

## Australia sets sights on Beijing after Poland blitz

Australia's rowers have qualified all 14 boat classes for the Olympics for the first time as the three remaining crews secured their place at the Final Olympic Qualification Regatta in Poznan, Poland.

With all 14 crews now qualified for the Olympics, the rowing section of the Australian Olympic Team will be the largest with 48 athletes.

Pippa Savage (from Commercial Rowing Club, QLD) was the first to book her place at Beijing after winning a close final in the Women's Single Scull.

Savage came from second place with 500m to go to win the final in a time of 7:58.33 three seconds ahead of rowers from Italy and Serbia. All three crews will qualify for the Olympic Games.

Savage could not contain her excitement after the race.

"The whole morning has been exciting, especially seeing the boys win despite having a reserve in the boat", Savage said. "I had a good start but the Serbian girl really put the pressure on and led most of the way."

"The last 500 metres I was going for it pretty hard but didn't feel as though I was moving anywhere. I think it is now more relief than anything."

