



## Greetings from the DSA Office

Welcome to “Active Hands” our April 2014 Edition!

The DSA Board of Directors met on the 29th March with the following key developments being highlighted:



1. **Future Funding** – this area will cover our ongoing organizational funding from the Australian Sports Commission as well as a revamped Active Deaf Kids Program. The ADK model and the new ADK Strategic Plan 2014 - 2017 will still concentrate on multi sports days but the aim will be to work with a number of specific partners to ensure the children (and families) are aware of the pathways, bridges (to clubs) and choices that are available in pursuing the opportunity to play a sport(s). In addition partnerships with National Sporting Organisations will see continual roll out of inclusion / awareness programs.
2. **New Membership Structure** – discussions are ongoing with a number of sports. A working party has been formed to go through a number of issues.
3. **Board Evaluation** by Board Members has commenced together with a skills analysis that is aimed at developing a constructive succession plan for Board and staff members.
4. **2016 Australian Deaf Games** – the Game Organising Committee should be appointed by the end of the month. Currently in place is the Business Plan, Marketing Plan, Sport Agreement, Games Hub, central accommodation site and tentative bookings on a number of venues.
5. **Expressions of interests** will be forwarded to seek appointments for the Chef de Mission for the upcoming 2015 Asia Pacific Deaf games and the 2017 Deaflympics.
6. Investigations into **DSA bidding** for the 2019 Asia Pacific Deaf Games have commenced.
7. The **DSA website** has been updated to ensure an improved communication vehicle is available to the community.

During the meeting the Board accepted Brent Phillips resignation which was received a couple of days prior to the meeting. Unforeseen but understood Brent’s priorities to his new family, studies and to his work has meant that he is now unable to commit the time and energy to the DSA Board. The following are a few of many highlights during Brent’s period on the DSA Board

- Served seven years as President of DSA which included the successful ADG in Geelong and the Gold Coast, the commencement of the ADK program and the attendance of teams at a number of International events;
- Introduced a successful bid process for the Australian Deaf Games;
- The development of a number of successful partnerships within the deaf and sporting industries;
- That during this time he attended 67 Board Meetings!

We thank Brent for his commitment and support to Deaf Sports Australia over a nine year period and wish him and the family the very best for the future.

All the best.

Garry West-Bail, General Manager

## AUS Deaf Golf Team Announcement

Deaf Golf Australia are pleased to announce the Australian Team to attend the 2014 World Deaf Golf Championships at Grand Traverse Resort, Michigan, USA on 12-18 July 2014, (website [www.wdgc2014.com](http://www.wdgc2014.com)), as follows:



### Mens Team (Current Men's Teams Champions)

- Jack McLeod - Bonnie Doon GC (NSW) – Current Australian / World Deaf Golf Champion - Handicap +2
- Jack Besley – Southern GC (Vic) – Handicap + 1
- Luke Ellis – Pymble GC (NSW) – Handicap 1
- Mark Aird – Oxley GC (Qld) – Handicap 5
- Andrew Honeysett – Kogarah GC (NSW) – Handicap 5
- Craig Douglas – Wallacia Panthers GC (NSW) – Handicap 6

### Ladies Team

- Chanteel Greaves – Dunedoo GC (NSW) – Handicap 11
- Jennifer Maric – Oxley GC (Qld) – Handicap 14
- Therese Pierce – Riversdale GC (Vic) – Handicap 21

### Seniors Team

- Tony Klimek – Western Australian GC (WA) – Handicap 7
- Wayne Parsons – Biloela GC (Qld) – Handicap 10
- Kevin Hayden – Jondalee GC (Qld) – Handicap 12

### Team Manager

- Wendy Home – Queensland

The Australian Team has a proven recent record at these World Deaf Golf Championships, with the Mens Team winning the 2012 WDGC Individual and Team tournaments, the Ladies Team being runners up in the Teams Championship, and the Seniors 4th overall in the Teams Championship. We look forward to attending the 2014 World Deaf Golf Championships to defend these trophies.

Deaf Golf Australia would like to thank Cochlear and Australian Communication Exchange for their support.

## Australian Swimming Championships

Swimming Australia recently held its 2014 Australian Swimming Championships in Brisbane. The meet produced some exciting finds and good performance by the following swimmers:

- Three-times Deaflympian, Teneale Houghton (NSW 22yo) was very happy with her swims and reached six finals. She had her 5 secs of fame by “photobombing” the Channel ONE commentators.
- Former Deaf World Record holder, Michael Anderson (QLD S10 physical classification) showed his dominance in the backstroke events by winning a gold and a silver medal. His times were commendable thus earning a spot in the Australian Team for the Para Pan Pacific Championships.

· 15yo sprinter, Maddison Elliott (NSW S8 physical classification and has moderate hearing loss) had a big meet with eight events. She won 1 gold and 3 bronze medals, broke a world record in S8 physical classification and also a spot in the Australian Team for the Commonwealth Games and Para Pan Pacific Championships.

· Brenden Hall, 20yo, (QLD S9 physical classification and has moderate hearing loss), won a swag of medals: 1 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze. His passport will be heavily used with his travels over the next few months to Europe and USA for the Commonwealth Games and Para Pan Pacific Championships.

Next exciting event coming up: 2014 Australian Age Swimming Championships and it will be held at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre from 14 - 21 April. You are welcome to cheer young swimmers on Easter Sunday and Easter Monday either 10am session or 4pm session. For more information about the event, click [here](#).

## Positions available - Chef de Mission

Deaf Sports Australia is looking for two Chef de Missions to manage the Australian Deaf Sports Team attending the 8th Asia Pacific Games for the Deaf being held in Taiwan from 3 - 11 October 2015, and the 2017 Deaflympic Games being held in Samsun, Turkey.

For more information about the position, please [click](#) here to download.

## Thank you Llewellyn Communications

Deaf Sports Australia Board and Staff would like to warmly thank Llewellyn Communications for their support and advice over the past many months.

Lisa Llewellyn and her team have been good teachers and supporters in assisting DSA with marketing advice and strategies.



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