

## Superstar Swimmer Sam Hauls In Medals

Swimming Australia hosted the National Age Championships in Adelaide and it included the Multi-Class events in its program for the first time this year. This enables swimmers with a disability to have a clear pathway from age group to open nationals and also to acquire race practice and experience for the upcoming National Open Championships.

Two young boys took part in the Nationals Age Multi-Class Championships in the 11-14yo age group. A 13yo Samuel Greatorex (VIC) had a successful meet winning 6 medals (assorted colours) and broke 6 Australian Age Records (13/u) for S15 (deaf/hearing impairment classification). Ben Robins, 12yo from NSW, was one of the youngest swimmers in his age group and learnt a lot from the meet despite a back injury acquired a few days prior to the meet.

A 14yo Paralympian swimmer, Maddison Elliott who has moderate hearing impairment, did well breaking a couple of world records for her physical disability classification (S8) and collected a swag of medals and several Australian Age and Open Records.

### ENERGY-AUSTRALIA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Adelaide will see a large number of swimmers taking part in the National Open Championships from 26 April to 3 May. Several elite swimmers and Deaflympians will show-cast their racing talent in the pool: Teneale Houghton (NSW), Julia Algie (QLD), Craig Morgan (NSW), Michael Anderson (QLD) and Teigan Van Roosmalen (NSW). Monique Beckwith (VIC) is focusing on rehabilitation due to fractured leg hence unavailable to swim in the Nationals (both age and open) unfortunately. The nationals

will be used as a selection trial for the Australian Team to compete in the 2013 Deaflympic Games, to be held in Bulgaria. For Michael (S10 physical impairment) and Teigan (S13 vision impairment), they are trying out for a spot in the Australian Team for the IPC World Championships, to be held in Canada. Good luck everyone!



### Australian Deaf Golf Championships

After Adam Scott's successful US Masters win, it is timely to head for the 21st Australian Deaf Golf Championships will be held in the beautiful surroundings of Meadow Springs in Perth, Western Australia.

With the likes of deaf golf Champions like Jack Besley and Jack McLeod it is a great opportunity to take part in the game of golf.

Further details including Entry forms can be accessed by viewing Deaf Golf Australia's website at:

[www.deafgolfaustralia.com.au](http://www.deafgolfaustralia.com.au)



## MANAGER'S MESSAGE



First of all, I am presenting this message on behalf of our President, David Peters.

The value of sport in Australia is enormous. Sport provides a platform for social change, it connects communities, it provides a sense of belonging and acceptance, it helps and contributes to a healthy well being and it can promote state and national pride.

Deaf Sports Australia (DSA) aims to achieve these outcomes and provide opportunities for all deaf and hard of hearing Australians. DSA wants to ensure individuals have a positive lasting experience when they participate in their chosen sport(s). In addition DSA wants to build on its capacity, capabilities and sustainability to ensure its strategic objectives are attained

Since our March edition Deaf Sports Australia via its Board and staff have been developing a number of initiatives. These include:

### 1. Governance

The Board conducted a Strategic Planning workshop over the 23 -24 March weekend in conjunction with its Board Meeting. The new ASC Governance Principles were used in developing the following:

- a new Strategic Plan and a new committee/portfolio structure that is aligned to the strategic outcomes. These documents are nearing completion and when they are adopted they will be forwarded out to Members for further feedback
- terms of references have been formulated detailing specific committee outcomes
- a new 2013/14 Operational Plan is also being finalised
- the new ASC Governance Principles were used in supporting our new direction.

As part of our commitment to transparency, the DSA Board Minutes will be included on the DSA website for viewing.

### 2. Relationship Building

Discussions are occurring with Bluearth Foundation, Deaf Children Australia, Deaf Forum, Aussie Deaf Kids, Cricket, Tennis, Basketball, Volleyball, Swimming, Athletics, Tenpin Bowling and Badminton on forging improved relationships.

Discussions have commenced with School Sport Australia on an encompassing Australian wide uniform policy of inclusion. This document will outline to schools and teachers compliances and requirements that are needed to a host regional, state and national School Sport Championships. This will cover equipment, classifications and communication check lists that will ensure all participants are included in the competition.

### 3. Active Deaf Kids Program

Irena Farinacci has been to Adelaide and Tasmania where over 60 primary school students have enjoyed participating and experiencing a number of sports. At these sport days parents and teachers have been requested to provide feedback on the new Active Deaf Kids program and Safety in Sports brochures. In addition at each city ongoing discussions have occurred with representatives from relevant State Government departments and local officials from the Active After Schools Communities program.

### 4. Australian Deaflympic Team (ADT)

As part of our fundraising commitment in assisting the ADT, we have contracted Little Star Australia to sell vouchers across eastern Australia at major shopping centres, businesses and residential properties.

### 5. Website

The DSA website has been updated with a number of changes to the home page with the inclusion of a Resources link, as well as a Calendar of Events.

A number of National Championships have occurred over the last month. Thank you to the volunteers and officials and congratulations to all the participants on your results.

Lastly the team has been finalised for this years Deaflympics in Sofia, Bulgaria. We wish all the participants the very best in their preparations for the event. We will include in next months news the names of the team members.

Garry West-Bail  
Manager

## Last chance to win a \$200 Rebel Sports Voucher

Deaf Sports Australia is seeking input for a new name for our eNews and we need your help. We would love to receive your suggestions.

We are looking for a title that represents deaf and hard of hearing people who are passionate about sports, as well as acknowledge those who have struggled to reach greater heights in their chosen sport.

The name of the eNews needs to be a short, catchy name for the newsletter, which should not be too long, not be registered or be a trademark or brand for any other person or entity or be the name of any other business or company.

In order to enter the competition, you will need to send us an email with a suggested name which the winner will be selected by the DSA Board. The DSA Board's decision will be final and binding. If two or more entrants submit the same winning entry, the first submission received will be the winner.

Please email your suggestions to Irena Farinacci at Deaf Sports Australia - irena.farinacci@deafsports.org.au by midnight AEST on 2nd May 2013.

Please note that all entries become our exclusive property and will not be acknowledged or returned. We assume no responsibility for lost, illegible, late, misdirected, stolen or incomplete entries

So put your thinking cap on and send in your bright ideas!

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## AUS Set for the Deaflympic Games

Given that the ICSD recently advised Deaf Sports Australia that the Men's Basketball team will not be included in the top 12, we now have 5 teams consisting of Athletics, Cycling, Swimming, Tenpin and Tennis.

The ADT Sub-Committee have been working hard to put together the teams so that all athletes and officials have the opportunity to participate at the upcoming Games. We are grateful for the patience of our athletes and officials despite the short notice and lack of regular information from the ICSD and Sofia Organising Committee.

Deaf Sports Australia has been actively lobbying the Federal and State Governments for assistance with funding as well as have contracted with Little Star to distribute and sell vouchers to fundraise for the ADT at many large shopping centres and private residences along the east coast of the country which will commence at the end of this month.

The ICSD also recently marked 100 days countdown to the Deaflympic Games with the release of their new website.

The new website is clear and colourful which also includes video information such as the Sports Program and Audiogram updates for the Games.

The website also contains comprehensive information about past Deaflympic Games, member countries as well as information about the ICSD and their Policies.

For more information about the Deaflympic Games, go to [www.deaflympics.com](http://www.deaflympics.com)

A link displaying the venue locations for the 2013 Deaflympic Games can be found here:

<http://goo.gl/maps/w5xLh2>

The Sports Programme for the Games is below for your information.

## 2013 National Deaf Athletics Championships

Deaf Sports Australia (DSA) together with Deaf Sports Recreation Queensland (DSRQ) will be hosting the 1st National Deaf Athletics Championships (NDAC) to be held in Brisbane on Saturday 5th October 2013 at the University of Queensland Athletics track from 9:00am until 4:00pm.

This event will provide an opportunity for many deaf and hard of hearing athletes to compete in a range of track and field disciplines, as well as meet new friends.

"Given that athletics is a popular choice for many deaf and hard of hearing participants in Queensland, Brisbane is the perfect city to kickstart the National Championships" says DSA Manager Garry West-Bail.

This event will also include the Active Deaf Kids program component for kids aged between 5 – 9 years where they will have the opportunity to take part in Mini Deaf Games athletics events.

The Registration Fees are:

- 5 – 9 years – Free
- 10 – 12 years - \$5.00
- 13 – 17 years - \$10.00
- 19+ years - \$20.00

The Canteen will be open and Sausage Sizzle provided on the day.

For further information regarding the event including the event flyer, Registration and Medical Form, please click on the link below

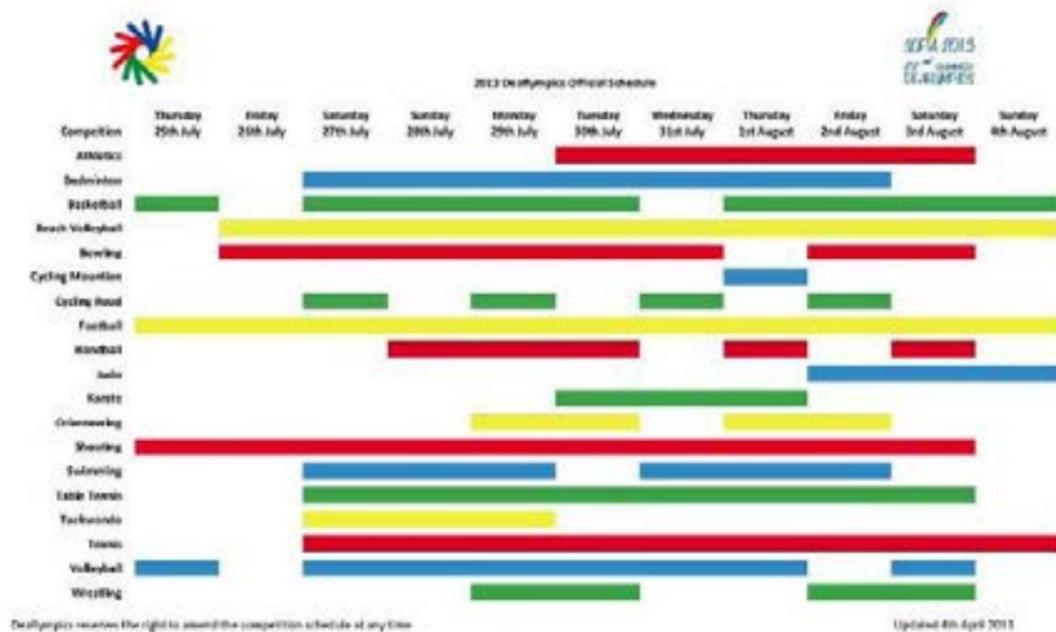
## 2013 National Deaf Athletics Championships

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## Rugby 7s' Cochlear Cup

For the first time in Canberra this event, and to mark the city's centenary the Aussie Silent Knights will take on the Kiwi Deaf Blacks in a Trans-Tasman Rugby clash for the Cochlear Cup.

Come and watch what will be a great display of rugby skill and passion as the Silent Knights defend their title and fight to the Cochlear Cup in Australia.

Deaf Rugby Australia's aim is to promote the rugby code for the hearing impaired within Australia and on an international level.

In October 2012 the Silent Knights travelled to Auckland to compete in a rugby Test match for the Cochlear Cup. The Cochlear Cup had been held by the Kiwi Deaf Blacks since 2003. The Silent Knights went into the contest as underdogs but with good

discipline and the Australian fighting spirit they emerged victors 22-20, bringing home the Cochlear Cup.

Details of the event:

Date: 13th October 2013

Where: Viking Park, McBryde Cres Wanniasa, Canberra

- \* Public transport is available
- \* General parking is available
- \* Disabled parking is available
- \* Disabled access is available

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[www.deafrugbyaustralia.com.au](http://www.deafrugbyaustralia.com.au)

# 2013 National Deaf Tennis Championships Wrap Up

Last weekend saw Australia's deaf tennis community converge on Adelaide during the 13th and 14th April for the 2013 National Deaf Tennis Championships and to celebrate the 80th anniversary of deaf tennis in Australia.

The competition took place under glorious sunny blue skies on the plexipave courts of the Peakeview Gardens Riverside Tennis Club with the round robin format guaranteeing all players several matches for each event.

In the Ladies Singles Carolyn Nixon (VIC) employed a great variety of shots to defeat Tracey Schirripa (SA) 6-2 6-1 in the final and claim her third Ladies Singles title. Meanwhile the Mens Singles saw Glen Flindell (VIC) extend his unbeaten streak to twelve years

by defeating John Lui (NSW) 6-1 6-3 to notch his sixth straight singles title.

For the first time in the tournament's history an Open Doubles event was held in place of the traditional Ladies and Mens Doubles events. This saw the tournament committee select the pairings to allow for a more level playing field with the stronger players being paired up with the social players and this entertaining round robin event was won by Tony Merchant (SA) and John Lui (NSW) with Carolyn Nixon (VIC) and Jamie Zafir (QLD) finishing runner up.

The Allen Mann Encouragement Award was presented to Cameron Hutchesson for displaying great sportsmanship and showing great potential and he promises to

be one of our more outstanding juniors in the years to come. Cameron was one of the many students who participated at DSA's first Active Deaf Kids program that was held in Adelaide last year.

DTA wishes to acknowledge the support it received from Tennis Australia including the provision of a tournament director and Deaf Sports Australia.

For more information go to [www.deaftennisaustralia.org](http://www.deaftennisaustralia.org)



Ladies' Singles Finals - Carolyn Nixon and Tracey Schirripa



Men's Singles Finals - Glen Flindell and John Lui



Open Doubles - Tony Merchant, John Lui, Jamie Zafir and Carolyn Nixon



Allen Mann Encouragement Award winner Cameron Hutchesson



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