

# Ski cross at the double

**In for Oz, now Brits, Cassie Maher reports**

COMPETING in the Vancouver Winter Olympics has been 14 years in the making for Hawthorn's Sarah Sauvey.

And as ski cross makes its debut in the Olympics, so does Sauvey as the only Aussie, and Brit, ever to represent Britain in the sport at the Games.

Sauvey, who was born in Australia and produced the best-ever result for the green and gold in ski cross (12th in the World Championships in 2007), has dual citizenship and joined the British team in November 2007.

The 26-year-old spent two weeks in Calgary at the British pre-Games camp and arrived at the Olympic Village last Tuesday.

Sauvey, who is studying a degree in multimedia (business marketing) at Swinburne University, said she hoped for a top 16 finish.

"I believe this is possible," she said. "However, given the nature of the sport, anyone can win, and it is possible to pull a 'Bradbury'."

Sauvey said she loved the



Winter Olympian Sarah Sauvey, of Hawthorn, in action above, and, at right, in her British team colours. She has dual citizenship and has competed for Australia.

"adrenalin, competitiveness and craziness" of ski cross.

"It takes a lot of commitment and sacrifice to reach the elite level, just like any other sport," she said.

"It is a long, tough journey, but the destination is spectacular."

Sauvey leaves Vancouver on March 1 before flying to Sweden for the next World Cup contest.



## In Brief

### Restaurant licensed

ANOTHER Boroondara restaurant in the city's dry area has been granted a liquor licence. Boroondara Council gave Triple King Chinese Restaurant in Surrey Hills the go-ahead last week. Two weeks ago the council decided to review the dry area rules, established in 1920, following the approval of three separate applications.

### Ex-Cottages next step

STAGE 3 of the former Kew Cottages site is about to begin. An application is with Heritage Victoria to develop 12 dwellings and restore several buildings for use as a kiosk/cafe, medical centre and community centre. Removal of some heritage-registered trees is also sought. To view plans and make a submission, go to [heritage.vic.gov.au](http://heritage.vic.gov.au) or call 8644 8800.

### U3A courses offer

UNIVERSITY of the Third Age (U3A) in Deepdene seeks new members to sign up for courses beginning this week, for older residents of Balwyn, Balwyn North, Kew, Kew East and Deepdene. Call 9817 7736 on Monday, Wednesday or Friday.