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Spectacular Opening will launch III Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Championship

Commonwealth Games triple Gold-medallist, Cara Honeychurch, was feted as Tenpin Bowling's most successful athlete in the sport of Tenpin Bowling at the XVI Commonwealth Games held in Kuala Lumpur in 1998. On her return to her home city of Melbourne, Cara was granted the honour of sharing the lead of the athletes' Victory Parade with multi-medal winning Swimmer, Michael Klim.

On Sunday, Cara Honeychurch will share her memories of the glorious success, and future potential of Bowling on the program of the Commonwealth Games as key speaker at the official Opening of the III Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Championships at OzTenpin Bowling Centre in the Melbourne suburb of Altona.

Joining her at the Opening ceremony will be a group of national and international VIP's including the Honorary Medical Advisor to the Commonwealth Games Federation, Dato Dr. M. Jegathesan from Malaysia, the President of the Australian Commonwealth Games Association, Mr. Sam Coffa, AM, the President of the Commonwealth Games Federation, Julian Pace-Bonello from Malta and members of the CTBF Executive Committee, as well as officials from the host Federation for this year's Championship – Tenpin Bowling Australia.

Messages will be read on behalf of the President of the World Tenpin Bowling Association, Mr. Heikki Sarso from Finland and the President of the American Zone of FIQ/WTBA, Mr. Jose Guandique from El Salvador.

The Mayor of Hobson's Bay City, Cr. Carl Marsich will officially open the Championship following a dance performance and blessing of the event by local indigenous land owners from the Worundjeri Tribe.

Teams of two men and two women from 17 Commonwealth countries will contest the third biennial Championship since the formation of the Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Federation in Scotland in 2002.

Spectators are welcome at OzTenpin Bowl, Blackshaws Road, Altona during the week of the Championship, commencing Monday 3 July and admission is free. Full details of the III Commonwealth Championship schedule, venue and participants can also be found at the Championship's official website - www.2006ctbc.com.

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