



MEMBERS FORUM
3 December 2016
VICDEAF JML CENTRE
1.00PM TO 4.00PM
Attendees as per the DSA AGM roll call

The Forum was captioned by Ai Media

The following is a brief outline of the presentations, discussions and outcomes during the day's procedures:

A. Membership Structure

- Insurance cover for NDSCs and SDSOs
- Membership affiliation process – is still a work in progress from specific state sporting bodies to the SDSO and to the NDSC
- Financial reporting by the NDSC to DSA – reports, GST, BAS
- The provision of FAQ's – will be on the DSA website
- DSA / NDSC MOU – obligations
- Necessity of a national database
- Need for all SDSOs to work together and learn from each other

B. 2018 Australian Deaf Games

- GOC – make up and responsibilities
- DSA / NDSC MOUs – obligations, responsibilities of the sports convenor, working with the Games sports coordinators
- Program schedule – events and social program
- Critical time lines
- JML work in progress

C. 2017 Deaflympics

- Training camp
- Preparation of the team
- Team costs

D. NSW Deaf Sports Committee – a case study

- Discussion on new funding, new website, relationship with State Deaf Sports groups
- Working with Athletics NSW – registered as a club

- Committee make up
- Relationship with the Deaf Society
- Development of the Active Deaf brand

D. Members Feedback

- Focus on present and future
- SDSOs – need to be relevant
- SDSO's – need to run community forums for all their State Sporting groups as well as parents and teachers
- DSA needs to arrange a SDSO forum to share information and experiences, have each State Member working on the same page. Ensure each State body has an aligned strategic plan – connects to DSA
- Set achievable priorities, communicate these to the Members – have a consistent vision
- 2022 ADG will be in regional NSW – supported by Destinations NSW
- Need to develop hearing coaches who have an understanding and appreciation of deaf culture and inclusive practices
- Look at migrant population
- Youth is the future

E. DSA Sports Awards

The following awards were presented during the day's proceedings:

Male Athlete of the Year: Sam Cartledge

Female Athlete of the Year: Melinda Vernon and Tiffany Brodie

Team of the Year: AUS Deaf Women's Bowls Team

Organisation of the Year: Conexu Foundation

Volunteer of the Year: Johanna Plante

Media Award: ABC TV Tasmania

Rising Young Star Award: Brooke King