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TRIATHLON INDUCTS THREE LEGENDS INTO HALL OF FAME

Greg Welch, Michellie Jones and Miles Stewart were tonight honoured as the inaugural inductees into Triathlon Australia's Hall of Fame.

The announcement was made in front of more than 1000 people at the Hall of Fame and Australian Age Group Team Dinner, as part of this week's events leading into the grand final of the Dextro Energy Triathlon ITU World Championships on the Gold Coast.

Reigning Olympic champion Emma Snowsill, who is unable to compete this weekend due to a hip injury, presented the elite team with their race suit.

Welch is the only triathlete to win a world championship 'Grand Slam' – ITU Olympic Distance in 1990, Duathlon in 1993, World Ironman crown in 1994 and Long Distance in 1996. His victory in Hawaii in 1994 was his nirvana and a watershed for the sport, breaking the dominance of the Americans, with his heel-clicking celebration now part of triathlon folklore. He inspired a generation of Australians to take up triathlon and was awarded an OAM in 2006 for services to the sport.

Michellie Jones more than 160 career victories to her name across every discipline imaginable. She has won two World Championships (1992 and 93), eight Escape from Alcatraz titles, seven Chicago Triathlon titles and five 70.3 wins. She won silver in Sydney when triathlon made its Olympic debut in 2000, before making a stunning transition to Ironman, which saw her take out the 2006 World Ironman title in Hawaii.

Miles Stewart made his first world championship team in 1989, aged just 18. He finished fourth – and then went on to represent his country for 16 consecutive years. He wrote his name into the record books as the youngest ever world champion when, at 20, he beat a crack field in a sprint finish on the Gold Coast in 1991. An overall World Cup Championship, 10 ITU World Cup wins and world championship bronze in 1998 and 99 followed.

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