



PATRON'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the second South Australian Amputee Golf Open, after last years' stunning success. I have been amazed by the energy and the enterprise, not to mention the persistence, displayed by the President and chief organiser, Gary Hart, in taking this event to such a prominent level. Whilst the standard of golf has been truly amazing, the spirit of participation is what has impressed me most.

The spirit of those who rise above any perceived obstacle to share the success of the day is an inspiration to the greater community. Indeed, the discipline and courage displayed on days such of these would embarrass many other athletes and sportspeople who take their talents for granted.

Of course, there is another aspect to today's event which was not so obvious before last year's inaugural event: the prospect of representing Australia now that golf has been accepted as an Olympic sport, and therefore should be included in any future Paralympic Games, is now a real possibility.

However, the two most basic elements of sport are participation and enjoyment. I congratulate Gary Hart for his truly determined and inspirational leadership, commend those who are participating in this year's event, and hope that everyone enjoys the experience.

Graham Cornes