# **CPRN INSIGHTS RESEARCH SURVEY**

Research has been undertaken by the AIS to gain a better understanding of the use and impact of the Career Practitioner Referral Network (CPRN) service. The CPRN is available to all categorised athletes, para athletes and also coaches/alumni on request, with access and bookings available through either the AW&E Manager or directly via the CPRN page on the AIS website. Uses of the service are entitled to up to four individual one to one consultation sessions with a professional and experienced career practitioner. The service is managed by the AIS.

### **BREAKDOWN OF REFERRAL USERS**

- 154 athletes accessed the CPRN service up until end June 2020
- 119 athletes, 13 Alumni, 8 coaches and 14 uses not stated
- Gender:



- Largest % of users: Fall within the 18-30 age bracket
- 27 sports to date accessed the CPRN service. The following sports were relatively heavy users - Athletics, Beach Volleyball, Boxing, Cycling, Diving, Gymnastics, Hockey, Netball, Swimming, Water Polo, Wheelchair Rugby, Winters Sports

## SURVEY RESULTS

#### Online survey response rate

An online survey was sent to 137 recipients who had completed at least one session with a Career Practitioner. The response rate from the survey was 35%.

 How did athletes learn about the **CPRN** service?



From their AW&E Managers (78%)

> Through State Institute Advisor (16%)

Other [4%]

• 67% of athletes engaged with 2 or more sessions with a CPRN



Athletes engaged with 2 or more sessions (67%)

#### Other

### How do athletes/coaches use the **CPRN** service

• Adaptable and flexible:



- Face to face [47%] Video conferencing (37%)
- Mix of both (16%)
- Responsive and timely:



- 94% of respondents connected with careers practitioners within two weeks
- 56% within one week

# "Fantastic program, wish I'd had access a few years ago."





# SATISFACTION RATING

### **87% OF RESPONDENTS WERE EITHER** SATISFIED OR COMPLETELY SATISFIED WITH THE CPRN.

Most common recommendations from respondents to the CPRN include:

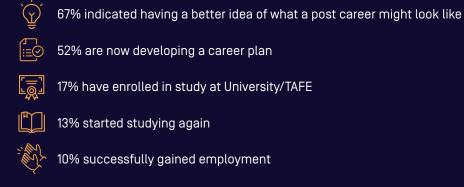
- Further increase in awareness of the service to potential users
- Inclusion of CPRN as an integral feature of athlete induction
- Increase career practitioner sessions available to users

### "Best non-sport related thing I've done to improve my future."

Up to 180 athletes have now used the service to date as of 1 September 2020.

# ATHLETES TAKING ACTION

### **Big picture thinking**



52% are now developing a career plan



- 17% have enrolled in study at University/TAFE
- 13% started studying again
- 10% successfully gained employment

#### Strategies and resources

- 31% developed strategies for better presenting to employers
- 29% developed a high quality CV/Resume
- 25% developed a LinkedIn profile
- 23% received educational and/Industry contacts

"I think it was an awesome experience and I think the CPRN is such a useful program. I gained a lot of knowledge and also gained useful contacts."





90% of respondents would recommend the AIS career services



90% of respondents indicated the service will help them take the next step in their post careers

#### What do athletes/coaches think or feel after using the service

94–98% of athletes agreed/strongly agreed that the CPRN practitioners made them feel comfortable, listened to and that practitioners understand their unique needs and made them feel supported.

>90% indicated information was clear, relevant, helpful and relevant to their situation.

42% indicated feeling less stress about their post sport careers

Athletes/coaches indicated their career development related knowledge increased by an average of 19%

Athletes/coaches indicated confidence levels around careers increased by 37%

Athletes say 45% of coaches are completely supportive of encouraging them to develop a career whilst being an athlete

### Most popular discussion topics with career practitioners



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