



Special Halloween Edition!



Declan's On The Go!

Deaf Sports Australia had the opportunity to interview high achiever, Declan Campion. Declan has been competing at track and field events and is determined to become a Deaflympian.

1. When did you first compete in track and field events? And why?

I have competed in athletics since I first started school. I really enjoy the competition plus I find it lots of fun – I like the rush of competing in all sports.

2. Who are your role models?

My AFL football coach Mark Eyers who has helped me believe that I can do anything any able bodied footballer can & has pushed me to be the best I can be. Receiving the Best & Fairest award this year & Most Valuable Player last year made me aware of what I can do if I believe in myself.

Gary Ablett (AFL) has been my idol since I first started football (even after he left my beloved Geelong Cats). He is a brilliant athlete but still very grounded & humble. I liked him so much that when I was 6 I insisted on being called Gary & would not answer to anything else for approximately 6 months – my teachers were very confused & concerned – haha!!



3. What is your pre-competition routine? For eg. Do you like listening to music stretching, et cetera?

My pre-competition/game routine is not very strict however I do like to get a good night's sleep & just before I start like to listen to motivational music such as "Superheroes" & "Hall of Fame" by The Script.

4. What are your future goals?

I would like to be a professional athlete one way or another. My true love is AFL & I would love to

make it my career but I love sport in general so if the opportunity came up to do any sport professionally I would jump at the opportunity. I see myself as one day working with young para athletes in sport with a coaching or mentoring role – helping them to push the boundaries & be the best they can be while really enjoying their sport.

5. What is your advice to other budding deaf and hard of hearing sports participants?

Set goals & don't let anyone tell you that you "can't" do something. Believe in yourself & work hard, be humble, make friends & don't ever use your hearing as an excuse not to have a go rather use it as a reason to drive yourself harder & to prove the doubters wrong.

Deaf Sports Australia wishes Declan all the best on his aspirations. Declan's latest achievements was also posted in the recent edition of [The Border News](#)

Want to Play Tennis?



Playing tennis is great fun for all ages. A Family Tennis Day at Baxter Tennis Club will be held on 30 November 2014, and this will offer first timers coaching with the support of qualified coaches and match play for experience players.

It is a great sporting opportunity for children and young people to develop tennis skills and compete in a round robin trophy tournament. It's going to be a fun and social day out for deaf and hearing players of all ages and abilities. This 'ACE' activity is made possible with the support of Thrupp Tennis, Baxter Tennis Club and Deaf Tennis Australia.

LOCATION: Baxter Tennis Club, Entrance Frankston – Flinders Road, Baxter (Take South Frankston Exit off the Peninsula Link Freeway.)

TIME: 10.30 – 2.30pm

COST: \$15 per participant (Adults are free)

AGES: All Ages. To register, contact Pete Folan via email recreation@deafchildren.org.au

DSA Annual General Meeting

Deaf Sports Australia will be hosting their Annual General Meeting on Saturday 29th November to be held at DCSSA House at Modbury starting at 9:30am.

The address of the venue is, 23 – 25 Famechon Crescent Modbury North Adelaide, SA. Anyone with an interest in deaf sports is welcome to the AGM.

Following the Annual General Meeting, workshops for our State and Deaf Sports organisations will be held. The workshops will only be for members as no observers will be allowed.

DSA will also be hosting a dinner at The Cumby Hotel, 205 Waymouth Street, Adelaide, that evening starting at 7:30pm. Dinner costs will be at individual's own expense. All is welcome.

For more information about the AGM please email DSA General Manager, Garry West-Bail,

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Deaflympians Reunion and Sports Awards

The month of January 2015 will mark the 10 year anniversary since the 2005 Deaflympic Games were held in Melbourne. Deaf Sports Australia will be hosting a Deaflympians Reunion and Sports Awards to commemorate this event.

All Deaflympians including their families, partners, friends and colleagues are invited to celebrate this special occasion. All M2005 Staff and Volunteers who took part in ensuring the Melbourne Games were one of the best are also invited.

The Deaflympians Reunion and Sports Awards will be held at Bell City in the East Wing Room on Saturday 7th February 2015 in Preston, Melbourne.

Light and hearty roving dining will be provided throughout the evening and beverages can be purchased at bar price. We will also have presentations and Guest Speakers.

Bell City is also a premier accommodation facility especially for those travelling from interstate for the event. Bell City have offered our potential guests discounted accommodation.

For more information including the flyer, ticket order form and accommodation offer details, click on the link below:

Deaflympians Reunion & Sports Awards

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