, says that Penny was looking strong leading into this competition, achieving a personal best score in both his preliminary and final rounds of competition. Penny was most definitely out to win this competition, or at least put pressure on the opposition displaying an obvious increase in height and technique compared to his last international performances in July. Penny also won the silver medal in the Senior Men's Synchronised Trampoline event, with fellow team mate, Jarrod Spear from Queensland at this competition.

In the Junior divisions, Aidan Collins displayed amazing performances qualifying for the final round in all three apparatus. Collins finished in third place behind the Canadians in the Under 17 Men's Double-Mini event, and picked up a silver medal in the Under 17 Men's Synchronised competition with fellow Tasmanian, Hugh McConnell. McConnell scored the highest score for his first routine in the Under 17 Men's Individual Trampoline, however, fell from the trampoline in his second routine leaving him out of the final round of competition. Kelly says that although it was unfortunate that McConnell did not make the final round, there is most definitely a long-term future in international trampoline for McConnell and this experience will hold him in better stead for future international events.



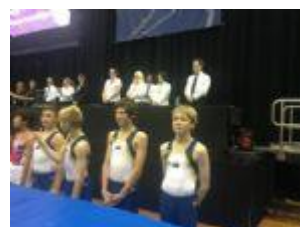
Aidan, Jack and Hugh proudly representing Australia!



Mens team event winning gold!



Makka and Jared ready for finals



Under 13 Syncro finals - Matthew French

The Indo-Pacific Championship also included a team's event with Australia claiming the gold medal in the Men's Trampoline and the bronze in the Women's Trampoline. Both Penny and McConnell were named as part of the Men's Trampoline team, with the other two gymnasts being from Queensland. Kelly believes their selection into this team is a great result for Tasmania, as only four gymnasts are named part of the team. This quite clearly shows the depth of Tasmanian Trampoline at the moment, particularly in the men's events.

Three other Tasmanian trampoline gymnasts were present at this competition including, Damien Axelsen, Makonnen Brown, Matthew French, and Ryan Williams. Unfortunately, Williams injured himself in training prior to the competition and had to withdraw from all events. Axelsen and French performed well in the synchronised events, making the final round of competition in the 17+ and Under 13 age groups respectively, while Brown was a finalist in the Under 15 Men's Double-Mini and Synchronised Trampoline.