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## HRH The Duke of Sussex to join Invictus Games Today

Airs at 7.40pm on Sunday 21st October on ABC and iview

ABC is thrilled to announce HRH The Duke of Sussex will join the **Invictus Games Today** program on Sunday night, in an exclusive conversation with Australian Invictus Games Competitors, Nicole Bradley and Stewart Sherman.

Dylan Alcott will bring audiences this exciting program from the beautiful grounds of Admiralty House in Sydney. Nicole and Stewart will share with Dylan and HRH The Duke of Sussex the stories of their personal journeys to the Invictus Games Sydney 2018 and the positive impacts on their families. They will also discuss upcoming highlights of the Invictus Games Sydney 2018.

Nicole Bradley is the Co-Captain of the Australian Invictus Games Sydney 2018 Team and will be participating in athletics and power lifting, Stewart Sherman is participating in wheelchair tennis and archery.

**The resulting conversation will go to air in the very first episode of Invictus Games Today, on Sunday 21 October at 7.40 PM.**

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### THE INVICTUS GAMES

HRH The Duke of Sussex is the Patron of the Invictus Games Foundation.

The inaugural Invictus Games, created by The Duke of Sussex, is an international sporting event for wounded, injured and sick Servicemen and women and veterans. The inaugural Invictus Games was held in London in September 2014. The Duke was inspired to establish the Invictus Games after witnessing the US Warrior Games in 2013. Seeing the positive impact of sport physically, psychologically and socially, he was determined to create an international multi-sport event.

The Invictus Games use the power of sport to inspire recovery, support rehabilitation and generate a wider understanding and respect for those who serve their country. They recognise the significant contribution made by family and friends in the physical and psychological recovery process and seek to motivate and inspire the competitors - and all who strive to triumph over adversity.



The Invictus Games Foundation continues to drive awareness and support for the Invictus Games to positively change the lives of wounded, injured and ill active and veteran defence personnel.

[invictusgames2018.org](http://invictusgames2018.org)

## **NICOLE BRADLEY**

Co-Captain, 45-year-old Nicole is competing in powerlifting, and athletics at her first Invictus Games.

Nikki served for 22 years in the Australian Army and comes from a Military family, her father and great grandfather both also served. As well as physical injuries, Nikki has PTSD and is a strong advocate for raising awareness about the invisible injuries challenging some defence people. Her family has been a huge support for her post her service. She's also a mum and is proud to be co-Captain. Being appointed to this role has given her the confidence to show her kids that she is a strong woman.

## **STEWART SHERMAN**

Stewart is a 34-year-old New South Welshman who will be competing at his third Invictus Games in Sydney - in archery and wheelchair tennis.

Stewart served in the Australian Army for thirteen years as a combat medic, and it wasn't until he took long service leave he started to notice signs of PTSD. It soon took hold of him, but a good friend and military brother Danny Jeffery saw what he was going through, and got Stewart involved in adaptive sport – they both took up wheelchair tennis. It was playing wheelchair tennis, and his close friendship with Danny, that helped Stewart come through the worst of his PTSD. He's been heavily involved in adaptive sport since then and acknowledges its importance in turning his life around. He's also big on the very Aussie principle of mateship, and just how important his “maaaaate” Danny has also been on that road to recovery.

## **DYLAN ALCOTT**

At the age of 17 at the Beijing Paralympics, Dylan Alcott became the youngest wheelchair basketball gold medallist in history. He won two more gold medals at the 2016 Rio Paralympics, this time in his true love sport wise - wheelchair tennis. In September 2018 he won his second US Open – and 6th Grand Slam title. This year, he also attended Wimbledon, and was lucky enough to meet the Duchess of Cambridge and the Duchess of Sussex.

Dylan is a disability advocate with the mantra to normalise his life in the eyes of others, and so anyone else who has a disability. Although he's dedicated his life to sport, it's through this that he uses his profile to help break down the stigmas that once prevented him from participating.



He was awarded 2016 GQ Sportsman of the Year, 2016 Paralympian of the Year and the 2016 Newcombe Medal. He is honoured to have received a medal of the Order of Australia in 2009 at the age of 18.

For **Invictus Games Today**, Dylan is one of our sports reporters and will be out and about during the games, covering events and interviewing competitors. He has been a sports reporter across multiple Australian TV networks over the last few years, alongside his sporting career.

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