

q feature: **SIMON DUNN**

Give Out Day Ambassador, Bobby Goldsmith Ambassador, Australian Bobsleigh Team previously and once again on the journey toward the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics, Corporate Speaker, LGBTIQ+ Advocate, Personal Trainer, Sydney Convicts Rugby Player, Australia's first LGBTIQ+ P&O Cruise Ambassador and with a social media following of over 500k – when I spoke with Simon he was using his final days in Sydney's lockdown and travel bubble training before heading over to compete in the North American Bobsleigh competition in order to qualify for the Olympics.

I asked Simon how hard it was to train for Bobsleigh and the Winter Olympics to which he said "while the team haven't been able to train together due to border lockdowns they each had their own coaches and sports team". Simon, being the only Sydney team member, was hit hardest as he went from having a coach and support team and training in the central coast at the best facilities to being reduced to just a coach and then hit with travel restrictions, ended up using his Personal Training experience to keep his fitness at Olympic levels.

Simon Dunn - who many would have seen promoted as the Give Out Day Ambassador (on the 15th October 2021) – last year helped raise over 300 000 for LGBTIQ+ community organisations, many of which do not get government funding. "The great thing about Give Out Day Australia is the donations are doubled up to \$1000 so this helps smaller community groups" Go to www.giveoutday.org.au for more information.

Simon was also recently announced Ambassador of the first and ongoing LGBTIQ+ Pride P&O cruise. The cruises, departing Sydney in November 2022 and December 2022 from Melbourne, are the first of many planned by the P&O Australia team. Simon will be working alongside with Hans the German, Dj Victoria Anthony, and Ru Paul Australia stars Coco Jumbo and Etc Ect. They are only short cruises so they'll be jam-packed with excitement - with heaps more entertainment to be announced.

Simon has been an ambassador for the Bobby Goldsmith Foundation since returning home to Australia. He donates his time to help raise funds for the BGF, which is Australia's first and longest operating AIDS charity. He regularly visits clients and promotes safe sex messages through the media.

Simon has been focusing on reaching the 2022 Winter Olympics. Entirely self-funded, the team, along with one of our most awarded paraolimpians Evan O'hlanon, are heading to compete in the North American competition to help them qualify for the Winter Olympics as the Australian Bobsleigh team. They have an auction to help the team. The Auction includes heaps of prizes but also includes the Melbourne P&O Cruise, so a great way to get a balcony cabin for a bargain price and help the Bobsleigh Team at the same time. Bid now to shown your support at www.galabid.com/bobsleigh



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