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## **WORLD & OLYMPIC CHAMPION STEPS IN AS RYDE'S AUSTRALIA DAY AMBASSADOR**

Debbie Watson OAM, Australia's most decorated female water polo player, has stepped in at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour as Australia Day Ambassador for the City of Ryde, following the withdrawal of Tracy Bevan due to a family emergency.

Voted the best player in the world in 1993, Debbie led Australia to a string of World Cup and World Championship victories and was instrumental in winning the Gold Medal for the Australian Women's Water Polo team at the Sydney 2000 Olympics. .

Debbie said she was delighted to be invited as Australia Day Ambassador to the City of Ryde, which is situated just over the river from the Olympic site, the scene of one of her greatest triumphs at the Sydney 2000 Olympics.

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**Debbie Watson Biography & Photo attached**

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