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Former Olympians attend closing ceremony at the hospital

Former Olympic basketballers Carla Boyd, Rachael Sporn and Phil Smyth attended the closing ceremony of the WCH Games today in the Starlight Express Room. They shared their Olympic medals with children from the wards and talked about their Olympic experiences: between them they have represented Australia at eight separate Olympic Games from 1980 to 2004.

In addition to being a former professional basketballer, Carla Boyd is a nurse in the Michael Rice Centre for Haematology and Oncology at the Women's and Children's Hospital. Carla won bronze in the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta and silver in the 2000 Olympics in Sydney. She had a special chat to twelve-year-old surgery patient Alex, who shared her love of the men's gymnastics and swimming.

Throughout Olympic month, patients at the hospital have participated in a range of child-friendly events and accrued points for their Olympic teams in the wards.

As part of the closing ceremony, former Olympians Carla, Rachael and Phil presented "medals" to the highest-performing teams and then toured the wards to visit children who were not well enough to come and meet them in the Starlight Express Room.

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