

Terenzo's race to fame

by Josinta Tillett

Terenzo Bozzone's goal is to be the best triathlete in the world. He's well on the way with numerous national and international titles under his belt — and some fame to boot.

Bozzone balances hard training with charity work, studying physiotherapy at AUT and a social life. But he knows how to manage his time.

"Every minute has to be productive. You have to have a balance and make chill-out time."

Bozzone began his sporting career by swimming competitively and soon moved on to triathlons and duathlons. He has around 22 national titles in cycling, swimming, athletics and multi-sport events.

While at school, he won Rangitoto College's Sportsman of the Year award three years in a row and in 2002 he picked up the Sporting Excellence Trophy at the North Harbour Sports Awards.

He has four world titles to his name and is the first person to simultaneously hold the World Junior titles for both triathlon (2002 and 2003) and duathlon (2001 and 2002).

Earlier this year in Australia he won both the U23 Oceania Championship and the junior men's Trans-Tasman Challenge.

Bozzone was born in South Africa on March 1, 1985. His family moved to New Zealand when he was 10 but he says he feels like he was born here.

The North Shore teenager trains two or three times a day, seven days a week and can often be seen running along the Shore streets.

He manages such an intense training schedule because he loves it, but also says that his supporters are a big factor in



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TERENZO BOZZONE: The world champion athlete and *Celebrity Treasure Island* star is on his way to sporting and celebrity fame.

what keeps him going.

"Knowing people out there are supporting you, everyone's behind you 100%. You don't want to let them down."

He says his biggest supporters are his parents.

"Not a day goes by that they won't help me out as much as they can," he says.

While his mum is good for getting him out of bed on his off days Bozzone says you've got to want it for yourself.

"If you don't, no-one can push you."

Former training mate Duncan Robinson says Bozzone was always the type of person who was motivated in training.

"He'd go hard out and get the guys to go 100%," Robinson says.

"I think he's into training with other people. He's into the social side of things."

Robinson has no doubts that the 19-year-old will achieve great things in his life.

"I think he will do extremely well at the Olympics and in all aspects of his life."

Bozzone supports various charities and, together with friend Cameron Calkoen, is an ambassador for Youthline's 'What's Up' counselling service.

He says this is important, especially on the North Shore, because New Zealand has a high youth suicide rate.

"Everyone deserves to live to the full. 'What's Up' takes a dif-

ferent perspective on things."

He has travelled to Italy and discovered his family roots but Bozzone says New Zealand is his favourite place.

"I'd definitely choose New Zealand for the people, the great environment and the good life."

A stint on TV2's *Celebrity Treasure Island* has raised Bozzone's profile, which he finds amusing.

"It's crazy. I never thought I'd be that well known."

Number seven for veteran Olympic commentator

by Michael Barrett

Famous for his encyclopaedic knowledge of rugby union, New Zealand commentator Keith Quinn is also unrivalled in first-hand experience at the greatest of all sporting events — the Olympic Games.

Over 32 years Quinn has attended seven Olympic Games as a commentator, including last month's games in Athens.

While Quinn was concerned with the threats of terrorism leading up to the Athens Games, he says the threat of danger has hung over every Olympics.

It was at his first Games, Munich in 1972, that security concerns were first highlighted.

Quinn, as a "bright eyed and bushy tailed reporter", saw first hand the tragedy as the Black September terror group killed two Israeli athletes at the village and then took several others hostage.

A shootout at the airport ensued after negotiations broke down, and many lives were lost.

Security at the Olympics has

never been the same since, says Quinn

"Munich security was a giggle. In one instance the Germans issued a security pass to a little dog. Everyone laughed, it was a great joke. There was no concept of danger at that time."

One night, returning to the village after a couple of ales, Quinn was given a leg over the six-foot fence surrounding the Olympic village from a mate.

"Imagine that happening today, with the razor wire and armed guards."

"But from Munich came the forerunner to the security we see today, which is an impasse for the athletes, officials, media and public."

Since Munich, there has been a fear of terrorism at every Olympics for a range of reasons, says Quinn.

At the 1984 Los Angeles Games it was in response to the previous boycott of the Moscow Olympics.

At the 1988 Seoul Olympics the threat was from North Korea, which had promised a

missile attack for the opening ceremony.

Quinn says with the furore surrounding the Seoul Games he wrote a farewell letter to his wife and children, which he still has, unopened.

But it hasn't all been doom and gloom.

The Munich Olympics, even with the pall of hostage taking and terrorism hanging over it, was positive for Quinn's work.

"A sports jock reporter was able to report breaking news home over the radio. This was a good starting point for my career."

Looking back, Quinn cites the Sydney Games as his Olympic highlight.

"It was very comfortable for a Kiwi to be there. It was down-under and in our time zone, so we were broadcasting knowing everyone could see it. It was well organised and friendly."

"IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch said at the time, 'These were the best games ever,' and I agree with him entirely."

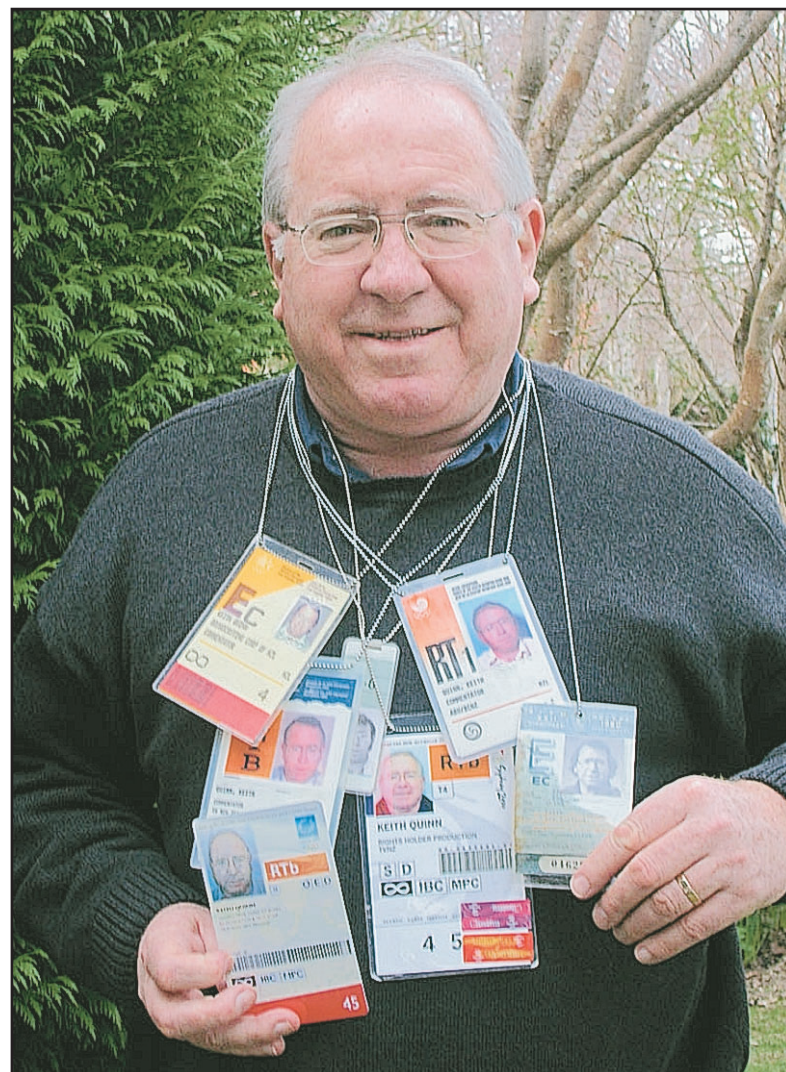


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KEITH QUINN: Legendary sports commentator.