

Sean Corcoran

Wheel Talk Presenter Profile

INTRODUCTION



Date of Birth:	23 March 1974
Sport:	Wheelchair Rugby, Snow Skiing
Classification:	0.5
Disability:	Quadriplegia
How acquired:	Snow Skiing Accident
Residence:	Alphington, Victoria
Occupation:	Wheelchair Sports Victoria Promotion & Development Coordinator

BIOGRAPHY

Best International Results: 1st, 2007 New Zealand Wheelchair Rugby National Championships

Personal Honours/Awards: Wheelchair Sports Victoria Most Outstanding Quadriplegic 2005
All Star Low Point Team – 2007 Brisbane Bash Invitational Event

Skiing and surfing used to be Sean Corcoran's passion. So much so that he used to work extra shifts at the Grand Hotel in Warrandyte to fund regular ski trips overseas. Well, as regular as his bank balance would allow. His travels took him all around the world to see some of the finest powder you could ski on, taking in various parts of Europe, Canada and New Zealand.

But in 2001 on a short vacation to Perisher Blue in New South Wales, while doing what he loved best – skiing the slopes – Sean hit a mogul awkwardly, landing on his bum and jolting his neck. The result was a fracture of his C5 vertebrae causing Sean to become an incomplete Quadriplegia, and a break from the snow for a few years.

Nowadays, Sean has taken up a new passion, the sport of Wheelchair Rugby, known to many around the world as "Murder Ball". As a regular in the Victorian Coloplast Thunder Team in the National Wheelchair Rugby League, Sean has also progressed at various times to senior Australian representation, the highlight being a win at the 2007 New Zealand National Championships.

He has also returned to the ski slopes, regularly skiing Mt Hotham in Victoria, where he relies on the assistance of some mates and the guys at the Able Management Group (AMG) in Harrietville. When the snow melts away, Mt Hotham is also a destination for Sean to take in some handcycling, off road buggying, paragliding and 4wd'ing. For Sean, the more active he is the better. He still checks the surf report almost every day and hangs at the beach or up in the mountains every other minute. He says it's just habit – and thankfully, for Sean, some things never change...

Favourite Quote:

"If you never go, you'll never know..."