

= Marty Mayberry =

Marty Mayberry (born 9 February 1986) is a double leg amputee LW3 classified Paralympic alpine skier from Australia . He lost both legs after contracting meningococcal disease when he was sixteen years old . His experiences led him to study medicine , and he attended Griffith University and the University of Sydney where he pursued health science courses . Beyond the classroom , he has written a paper on Meningococcal disease , worked part @-@ time on research about the disease , and talked about his experiences at a conference . While at a music festival , he met his future wife whom he married in June 2010 .

Having started out as an able @-@ bodied skier , Mayberry took up the disability sport . He made his national team debut in 2005 , and went on to represent Australia at the 2006 Winter Paralympics the following year , when he did not medal . With the aid of a prosthesis , adjustments were made to his skiing legs , and he competed in several skiing competitions during 2007 , 2008 and 2009 . He was selected for the Australian 2010 Winter Paralympics team at a ceremony in Canberra in November 2009 . Between then and the start of the Games , he participated in a few more competitions , including one where he picked up a gold medal , and participated in a national team training camp . He was selected as Australia 's flag bearer for the opening ceremony . In competition , he earned a silver medal in the men 's downhill standing event , finished 24th in the Super @-@ G , was disqualified from the slalom , and failed to finish in the giant slalom . Following the games , he retired from skiing .

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Mayberry was born on 9 February 1986 , and grew up in Byron Bay , New South Wales , where he attended Byron Bay High School . By 2009 , he resided in Queensland , and was living in Yeerongpilly , Queensland by 2010 . In June 2010 , he married. a woman he met at a music festival .

Following a high school ski trip when he was in year 11 , Mayberry contracted meningococcal disease at the age of 16 , and this resulted in double below the knee amputations . He was in a coma for two weeks as a result of the disease , and , when he woke up at [[Lismore Base

Hospital]] , learned his legs had been amputated . One of the things that motivated him to keep going during rehabilitation was the opportunity for sports .

Mayberry studied health sciences at Griffith University , and medicine at the University of Sydney . He went into medicine partly because of his illness during high school . He relocated to Sydney with his fiance to do so not long before the start of the 2009 ? 2010 ski season . In August 2010 , he was the opening speaker at the Amanda Young Foundation Meningococcal Conference , and in 2010 and 2011 , worked part @-@ time at the Kids Research Institute at the Children 's Hospital at Westmead , where he was in contact with " Robert Booy in his research on the psycho @-@ social impact of meningococcal B on families . " He wrote up his experiences in dealing with meningococcal infection in the Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health .

He lives by Gandhi 's quote " Be the change you want to see in the world " .

= = Skiing = =

Mayberry is an LW3 classified skier who competes in standing events using a pair of artificial legs . Prior to contracting meningococcal , he was involved with skiing . He was back to competing at it on the disability side by 2004 . When fully kitted out , he looks like an able @-@ bodied skier , and is capable of skiing faster than 110 kilometres per hour (68 mph) . He received support for his skiing from the Australian Institute of Sport , New South Wales Institute of Sport and the Australian Government Sports Training Grants program .

Mayberry has won medals at IPC Alpine Skiing World Cup events and the Paralympic Games . He made his Australian national team debut in 2005 at the European Cup Finals , and went on to represent Australia the following year at the 2006 Torino Games where he failed to medal in the four

men's standing events he competed in . He finished 33rd in the downhill , 21st in the Giant Slalom , 19th in the Slalom and did not finish in the Super G. Mayberry attributed his poor performance at the 2006 Games to his prosthetic legs , which " just didn 't feel right during the speed events in Italy . " Following those Games , he worked with prosthetist Peter Farrand to develop new legs that would address the problems in Italy . Continuing to ski following the 2006 Games , he earned a gold medal at a World Cup event in 2007 in Slalom , and earned a bronze medal in slalom event at a 2008 World Cup competition .

During Australia 's 2009 ? 2010 summer , Mayberry was based in Europe and North America for training . At the 2009 World Championships , he had a pair of sixth places finished in the Super G and downhill events . That year , at a Spanish hosted IPC World Cup , he crashed in the giant slalom event and did not score a time . He was officially named to the Australian 2010 Winter Paralympics team in November 2009 . A ceremony was held in Canberra with Australian Paralympic Committee president Greg Hartung and Minister for Sport Kate Ellis making the announcement . Mayberry was selected to the largest Winter Paralympics team that Australia had ever sent to the Games .

In 2010 , he was the only elite skier with his type of disability in his classification . At the second to last World Cup event before the 2010 Games , on a course in Vancouver , Canada , he won a silver medal in the downhill with a time of 1 : 16 @. @ 02 . In Aspen , Colorado , at the last World Cup event before the 2010 Games , he won a gold medal in the downhill event . Prior to the start of the Games , he participated in a national team training camp in Vail , Colorado before the Aspen hosted World Cup . He and the rest of Australia 's para @-@ alpine team arrived in the Paralympic village on 9 March 2010 .

As a 24 @-@ year @-@ old , Mayberry competed in five events in the 2010 Paralympic games : downhill , super G , super combined , giant slalom , and slalom . His parents were in Vancouver to watch him compete . Mayberry won a silver medal in the men 's standing downhill event where he tied with another skier , and had a combined time of 1 : 22 @. @ 78 He finished 24th in the Super @-@ G , was disqualified from the slalom event after missing a gate , and did not finish in the Giant Slalom . Following the Games , he returned with the team to Sydney , where he attended a press conference at Sydney International Airport . He won an Australian Institute of Sport Sport Achievement Award in 2010 . By September 2010 , he had retired from elite skiing , one of several 2010 Winter Paralympic skiers to retire following the games . Others who retired at the same time he did included Shannon Dallas and Bart Bunting .