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Matt Stanton

Nine's Chief Executive Officer



When Nine secured the rights to deliver the Olympic and Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games to Australian audiences, it was a commitment that began with the success of Paris 2024 and will continue through to Brisbane 2032.

Watched by an incredible total of 19.5 million Australia over two weeks, Nine's captivating coverage of Paris affirmed our ambition, proving the power of a truly integrated, multi-platform approach spanning the 9Network, 9Now, Stan Sport, and amplified through our audio, publishing and digital platforms.

Now our focus turns to the majesty of the **Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026** where a new benchmark will be set on how Australians are united by the excitement that only winter sport can deliver. Our teams of producers, hosts, commentators and experts, journalists and tech specialists are once again striving to embody the Olympic Spirit to capture the exhilarating speed and precision, adrenaline-filled, and sheer artistry of the world's best winter athletes.

Nine's coverage of Milano Cortina 2026 is built on putting our audience, and its expectations, at the centre of everything we do. Whether fans are streaming on their phone, watching on their main screen, catching results on radio or reading about the big moments across our publishing assets, Australians can unite behind the athletes as they compete on the biggest stage.

The experience, commitment and determination to deliver the best Olympic Winter Games coverage Australia has ever seen is inspiring, and it's a responsibility we carry carefully and with pride. The Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026 will be a celebration of courage and human achievement.

Above all, Milano Cortina 2026 is an event that will unite the world. And no other media company in Australia can bring together our country like Nine.



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Amanda Laing

*Nine's Managing Director
(Streaming & Broadcast)*



The Winter Olympics and Paralympics transcends sport, with those two weeks every four years creating cultural moments that have shaped and united the world. Moments like the Jamaican bobsled team, who in 1998 in Calgary as underdogs, captured the world's adoration. Or when little known Australian speed skater Steven Bradbury won gold in Salt Lake City in 2002, becoming a symbol of 'never stop believing'.

And bringing these iconic moments into our hearts and minds has been television. While much has changed in technology and delivery over the decades, the ethos has remained the same - to put Australian viewers right next to the athletes, sharing their emotions, and uniting as one to embody the Olympic Spirit.

Nine's coverage of the Winter Olympics and Paralympics Milano Cortina 2026 will be the most comprehensive coverage of a Winter Olympics ever undertaken in Australia. With around-the-clock coverage across the 9Network, 9Now and Stan Sport, the power of the Nine Group will ensure viewers won't miss a single second of one of the world's greatest sporting contests, further cementing our reputation for capturing the sporting and cultural zeitgeist.

Whether it's cheering on the green and gold in snowboarding on the 9Network and 9Now, or immersing yourself in every event from start to finish - with every medal captured in glorious 4K on Stan Sport, the Nine Group invites Australians to feel every moment of Milano Cortina 2026.

Providing world class coverage by our Wide World of Sports production team, our broadcast of Milano Cortina 2026 will continue to display why the Nine Group is the only media company in Australia to have the reach and scale to ensure that no matter where viewers are, Northern Italy will be the centre of the sporting universe this February.

I am immensely proud of our teams across the business who have worked tirelessly over the last 18 months to ensure that Australians will join as one as they cheer on our athletes at the XXV Olympic Winter Games and Paralympics Winter Games. Let the games begin!



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Brent Williams

Director of Sport



The euphoria of an unforgettable Paris has barely subsided, and we are already preparing for the next chapter of our Olympics journey. This time, our inspiring Winter Olympians will take center stage—athletes the whole country can be truly proud of. These young men and women leave their families for the majority of the year to travel and compete on the other side of the world. They all have incredible stories to tell, and we look forward to introducing you to them across all of Nine's platforms.

Our coverage begins just two days after the Australian Open with the launch of our documentary, *Beyond The Dream*. This program will follow the journey of our top medal hopes and feature the exclusive group of athletes who have won gold medals for Australia at the Olympic Winter Games. The following night, our preview show *Let The Games Begin*, will showcase more athletes, preview what is about to come and reveal the flag bearers for the Opening Ceremony. Competition then starts later that night, two days before the flame is even lit in Milan.

From Day 1, Nine's Olympics offering will comprise over 20 hours of coverage on the channels of Nine. Additionally, live sport coverage and comprehensive highlights of every sport will be available on Stan Sport with an extensive recap of major events on 9Now. Plus unrivaled access and coverage from the 9News team, who will have reporters and crews based in key clusters across northern Italy for national Nine News, TODAY and A Current Affair. Nine's offering will be rounded out with comprehensive coverage across Nine Audio and Publishing where Australians will be kept up to date with results, storylines and breaking news.

Just like Paris, we are committed to 'being there' when the big moments happen. The Wide World of Sports hub will be located in Livigno, a small skiing village in the Italian Alps and home to half of the competing Australian athletes. We will broadcast throughout the night from our TV studio adjacent to the snow park, ensuring unfettered access to the Australian athletes competing for gold. Our team of hosts and commentators, including four Olympic gold medalists, will provide the soundtrack to the incredible action. They will be supported by over 200 dedicated producers, directors, camera operators, editors, and graphic designers.

Paris was the start of our journey toward what will be an unforgettable Olympics in Brisbane in 2032. Milan Cortina 2026 is the next step along the way, and we are very excited to be given the enormous responsibility of bringing every inspiring moment to the whole of Australia.



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All eyes will be on **Milano Cortina 2026** and Northern Italy when the biggest and most geographically spread Olympic Winter Games in history begin on Australia's home for every Aussie moment, the 9Network, on February 4.

For 16 days, the world's elite athletes will be spread across eight hubs to compete in 116 events in 16 sports, the most in Olympic Winter Games history.

With the 9Network, 9Now and Stan Sport, Australia will have unprecedented, all-access coverage of Milano Cortina 2026 as we deliver all the chills, thrills and speed across an unrivalled platform of television, streaming, digital publishing and audio. This ensures viewers, listeners and readers feel like they have the ultimate front-row seat to every slopestyle run, mogul jump and medal moment from the mountains and ice rinks of Northern Italy.

Before the Opening Ceremony, the Olympic Flame will embark on a 63-day journey across Italy. After being lit in Ancient Olympia, Greece, the Flame will arrive in Rome and begin the 12,000km trek, visiting all 110 Italian provinces and over 300 municipalities showcasing Italy's cultural diversity and history. It will pass through iconic landmarks like the Colosseum, the Grand Canal in Venice, and scale the Alps at Punta Gnifetti on Monte Rosa. Finally, the Flame will make its way to Milan by February 6 to light the Olympic Cauldron at San Siro Stadium for the Opening Ceremony.

The 9Network's broadcast, from a studio set high in the alps overlooking Livigno Snow Park, will commence before the Opening Ceremony with the preview show, Let the Games Begin, on February 4 at 9.15pm AEST on Channel 9 and Stan Sport, followed by two thrilling days of live sport before the official opening on February 6.





Our comprehensive coverage will bring the Games to Australia with a front-row seat to the biggest Aussie moments and an all-star lineup of Winter Olympic legends.

Leading the prime-time coverage from the heart of the snow action will be **Ally Langdon** and **James Bracey** (7.30pm - 12.00am AEST), followed by **Leila McKinnon** (12.00am - 4.30am AEST). Back in Sydney, **Sylvia Jeffreys** and **Dylan Alcott** will anchor the morning session (4.30am-10.00am AEST), bringing viewers at home all the highlights and medal moments.

The 9News team will have **Danika Mason** and **Damian Ryan** in Livigno, **Christine Ahern** in Milan, and **Lauren Tomasi** in Cortina, delivering breaking news and exclusive content from all around Northern Italy, to ensure viewers feel the energy from every corner of the Games.

Nine's radio and publishing formats will be on top of the action to amplify the network's coverage of every event, every medal and every moment.

Also on the ground, our world-class expert and commentary team will include a roster of Olympic champions, including **Lydia Lassila** (Olympic gold and Bronze medallist in Freestyle Skiing) and **Britt Cox** (first Australian woman to win the Freestyle Crystal Globe in Freestyle Moguls) in Livigno, covering the Moguls and Aerials with **Todd Woodbridge**.

Torah Bright (Olympic gold and silver medallist in Snowboard) and **Jye Kearney** (professional snowboarder) will be covering the Snowboard Halfpipe, Slopestyle and Big Air events with **Mitch Tomlinson**.

Steph Hickey (Olympic snowboarder) will cover the Snowboard Cross and Parallel Giant Slalom events with **Dave Culbert**. Dave will also be covering the Ski Cross with **Sami Kennedy** (Olympic skier) and the Ski Big Air and Halfpipe with **Miff Rennie** (professional freeskiier).

Plus, Dave and Miff will call the Ski Slopestyle with **Luke Kneller** (snowsport expert), while Sami will also be calling the Cross Country Skiing and Ski Mountaineering with **Peter Psaltis** and Peter will call the Curling with **Andrew Swain** (professional curler).

Steven Bradbury (Olympic gold and bronze medallist in Short-Track Speed Skating) will call the Short Track Speed Skating with **Mat Thompson** and the Speed Skating with **Scott McGrory**.

Jaclyn Narracott (Australia's first Olympic skeleton medallist) will be calling the Luge, Skeleton and Women's Bobsleigh events with **Brenton Speed** and **Jeremy Rolleston** (former professional rugby player and Olympic bobsleighter) will be on the Men's Bobsleigh events with **Sean Maloney**.

Finally, **Jono Brauer** (Olympic alpine skier) will call the Alpine Skiing events with **Matt Hill**.





Following Australia's best-ever Olympic Winter Games performance at Beijing 2022 with four medals, the Aussies are on track to send a deep and talented team of 53 athletes in 11 disciplines to Milano Cortina 2026. Chef de Mission **Alisa Camplin-Warner AM** is back at the helm to mentor a mix of proven champions and rising stars as they fight for the podium for their country.

Defending champion **Jakara Anthony** is chasing back-to-back gold medals in the Women's Moguls final on Day 6 (February 11) and competing in the new Women's Dual Moguls with young gun **Charlotte Wilson** on Day 9 (February 14). Also on the Moguls team, **Matt Graham** will be competing in the Men's Mogul's on Day 7 (February 12) and Dual Moguls alongside **Cooper Woods** on Day 10 (February 15).

In snowboarding, four-time Olympian **Scotty James**, who holds an Olympic silver and bronze, has the goal of winning an elusive gold medal in the Men's Halfpipe final on Day 8 (February 13). Pipe and park talent **Valentino Guseli** is also a serious medal threat in the Men's Halfpipe, plus **Tess Coady** – the Beijing 2022 bronze medallist – will be chasing glory in the Women's Slopestyle Final on Day 12 (February 17).

Also coming onto the scene, fresh from podium finishes at her first World Cup, 15 year old superstar **Indra Brown** will be making her Winter Olympics debut in the Ski Halfpipe on Day 14 (February 19) as the fourth youngest Australian athlete to compete ever.

Laura Peel and **Danielle Scott**, formidable dual world champions who consistently make World Cup podiums and dominate the Aerials field, will compete alongside breakout star **Airleigh Frigo**. Their medal events are the Women's Aerials Final on Day 13 (February 18) and the Mixed Team Aerials Final on Day 16 (February 21).





Also on the hunt for a medal, **Bree Walker** is aiming to deliver a historic sliding medal in the Women's Monobob on Day 10 (February 15) after winning bronze at the World Cup event in November. Walker will also be competing in the 2-woman with Kiara Reddingius against fellow teammates **Sarah Blizzard** and **Desi Johnson** on Day 15 (February 20).

The city of Milan will be the urban hub for ice sports and host of the Opening Ceremony. High in the Alps, the world-famous ski resort of Cortina d'Ampezzo will host the women's alpine skiing events, bobsleigh, luge, skeleton and curling. The men's alpine skiing competition, along with the Olympic debut of ski mountaineering, will be held on the legendary Stelvio slope in Bormio.

The freestyle sports of snowboarding and freestyle skiing will take place in Livigno. The Val di Fiemme region will be the base for the Nordic sports, with ski jumping and Nordic combined events held in Predazzo. Cross-country skiing and the cross-country portion of Nordic combined will be contested in Tesero.

The biathlon will be held at the renowned Anterselva Biathlon Arena in Anterselva/Antholz, and the speed skating on the oval in Baselga di Piné. The Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympic Games will conclude on February 22 with a spectacular send-off at the ancient Roman amphitheatre, the Arena di Verona.

At this stunning finale the Olympic Torch will officially pass to the next host city and the Olympic Flame will be extinguished, closing one of the most memorable Winter Games in history with the 9Network, 9Now and Stan Sport covering every single minute.





STREAM EVERY 9NETWORK MOMENT, LIVE AND ON DEMAND

Every morning, 9Now will be the destination for green-and-gold supporters, with all the Aussie moments and highlights from overnight events. Viewers will be able to stream key moments anytime via daily recaps of all the best moments, highlights and 9Now Stories, or catch up with Milan Encore, a daily highlights show produced by the Wide World of Sports team – capturing all the action and moments from each day.



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Stan Sport will be the premium destination for the most complete Winter Olympics coverage ever delivered in Australia, featuring action from every sport live and on demand, with **all medal events also in 4K Ultra HD**.

Covering all 16 disciplines and 116 medal events, fans can select from **15 exclusive dedicated sport channels**, along with **two 24/7 feature and news channels** delivering continuous updates, analysis and highlights.

Stan Sport will also simulcast 9Network's coverage, ensuring every major moment is available alongside the full suite of live sport channels.

Returning after its success at Paris 2024, Stan Sport will also feature exclusive international broadcast feeds – including Eurosport's two Italian channels and UK channel courtesy of Warner Brothers Discovery, plus live coverage from Sky New Zealand – giving fans even greater access to global commentary and perspective.

This extensive channel offering is matched by the richest on demand library, including full length replays of every event as well as highlights and mini packages for all medal events, giving Australians the flexibility to watch every moment when and how they want.

To enjoy Stan's coverage of Milano Cortina 2026, customers will need an active Stan Sport subscription.

Learn more at: <https://www.stan.com.au/olympics>



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FAST FACTS & FIGURES

- First time the Olympic Winter Games is officially co-hosted by two cities: **Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo in Italy.**
- Most geographically spread Olympic Winter Games in history, covering a total area of **22,000 square kilometres.**
- **8 hubs** to host the events, spread across Northern Italy.
- **Fourth time** Italy hosts the Olympics, and **third time** for the Winter Olympics .
- Closing Ceremony will be held in a **2,000-year-old Roman amphitheatre in Verona.**
- New Sport – **Ski Mountaineering will make its Winter Olympic debut.**
- New events – **Freestyle skiing dual moguls, women's doubles luge, women's large hill ski jumping, and a mixed skeleton team.**
- **116 events in 16 sports**, the most of any Olympic Winter Games, with **735 medals available** (bronze, silver, gold).
- Around **2,900 athletes** expected to compete from **90 nations.**
- Team Australia is sending **53 athletes in 11 disciplines.**
- Milano Cortina 2026 is set to be the **most gender-balanced** Olympic Winter Games ever, with **47% of spots open for women and 50 women's events on the program.**
- Milano Cortina 2026 is focused on **sustainability and reducing costs and environmental impact**, with approximately **90% of the venues being existing or temporary infrastructure.**
- **9Network, 9Now and Stan Sport** expected to provide around **2,600 hours of coverage.**
- Aiming to recruit **18,000 volunteers** for the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.
- Nine will be sending **40 staff** to Italy for Milano Cortina 2026.





PROGRAMMING

DAILY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

ALLY LANGDON & JAMES BRACEY

7.30pm - 12.00am AEST



LEILA MCKINNON

12.00am - 4.30am AEST



SYLVIA JEFFREYS & DYLAN ALCOTT AO

4.30am - 10.00am AEST



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SPECIAL PROGRAMS

LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

ALLY LANGDON & JAMES BRACEY

Wednesday, February 4

9.15pm AEST



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The special Olympic Winter Games preview program, Let The Games Begin, will include live crosses to the men's and women's flagbearer announcement, feature stories, guests, interviews, and the latest from inside Team Australia.

Following the preview show, competition starts with Australia's Curling campaign, then Ice Hockey and Snowboard events.

OPENING CEREMONY

ALLY LANGDON, TODD WOODBRIDGE & LYDIA LASSILA

Saturday, February 7

6.30am AEST



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The Opening Ceremony coverage will begin at 6.30am AEST on Saturday, February 7, on Channel 9 and 9Now, with Curling, Figure Skating and Ice Hockey on the same day.

CLOSING CEREMONY

TODD WOODBRIDGE, LEILA MCKINNON & LYDIA LASSILA

Monday, February 23

6.30am AEST



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Competition will close with the Bobsleigh, Cross-Country Skiing, Curling and Ice Hockey gold medal events before the Closing Ceremony on Monday, February 23.



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HOSTS

Ally Langdon

Host, Milano Cortina 2026

Author, ambassador, interviewer and host, **Ally Langdon** is a compelling storyteller and one of Australia's finest journalists. Her reporting ranges from the frontline of Somalia's brutal civil war to the raging heart of the dangerous Mount Marum volcano in Vanuatu and Canada's remote wilderness, where she came face to face with apex predator grizzly bears.

She is host of A Current Affair, Australia's No.1 current affair program, having previously co-hosted TODAY and Weekend TODAY, reported for 60 Minutes, and presented the 6pm 9News Sydney bulletin. She was also part of the hosting team for Paris 2024.

Ally's journalism is perceptive and sharp. She was the only Australian journalist to make it into Cameroon to cover the plane crash that killed six Australian mining executives in 2010, and a logical and compassionate co-anchor of the 9Network's coverage of the Queensland flood disaster in 2010-11.

Langdon is the author of the 2007 book, *The Child Who Never Was – The Tegan Lane Story*, an ambassador for the mental health charity R U OK?, the Mirabel Foundation and the Gidget Foundation.





James Bracey

Host, Milano Cortina 2026

Since joining Nine in 2017, **James Bracey** has become the sports presenter for 9News Sydney and main anchor for some of the network's highest-rating sports coverage, including the NRL, NRL Grand Final and State of Origin, along with The Presidents Cup, Australian Open and Melbourne Cup. He also hosts the popular Monday night rugby league program 100% Footy.

The Olympics are familiar territory for James. He has covered four Summer Olympic Games (Beijing 2008, London 2012, Rio de Janeiro 2016, Paris 2024) and two Olympic Winter Games (Vancouver 2010, Sochi 2014). His other experience includes reporting on the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi and 2011 Rugby World Cup in New Zealand.

Bracey continues to captivate audiences and make significant contributions within sports broadcasting. Beyond television presenting, he is also an experienced and in-demand event MC.





Todd Woodbridge

Host, Milano Cortina 2026

Todd Woodbridge won 61 ATP tennis doubles titles with compatriot Mark Woodforde and peaked at world No. 19 in 1997. The pair formed the most successful doubles combination in history, with 11 Grand Slam titles and an Olympic gold medal at Atlanta in 1996. In 2010, Todd was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame, and he has been immortalised in bronze at Melbourne Park.

His broadcasting career began in 2006 and he has since been a part of the commentary team for the Olympics, the Commonwealth Games, tennis and golf tournaments. In 2022, Woodbridge joined Postcards, Channel 9's Victorian travel program, as a presenter, and in 2024 he became the host of Nine's hugely popular game show, *Tipping Point*.



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Leila McKinnon

Host, Milano Cortina 2026

Leila McKinnon's broadcasting career spans 30 years. She is one of Australia's most familiar and trusted media figures, hosting the summer edition of A Current Affair and filling in as host on TODAY and Weekend TODAY.

Her commitment to journalism has landed her a number of sought-after exclusives in prestigious roles. As foreign correspondent for 9News, she was the first reporter to track down Jayant Patel, the doctor later extradited to Australia to face charges of negligence related to the deaths of patients in a Mackay hospital. She was also at Guantanamo Bay covering the trial of accused terrorist David Hicks.

In 2012, she co-hosted Channel 9's award-winning coverage of the Olympic Games in London and did the first live television interview with Princes William and Harry. More recently Leila was part of the team for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Away from television, McKinnon is the editor of Australia's Favourite Recipes, a cookbook that raises money for the charity Legacy and features the family recipes of ordinary Aussies. She is on the board of The Ricky Stuart Foundation, a charity committed to creating an inclusive Australia for individuals with autism and their families, and is an ambassador for the Gidget Foundation.



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Sylvia Jeffreys

(Sydney)

Host, Milano Cortina 2026

As co-host of Today Extra on the 9Network, **Sylvia Jeffreys** is a trusted voice in news and current affairs, whose career spans flagship programs including A Current Affair and 60 Minutes, making her a household name in the media.

Queensland-born Jeffreys launched her television career with Channel 9 in Brisbane, reporting on the devastating 2010-11 Queensland floods and the destructive tropical Cyclone Yasi in early 2011.

Now Sydney-based, she has reported on a wide range of international stories, from the Dreamworld ride tragedy to the Australian/Pacific tour of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, covered bushfires and floods, and obtained exclusive interviews with global figures such as David Beckham, Chris Hemsworth and Venus Williams.

In 2024, Jeffreys joined Nine's coverage of the Olympics in Paris, co-hosting the Paralympics alongside Dylan Alcott, and more recently she spearheaded coverage of the Australian Open.

In 2025, Sylvia branched into podcasting with The Pay Off with Sylvia Jeffreys, in partnership with Nine Podcasts. Combining sharp interviews with a relatable approach, she offers insight in conversations on finance, career growth and life, making complex topic engaging and accessible. Beyond the screen, she is an ambassador for YoungCare, advocating for young Australians with high-care disabilities.





Dylan Alcott AO

(Sydney)

Host, Milano Cortina 2026

Dylan Alcott AO, 2022 Australian of the Year, is a four-time Paralympic gold medallist in two sports and Graham Kennedy Logie Award winner for Most Popular New Talent on television. Accolades follow the Paralympic and wheelchair tennis champion and little wonder: he is the only male tennis player in history to win the Golden Slam in tennis – all four Grand Slam majors and the Paralympic Gold Medal in 2021. He is also one of the elite few to win Paralympic gold medals in two sports, wheelchair basketball (Beijing 2008) and tennis (Rio 2016, Tokyo 2020).

Alcott was awarded the highest honour in tennis, the prestigious Newcombe Medal, in 2016 and 2021. He retired in 2022 after winning an incredible 22 Grand Slam tournaments (15 in singles and seven in doubles).

His broadcasting career has been equally notable. In 2019, he became the first Paralympian to win a Silver Logie for Most Popular New Talent for his work on ABC's *The Set*. He is a long-time commentator and panellist for the 9Network's coverage of the Australian Open and co-hosted the Paris 2024 coverage. He was also a feature character in the acclaimed Stan show, *BUMP*.

His profile has grown alongside his eponymous foundation, The Dylan Alcott Foundation, which helps young Australians with disabilities gain confidence, fulfil their potential and achieve their dreams. Alcott is also the author of *Able: Gold Medals, Grand Slams and Smashing Glass Ceilings*.





REPORTERS

Danika Mason

(Livigno)

Reporter, Milano Cortina 2026

Danika Mason's career started in the Channel 9 newsroom in 2012 during the Olympics in London. She then began reporting across a range of sports for 9News before moving to sports broadcasting in 2018. Mason has worked on Nine's NRL coverage, State of Origin and the Australian Open tennis. She recently took on the role of sports presenter on TODAY.





Damian Ryan

(Livigno)

Reporter, Milano Cortina

2026

Damian Ryan entered journalism in 1980, working for radio station 2WG in Wagga Wagga, before moving to 2GB. He then made the transition from radio to television as a reporter at Channel Ten.

In 1994, Ryan joined 9News. He was posted to London as its European correspondent and won a Walkley Award for his coverage of the Interlaken tragedy in Switzerland, before moving back to the Sydney newsroom. This will be his 12th Olympic Games.





Christine Ahern

(Milan)

Reporter, Milano Cortina 2026

Christine Ahern is another Walkley Award-winning journalist with the 9Network and the Melbourne correspondent for TODAY. She files reports for the network's flagship programs, including 60 Minutes.

With experience spanning more than two decades, Christine has been at the forefront of Olympics coverage since the start of her career. She has covered every Summer Games from Sydney 2000 through to Paris 2024, with Milano Cortina 2026 marking her eighth Games as a reporter.

At the University of Queensland she was named Queensland's Most Outstanding Journalism Student in her final year. Her career began with the ABC in Brisbane and Hobart, before relocating to Melbourne in 2000 to work as a sports reporter and presenter.

She joined the 9Network in 2004 and spent five years in sport before becoming TODAY'S Melbourne correspondent. In this role she has reported on major stories, from bushfires and floods to high-profile court cases, including the trials of Cardinal George Pell and most recently the trial of Erin Patterson, the "Mushroom Killer".

In 2014, Ahern was appointed Nine's US Correspondent, based in Los Angeles. On this posting she reported from the United Nations in New York and travelled to Ukraine to cover the MH17 disaster. As well as winning a Walkley Award in 2021, she was a Walkley finalist in 2022 and has received four Quill Awards for her reporting for TODAY, 9News, A Current Affair and 60 Minutes.





Lauren Tomasi

(Cortina)

Reporter, Milano Cortina 2026

Lauren Tomasi is Nine's Washington Correspondent based in Washington D.C. Lauren began her television career over a decade ago as a snow reporter in the NSW ski fields. Growing up in Jindabyne, she is a keen skier who has shared the slopes with many of our Australian Winter Olympians. Lauren brings a deep knowledge of the mountains and snow sports.

Now based in the United States, Lauren covers major world events, including the devastating Los Angeles fires, riots, space launches, the Super Bowl, along with interviewing celebrities on the red carpets of the Oscars and the Grammys. She was on the ground as Donald Trump accepted the Republican Nomination in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, days after he became the target of an assassination attempt. Just a few weeks later, Lauren was in Florida, to report on the second attempt on the President's life.

In Washington, Lauren extensively covers Donald Trump's second term.

From the White House, to the ski slopes Lauren brings an abundance of broadcast experience, and is excited to showcase the best of our Australian Winter Olympians.





EXPERTS

Lydia Lassila

(Livigno)

Expert, Milano Cortina 2026

Lydia Lassila, an Olympic champion, two-time medallist and 2023 Sport Australia Hall of Fame inductee, is one of Australia's most decorated Winter Olympians. Born with a passion for acrobatics, she initially pursued gymnastics before an injury at age 16 forced her to pivot.

She was selected for an ambitious program transforming former gymnasts into aerial skiers, allowing her to realise her Olympic dream in a different discipline. She made her Winter Games debut in 2002 but faced a near-career-ending crash at the Torino 2006 Winter Olympics where she re-ruptured her ACL for the second time in months.

Drawing inspiration from fellow athletes who overcame similar injuries, Lassila vowed to push on and adopted the mantra to "work smarter, not necessarily harder". Her resilience paid off spectacularly at the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics where she delivered a flawless performance to win gold. This victory, against the odds, earned her the prestigious The Don Award from the Sport Australia Hall of Fame, given to the athlete who have most inspired the nation.

Following the birth of her first child, Lassila returned with ambitions soaring. At the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics she demonstrated extraordinary courage by attempting the quad-twisting triple somersault, a move previously exclusive to men. Although she fell on landing, the sheer audacity and high degree of technical difficulty secured her the bronze medal, cementing a moment in history for the sport of aericals.

Her career was a testament to endurance and determination. After her second child was born, and the release of a documentary about her journey, *The Will to Fly*, she made history at PyeongChang 2018 by becoming the first Australian woman to compete at five Winter Olympics.

While her final Games did not yield a medal, her long and inspiring career – marked by soaring highs, crushing falls and a commitment to pushing the physical boundaries of her sport – left an indelible mark, making her a powerful role model for the next generation of Australian athletes.





Britt Cox

(Livigno)

Expert, Milano Cortina 2026

Britt Cox is an Australian mogul skier who enjoyed a long and highly successful career, capped by her retirement from elite competition in 2022. Growing up skiing in Falls Creek, Victoria, Cox committed to mogul skiing, and at the Vancouver Games she made history as the youngest Australian to ever compete at a Winter Olympics, at the age of 15.

So began a remarkable run that saw her selected for four Winter Games, and achieve a fifth-place finish at Sochi 2014 and PyeongChang 2018. In the lead-up to Sochi, Cox was awarded a Sport Australia Hall of Fame Scholarship and was mentored by three-time World Aerobic Champion Sue Stanley OAM.

Britt reached the pinnacle of her sport during the 2016-17 season after demonstrating her talent and dedication by winning seven out of 11 World Cup events, securing the prestigious Crystal Globe Award and claiming the gold medal at the World Championships in Spain. These results earned her the title of Snowsports Australia Athlete of the Year.

Cox maintained consistent form in subsequent seasons, winning a World Cup bronze in 2019 and earning selection on her fourth Olympic team, for the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics.

Away from the slopes she focused on education, doing a Bachelor of Communications (Public Relations and Journalism) degree at Griffith University, which led to her role in Consulting at KPMG Australia.





Torah Bright OAM

(Sydney)

Expert, Milano Cortina 2026

Snowboard Halfpipe, Big Air & Slopestyle

Torah Bright OAM, inducted into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame in 2025 for her contribution to Snowboarding, was one of the most daring and successful exponents of the sport in the world.

Growing up in Cooma near the New South Wales snowfields, she was a keen skier and swimmer before switching to snowboarding at 11. Her first taste of elite competition came with a bronze medal at the world junior championships, and she made history at 17 by becoming the first Australian woman to win a World Cup event.

Bright made her Olympic debut in the Snowboard Halfpipe at the Torino 2006 Winter Olympics finishing fifth, foreshadowing the phenomenal success that would follow, including gold medals at the 2007 and 2009 Winter X Games.

Her most significant moment arrived at the Vancouver 2010 Games. Selected as the Australian flagbearer, she carried the hopes of the nation into the Halfpipe final and clinched the gold medal. This triumph was a watershed moment, dramatically transforming the status and public profile of snowboarding in Australia.

Four years later, at the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics, Bright became the first athlete to compete in three snowboarding events (Slopestyle, Halfpipe and Snowboard-cross), and after winning a silver medal in the Halfpipe, she cemented her legacy as Australia's most successful Winter Olympian.

Bright retired from competitive snowboarding in 2016 but continued to be inspired by it and spent time in the back-country to film projects, including an IMAX movie which was released globally in 2020.

Her capacity to overcome adversity, her bold technique and her unprecedented achievements at three Olympic Games have not only secured her place in Australia's rich sporting history, but made her an inspiration for a new generation of snowboarders both locally and globally.





Steven Bradbury OAM

(Sydney)

Expert, Milano Cortina 2026

Short Track Speed Skating & Speed Skating

Steven Bradbury OAM was inducted into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame in 2007 as an Athlete Member for his contribution to speed skating.

Although Bradbury created history in Salt Lake City when he became the first Australian to win a Winter Olympic gold medal, in the 1000-metre short course speed track skating, in the ten years prior to that victory he had proved himself to be one of the best-performed short-track skaters Australia ever produced.

He was a member of the Australian team that won Australia's first Winter Olympic medal, taking bronze in Lillehammer, as well as finishing in the top 10 in the 500m individual event. Steve was also in the team that won the World Championship relay in 1991, a relay bronze at the 1993 World titles, and a silver medal in the 1994 World Championships.

His remarkable and unlikely victory in 2002 came after a spectacular final-lap spill that took out his four rivals. Bradbury threw his arms up in disbelief and smiled as he crossed the line. But his gold medal win was not entirely fortuitous, as many would believe, since Steven knew his limitations and also the unpredictable nature of short track racing. He saw his victory as reward for not one race, but for a decade of hard slog that included more than his share of misfortune.

In 1994, a race accident resulted in him losing four litres of blood and requiring 111 stitches, and in 2000 a training mishap broke his neck. He fought back from these injuries and went on to become our "Accidental Hero" and Olympic gold medallist in 2002.

Bradbury has been a wonderful ambassador for the sport, including launching the Revolutionary Boot company which manufactures and supplies many of the top 50 skaters in the world with custom-made boots.





Jaclyn Narracott

(Sydney)

Expert, Milano Cortina 2026

Bobsleigh – Women's Mono & Two-Man and Luge/Skeleton

Jaclyn Narracott's Olympic journey was inspired by her uncle, Paul Narracott, the first Australian to compete in both the Summer (Athletics, 1984) and Winter (Bobsleigh, 1992) Games. Hailing from Queensland with a strong background in athletics, Narracott initially pursued track and field before switching to the sliding sports.

After joining the Australian bobsleigh squad in 2011 she was convinced to try skeleton, taking her first run in 2012 and making her World Cup debut in 2014. By 2018 she had achieved her Olympic dream, representing Australia in Women's Skeleton at the PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympics.

The pinnacle of Narracott's career came during the 2021-22 season where she made history by becoming the first Australian to win a World Cup gold medal in any sliding event. Building on this momentum, at her second Olympic Winter Games in Beijing she delivered an unforgettable performance to claim the silver medal. This momentous achievement was a national first, making her Australia's inaugural Olympic medallist in any sliding sport.

Narracott took a break from competition in the 2023-24 season to serve as an athlete role model at the Gangwon 2024 Youth Olympic Winter Games, before retiring from the sport in October 2024. She leaves a remarkable legacy as the pioneer who delivered Australia's first World Cup win and Olympic medal in skeleton.





Jono Brauer

(Sydney)

*Expert, Milano Cortina 2026
Alpine Skiing*

Jono Brauer is an Olympic alpine skier who competed at the Torino 2006 and Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics. Injury plagued the Sydney-born athlete throughout a skiing career that put him on the international circuit in 10997.

Brauer achieved a World Cup best placing of 14th in Chamonix in 2006, prior to competing in the Torino 2006 Winter Olympics. At the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics, he produced two solid runs in difficult conditions on the Dave Murray run at Whistler. He placed 30th in the Super-G and 39th in the Downhill. Brauer called time on his career at the end of his last race in Vancouver, retiring from international competition.

Following his athletic career, Brauer coached the Australian national team before starting the ski program, The Arc, in Livigno, designed for passionate young skiers who want to progress their skills.

Brauer started a successful retail business in 2012 and sold it in 2017. In 2019, inspired by his two children and love for mountain biking, he founded his own brand of mountain bike apparel and protection focused on kids, Sendy. Brauer also runs the Australian side of eyewear company, Pit Viper in conjunction with the US head office.

Miff Rennie

(Sydney)

*Expert, Milano Cortina 2026
Ski Big Air, Halfpipe & Slopestyle*

Miff Rennie is a professional freeskier, media personality and advocate for climate action. Known for her fearless approach to big air and park skiing, Rennie has made a name for herself on the slopes and in the media world.

She was a key voice for the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics and her ability to connect with audiences through engaging storytelling has positioned her as a sought-after presenter hosting events in the UK, Australia, New Zealand and the USA.

Beyond broadcasting, Rennie is a Protect Our Winters (POW) ambassador, using her platform to advocate for sustainability and protecting our mountains and oceans.





Jye Kearney

(Sydney)

Expert, Milano Cortina 2026

Snowboard Halfpipe, Big Air & Slopestyle

Jye Kearney is a professional snowboarder who first strapped into a board at the age of 10 after his family moved from the Gold Coast to Jindabyne. His talent developed rapidly, leading him to sign with Burton Snowboards by 13, making him one of their longest-standing riders. He quickly established a professional career that saw him travelling the globe and featuring on magazine covers, and he was the first Australian to do a double cork move, at 16.

Kearney is renowned as a versatile “core” snowboarder who is equally comfortable tackling technical street features and exploring deep back-country terrain. He has earned numerous awards and is known for his dedication to pushing the sport in exciting, less-trodden directions, while maintaining a reputation as a humble and fun-loving figure.

More recently, Kearney has focused on international film projects and his ongoing role as a Thredbo ambassador. He has contributed segments to major films, including the full-length movie segment filmed across Finland, Sweden, Japan, and Canada for Method Magazine. Notably, he featured in the 2022 film *Circuit Breaker*, which provided a raw look at a filming trip through the streets of Finland.

As a Thredbo ambassador he is involved in the local scene, participating in youth coaching initiatives like Project Shred, hosting progressive events such as Jye’s Jam, and mentoring up-and-coming riders.





Steph Hickey

(Sydney)

Expert, Milano Cortina 2026

Snowboard Cross & Parallel Giant Slalom

Steph Hickey is a dynamic figure whose journey spans elite sport, media expertise and entrepreneurship. Since retiring, Prem has become a familiar voice in sports broadcasting, and been an expert commentator for the past three Olympic Winter Games.

An in-demand speaker and high-performance and mindset coach, she combines her Olympic experience with two decades in the health and wellbeing industry to help individuals and organisations master their mindset, elevate performance and build sustainable success.

Beyond the sporting arena, Prem is an advocate for health and wellbeing, which includes hosting the podcast Mindfulness with Steph Prem.

Leveraging her expertise and charisma, she has become a popular keynote speaker, giving performance-driven presentations for some of Australia's most recognisable companies, including Telstra, Toyota, NAB and Rio Tinto.

Step is also the founder of Studio PP, a health and pilates hub frequented by high-profile clients where her inspiring, performance-driven ethos empowers individuals to unleash their potential through movement and a holistic approach to living well.





Sami Kennedy

(Sydney)

Expert, Milano Cortina 2026

Ski Cross, Cross Country Skiing & Ski Mountaineering

Sami Kennedy transitioned from alpine skiing to ski cross in 2008, quickly establishing herself on the World Cup circuit. Her steady improvement led to a breakout 2011-12 season, with five top-ten results as she finished the tour ranked 11th globally.

In 2013, Kennedy endured a significant health challenge, suffering an infarct stroke. Following brief hospitalisation and treatment, she showed remarkable resilience, resumed training, and made a full return to competition.

Her experience led her to become an ambassador for the National Stroke Foundation, focused on raising awareness of strokes in young people. She returned to World Cup competition in 2013 and achieved a personal best with a fourth placing just a month later, before making her Olympic debut at the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics.

This dedication culminated in a career highlight in 2017 when she earned her first World Cup silver medal in Idre Fjall, Sweden. It propelled her into her second Olympics at PyeongChang 2018, where she achieved her best Olympic result, an eighth placing.

Although the 2020-21 season started positively with a bronze medal, it was cut short by a season-ending elbow dislocation during training. After surgery and extensive rehabilitation, she made a determined return to the international circuit.

In her third and final Olympic appearance at Beijing 2022, at the age of 33, she made the small final, matching her best Olympic finish by placing 8th overall. Recognizing her enduring commitment and professionalism throughout her career and the Games, she was selected to be Australia's Closing Ceremony Flagbearer for Beijing 2022.





Jeremy Rolleston

(Sydney)

Expert, Milano Cortina 2026

Bobsleigh – Men's two-man & four-man

Jeremy Rolleston is a two-time Olympian who has represented Australia internationally in both rugby and bobsleigh. He is also a former world champion (Masters) in surf life saving in beach sprint and beach flags.

After returning from playing professional rugby in Italy, Rolleston discovered bobsleigh in 1999. He entered the sport as a brakeman in the lead-up to Salt Lake City 2002. When the team narrowly missed selection he switched to the pilot's seat. In his first year as a pilot he remarkably qualified for the Torino 2006 Winter Olympics, winning the Challenge Cup in Königssee along the way. He then went on to equal Australia's best ever Olympic result of 22nd in the two-man sled. In his second Games at Vancouver in 2010, Rolleston qualified as pilot for the two-man and four-man crews.

Beyond sport, Jeremy has built a successful business career with the likes of Goldman Sachs, ANZ and Perpetual, and most recently served as CEO of Active8me. He brings a rare blend of commercial acumen, high-performance expertise and real-life experience through both triumph and heartache.

He is also the author of the inspirational book *A Life That Counts*, which features contributions from a number of great Australian athletes such as Lydia Lassila, James Tomkins, Matt Shirvington, Michael Milton, Louise Sauvage, Matthew Burke and more. Known for his storytelling and practical lessons and insights, Rolleston is a sought-after keynote speaker whose talks leave audiences inspired, motivated, and equipped for their own high-performance success.





Luke Kneller

(Sydney)

Expert, Milano Cortina 2026

Ski Slopestyle

Luke Kneller is an Australian sports commentator and former international slopestyle and halfpipe skier with deep expertise in freestyle snow events. Growing up in Jindabyne, NSW, Kneller competed internationally in slopestyle and halfpipe before focusing on media and film production, which paved the way for his broadcasting career.

Kneller is now established as a prominent voice for Olympic Winter Games coverage. He specialised as a commentator on snowboard and ski freestyle disciplines including slopestyle, big air, and halfpipe providing commentary for the Sochi 2014, PyeongChang 2018 and Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics.

Andrew Swain

(Sydney)

Expert, Milano Cortina 2026

Curling

Andrew Swain is a sports journalist and broadcaster with more than two decades in television, radio and digital media. He has covered a wide variety of major events and has a reputation for deep understanding of the sports he covers, from NRL and international cricket to golf and football.

A lifelong rugby union and cricket enthusiast, Swain eventually shifted his primary focus to rugby, and in recent years has become a familiar voice and producer for rugby coverage on Stan Sport and Nine.

He recently found a new passion for Curling and represented Queensland at the National Championships with his team The Curlews, as they pursued a goal of qualifying for the Winter Olympics.





COMMENTATORS IN SYDNEY

Mathew Thompson

(Short Track Speed Skating)

As Chief Commentator for Channel 9's Wide World of Sports, Mathew Thompson is heard as the primary voice of rugby league and is a key pillar of Nine's NRL and State of Origin coverage.

Brenton Speed

(Bobsleigh – Women's Mono & Two-Woman and Luge/Skeleton)

One of Australia's most versatile commentators, Brenton Speed calls a range of sports from A-League to AFL.

David Culbert

(Snowboard Cross & Parallel Giant Slalom and Ski Cross, Big Air, Halfpipe & Slopestyle)

Australian Olympian in Long Jump and now a highly regarded commentator, having worked on every summer Olympic Games since 1998.

Mitch Tomlinson

(Snowboard Halfpipe, Big Air & Slopestyle)

A BMX, surf, skate and snowboarder, Mitch Tomlinson has travelled the world with his beloved boards, which led him into commentating and hosting coverage of events like the Olympics and XGames.





Matt Hill

(Alpine Skiing)

The No.1 caller in Victorian racing who also covers the famous Stawell Gift, tennis, AFL, and alpine skiing. In 2019, Matt Hill received the Bert Wolfe Award for broadcasting.

Scott McGrory

(Speed Skating)

Olympic gold and silver medallist in Cycling, Scott McGrory is now a broadcaster, coach and race director.

Peter Psaltis

(Curling, Cross Country Skiing & Ski Mountaineering)

An esteemed sports broadcaster and seasoned rugby league commentator who was previously at the helm of 4BC's Wide World of Sports program.

Sean Maloney

(Bobsleigh Two-Man & Four-Man)

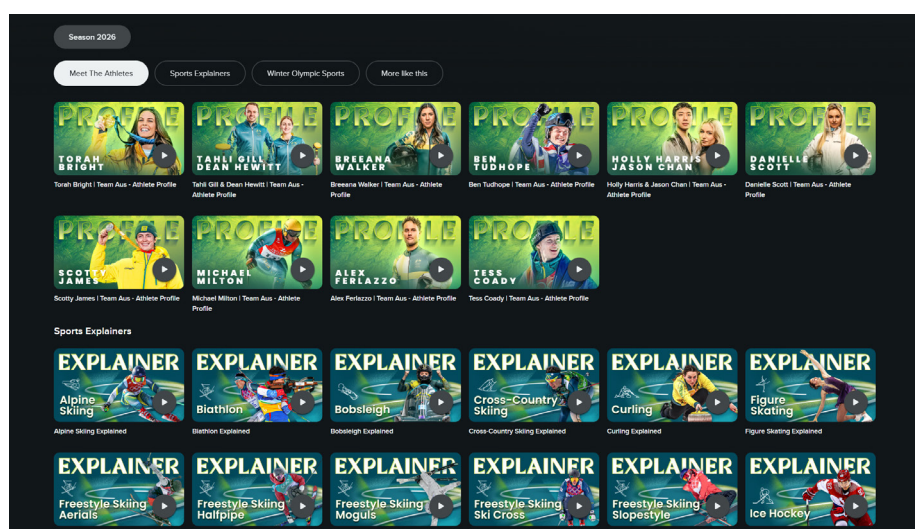
Stan Sport's voice of rugby, who has commentated for more than a decade from the World Sevens to the World Cup.





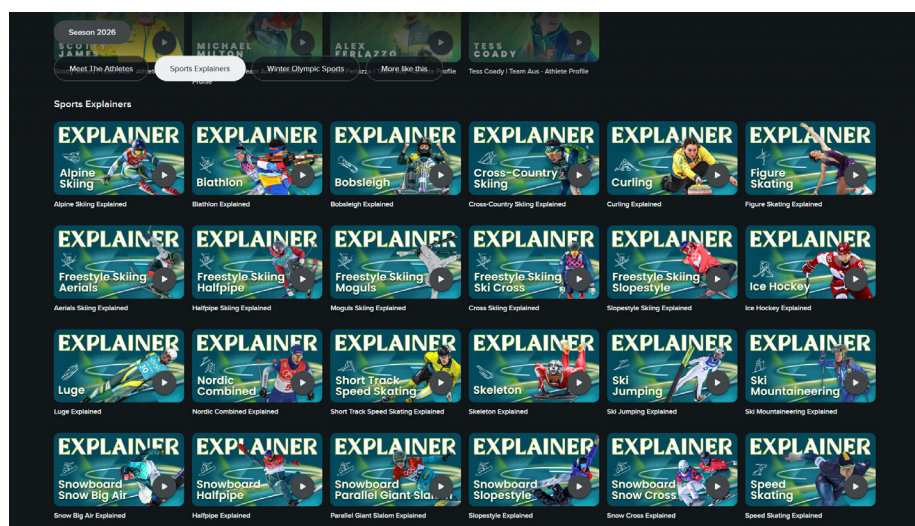
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