



Tamsyn takes world championships by storm

NEWLY crowned world champion Tamsyn Lewis was last night back running the streets of Valencia in Spain declaring she has unfinished business in Beijing.

After her stunning victory in the 800m at the world indoor championships, the 29-year-old — who will spend a lot of time in Darwin this year to be with her boyfriend South Australian cricketer Graham Manou, who is relocating to the Top End — resisted the temptation to celebrate too much and, instead, resumed her training program. "I was on cloud nine and I still can't believe what happened in the final but I just wanted to soak it up and then get back to the

job of preparing for Beijing," Lewis told the *Northern Territory News*.

"I was drained at the end of the day and was physically and mentally exhausted, so alcohol was off limits. I intend having a sleep and then go for a good hitout in the morning because the main event still awaits in five months."

Lewis will arrive in Melbourne on Thursday morning to resume her buildup for Beijing.

She intends returning to Spain for training and is expected to finalise her buildup to the Games in Darwin in July.

Lewis's upstaged some of the events biggest names including Mozambique superstar Maria

Mutola, who finished third in Valencia, while Ukraine's Tetiana Petlyuk was second.

"All the way around, all I kept saying to myself is 'oh my God, oh my God' because I knew I had an opportunity," Lewis said.

"I crossed the line and just couldn't believe it and I was shellshocked. I was stunned and so emotional and right now I still can't believe it."

While the time of 2min 2.52sec was well outside the world record, it was a major psychological boost for Lewis ahead of Beijing.

Her Olympic aims could now include a possible podium finish.



'OH MY GOD': Tamsyn Lewis (left) looks shocked as she crosses the line to win the 800m indoor world championship gold medal