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Barty and Alcott worthy Aussie champions at Roland Garros

Minister for Sport Senator Richard Colbeck has congratulated Ash Barty and Dylan Alcott on their stunning efforts at Roland Garros.

“Ash Barty and Dylan Alcott have demonstrated the best of the Australian sporting character with their hard work, determination and sportsmanship at the French Open.

“Ash and Dylan are both worthy champions and I congratulate them both for what is an extraordinary result for Australia.”

Ash Barty defeated the Czech Republic’s Marketa Vondrousova overnight 6-1, 6-3 to reach the ranking of number 2 in the world ahead of Wimbledon in July.

Dylan Alcott defeated the United States’ David Wagner 6-2, 4-6, 6-2 to record his eighth Grand Slam Singles win.

“Ash Barty is the first Australian woman to win the French open since Margaret Court and follows in the footsteps of Evonne Goolagong Cawley as one of Australia’s greatest ever indigenous tennis players.

“Dylan Alcott has proven himself master of men’s singles wheelchair tennis and has become the inaugural French Open Quad Wheelchair Champion.

“I also congratulate their opponents, Marketa Vondrousova and the great David Wagner, on their achievement to make the final at Roland Garros.

“Ash Barty and Dylan Alcott have shown they are also true ambassadors for their sport and Australia, sports fans across the country will celebrate with them.”

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