



Media Release

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Camden, meet your Australia Day Ambassador

Two-time Australian Paralympic gold medallist swimmer, Sam Bramham OAM, will visit Camden as its Australia Day Ambassador this year.

“We are honoured to have Mr Bramham as ambassador for our Australia Day activities as someone who has represented the nation as an elite athlete,” said Mayor Lara Symkowiak.

“The drive and focus of Mr Bramham to achieve his goals makes him an exceptional mentor for people of all ages,” Cr Symkowiak said.

At the age of 16, Mr Bramham broke the 100m butterfly world record at the 2004 Athens Paralympics, before breaking world records and winning gold medals at events such as the 2006 Melbourne Commonwealth Games, 2007 South African World Championship and 2008 Beijing Paralympics.

In 2009, he was awarded with the Order of Australia Medal for services to his country and for being a role model for his team mates.

Born without his right femur due to unknown circumstances, Mr Bramham had his right leg amputated at the age of five which enabled him to wear a prosthetic. Never letting his disability get in the way, he has played a number of sports including AFL football, rugby, kayaking and water polo.

Sam retired from swimming in 2011 due to an ongoing shoulder injury but competes in triathlons and even appeared on the Channel Nine TV show, *Australian Ninja Warrior*.

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In August 2014, Sam released his autobiography, *Three-Quarter Man: Pranks, Passion and Paralympics*.

Mr Bramham will be part of the Australia Day event to be held in Camden, 8.15am to 2pm, Friday 26 January, including the Australia Day Awards ceremony and the street parade.

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