



**** NEWS FLASH**** We are delighted to announce that our very own Amy PejkoVIC had jumped an amazing PB of 1.85m in the Women's High Jump at the World Youth Champs to claim the SILVER medal.

This is an outstanding achievement on the International Athletics scene and a huge personal achievement for Amy and we hope that as many of our members as possible will send Amy messages of congratulations so that she knows how proud we are of her.

Thank you to all those members who sent her messages of encouragement. There is also a lovely article on Amy on the Athletics Australia website, which really captures how excited she was to win the Silver, well worth a read.

CONGRATULATIONS AMY!!

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Curtain closes on world youth championships

After five days of hard-fought track and field action the curtain has closed on the 6th IAAF world youth championships in Bressanone, Italy.

Australia's 22 world youth representatives flew the flag high at the meet, claiming a total of nine top-eight finishes across the five days of competition.

At the conclusion of the meet Australia was fifteenth on the placings table with a total of 27 points, finishing behind a dominant team USA that stormed home in first place with a total of 167 points.

Athletes from all over the world set a total of 31 records across 23 events at the meet.

High jumper **Amy PejkoVIC** was the highest-placed Australian at the championships, setting a new personal best mark of 1.85m (previously 1.82m) to claim Australia's only podium finish. PejkoVIC's result equalled Australia's best-ever high jump performance at a world youth championships, Sophia Begg also clearing 1.85m in 2005.

Fellow high jumper **Denise Snyder** placed eleventh in the final with a best leap of 1.75m.

In what was a successful meet for Australia's high jump representatives, **Andrew Neville** placed sixth in the boys' event, bettering his top height twice in three days to feature strongly in the deciding round.

Entering the meet with a personal best 2.07m, Neville added six centimetres to that height to post a leap of 2.13m in Saturday's final.