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AIS Gymnastics hall
- Team announcement

Gymnast on beam (Christine? Laura) reviewed
performance by watching video screen. Coaches
gymnast watched, commented & did it again

Practice setup by 10:55am

1:00. Nothing happening

Daily Telegraph is here & lots of political reporters

1/3rd of the people here are AIS people.

11:25: national team came out, took photos &
signed autographs for the little kids

biggest turnout in a term announcement
at AIS. AIS director, CEO of
Gymnastics Australia, AOC CEO
Tony Abbott Kate Lundy there

was Artistic team announcement for Artistic
gymnastics.

Liberal Party had their own camera guy here.

Green & Gold room for performance analysis
in London AOC is setting up another recovery
centre in London. Both will be run by AIS with
Federal funding.

Olympic & paralympics more than just about
medals. prime minister challenges support
this by encouraging the young to play.

only supporting both olympic & paralympic

Abbott confirms his gymnastics to verbal gymnastics
Abbott says Olympians got a lead in with the country's
support

abbott wants to congratulate everyone selected to go because they spent at least a decade preparing.

abbott acknowledges coaches, parents & fellow competitors who did not get selected!

Abbott knows women's gymnastics has come a long way since being

Joshua Coates is AOC leader. thanked government & abbott for supporting Olympians & \$4.5 million for targeted improvements for the Olympics
Thanked Olympic Gymnasts

3 of women's gymnast are previous olympians

Linda organiser is a 2 time olympic champion & organiser organised with Olympian in mind

Jacob Kenner

11 years old.

5 years in gymnastics.
likes vault & high bar.
wants to be future Olympian.

Taylor about jump in the pit.

Larrissa Miller

They are team focused & tune out other teams. They don't feel media pressure but a goal of going out there & doing their job and performing the best they can.

Sponsorship is not something they are thinking about now. Focus on London. They get paid enough by AIS/GA to do that.



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MEDIA RELEASE

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Mitchell and team out to floor them in London

A glaring omission from the Australian Olympic Team's trophy cabinet is a medal in women's artistic gymnastics – but the five athletes selected today to compete in London are determined to fix that.

The Australian team heads to London with the best credentialed team in history and the hopes of the nation will be behind them.

Leading the team will be Australia's first ever female gymnastics World Champion, Lauren Mitchell.

"It's really exciting to have the opportunity to compete at my second Olympic Games and I'm thrilled to be heading to London with the team," Mitchell said.

"I'm really looking forward to the atmosphere in London. When I competed in 2009 at Worlds it was really enjoyable so I'm looking forward to heading back and doing Australia proud."

Not only did Mitchell compete at the Olympic venue in 2009 – she excelled, winning two silver medals on the beam and floor.

Mitchell, who will turn 21 just before the Games, is currently training with her teammates at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra before heading to London in a few weeks time.

"Training wise I am focusing more on quality," she said. "Peggy is introducing distractions to get us used to the Olympic arena and test our ability to ensure we can perform to our best."

Head Coach Peggy Liddick couldn't be happier with the team she has assembled for London and is confident in the ability of all five of the athletes to perform at the Games.

"Each of the athletes selected presents different strengths that we'll now be working on to refine our consistency and deliver a strong competition come London," Liddick said.

"We need to ensure we can deliver consistent routines to achieve the scores and ensure finals berths at the games. Our main aim is to maintain sixth place achieved at the last Olympics as well as underpinning our chances to support individual athletes to achieve podium finishes."

Competing alongside Mitchell will be Beijing Olympians Georgia Bonora and Ashleigh Brennan as well as Olympic debutants Emily Little and Larrissa Miller.

"We've selected a mixed team of three dual Olympians and two who will be new to the Olympic competition," Liddick said. "The three dual Olympians will bring maturity and knowledge to the team, giving us a strong advantage heading to London."

"The selection process was a difficult one as the caliber of athletes to select from was extremely high. The final twelve all competed at a high level through the second round trial with a new standard being set."

In determining the final five athletes to represent Australia, the nomination committee considered performances at last week's second round Olympic Nomination trial, the Australian Gymnastics Championships as well as performances in training and past international competitions including the 2011 World Championships.

Women's artistic gymnastics will take place at North Greenwich Arena with qualifications starting on Day 2 of the Games, 29 July.

The women's artistic gymnastics section of the 2012 Australian Olympic Team:

Name	Age Now	Age at Games	Born	Lives
Georgia Bonora	22	22	Melbourne, VIC	Melbourne, VIC (3095)
Ashleigh Brennan	21	21	Melbourne, VIC	Melbourne, VIC (3806)
Emily Little	18	18	Perth, WA	Perth, WA (6015)
Larrissa Miller	19	20	Mornbah, WA	Brisbane, QLD (4160)
Lauren Mitchell	20	21	Perth, WA	Perth, WA (6018)

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