

The Australian Women's Register

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Di Toro, Daniela

(1974 -)

Born	19741016, Melbourne Victoria Australia
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Occupation	Paralympian, Tennis player
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Summary

Daniela Di Toro is a champion wheelchair tennis player who, in 1999, was named the Australian Paralympic Committee Athlete of the Year. She was ranked number one in her sport in 2000.

Di Toro was not born with a disability; she lost the use of her legs in 1988 after a wall collapsed on her while she was participating in a school swimming carnival. She credits her success to a meeting with another wheelchair athlete, basketballer Sandy Blyth, who was a rehabilitation worker at the unit where Di Toro was receiving treatment.

Di Toro is still involved in her sport and works as a youth worker in Melbourne, Australia.

Events

1999 - 1999

Winner of the United States Open

1999 - 1999

Australian Paralympic Committee Athlete of the Year

2000 - 2000

Silver Medalist at the Sydney Paralympic Games

2000 - 2000

Winner of the Australian Open

2004 - 2004

Bronze Medalist at the Athens Paralympic Games

2004 - 2004

Winner of the Australian Open

Published resources

Article

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Resource

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Daniela Di Toro File

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