



## Greetings from the President

We are very excited that on 15 October at 9.00AM the launch and opening of the "Australians at the Deaflympics" display cabinet at the National Sports Museum at the MCG in Melbourne will occur. After many months of planning, good work by our selection committee and led by the hard working staff at the NSM, the cabinet will open to the public for the next 12 months. It will display a rich Deaflympic history that will include medals, torches, lights and uniforms that have been loaned to the NSM by a number of successful athletes. In addition there will be a video, audio and text presentation via the Conexu app that will showcase various stories and historical happenings throughout the Deaflympic Games.

The display will be open to the public from 10.00AM on 15 October.

DSA will be hosting a Board meeting in Brisbane for the first time in October. A few days after this meeting, some of the Board members will be attending the Parliamentarians Dinner at Parliament House in Canberra, where we will be meeting several Ministers of Parliament including key sports people about Deaf Sports Australia's programs.

In this edition, is an update from Bryn Davies, our Chef de Mission who has been working hard in supporting the Australian Deaf Sports Team with their preparations for the upcoming Asia Pacific Games for the Deaf to be held in Taiwan.

On behalf of the DSA Board, staff and members, we wish the Australian team and our Chef de Mission, Bryn Davies all the best at the forthcoming Asia Pacific Deaf Games in Taoyuan, Taiwan. Do your best and do us proud but most importantly enjoy the experience!

**Best wishes, Phil Harper, President**

## The countdown is on!

It is now just over 2 weeks to go until the Opening Ceremony of the 8th Asia Pacific Deaf Games, and the 2015 Australian Deaf Sports Team (ADST) are eagerly anticipating this day, having prepared for the APDG for well over 12 months.

The 50- strong ADST, led by Bryn Davies, Chef De Mission, will represent Australia in 6 sports over the APDG - Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Cycling, Football and Tennis. We



have medal hopes in the following sports - Basketball, Cycling and Tennis while other sports are attending their first Asia Pacific Deaf Games and hope to surprise with their results. Basketball and Football in particular, being team sports, seeking qualification for the 2017 Deaflympics - Deaf Sports Australia and Bryn have strong belief that both teams can achieve this.

In terms of state representation, the majority of the team come from NSW (27) and VIC (16), while we also have representatives from QLD (4), SA (1) and WA (1). There are 35 athletes, and 15 officials. There is one interpreter, and three medical staff available to the team throughout the Games.

The majority of the team will depart our shores on 29th September and enjoy a few days of acclimatisation in the Taoyuan weather, which is expected to average around the 27-29C mark over the Games - no doubt a bit of a change from our recently concluded winter!

In this day and age of instant communication and whiz-bang technology, there will be daily video updates available through the new ADST TeamApp, which was launched 2 weeks ago. All results and updates will be posted on this TeamApp, as well as daily video updates being posted on the Deaf Sports Australia Facebook page. The TeamApp can be downloaded from [Google Play](#) and [iTunes](#) for free - once downloaded you need to search 'Australian Deaf Sports Team' and select this to be able to access content, which will include results, photos from team members, a place where you can post messages of support, and profiles of all the team members.

***Cheers, Bryn Davies, Chef de Mission***

## 100 days until the Australian Deaf Games open!

With just over 100 days to go to the start of the 2016 Australian Deaf Games, things are starting to hot up in Adelaide – and it's not just the weather!! The 2016 Adelaide Deaf Games has already set a new Games record – to date more than 130 Volunteers from all over Australia have put up their hands to join the Games team, and applications are still coming in.

Deaf Sports Australia has recently clarified the rules about how State teams can be set up and the number of Team members that need to live in the State – and this has given a big boost to States and individuals wishing to participate in team sports. So as the 30 September 2015 deadline for Team registrations approaches, many more teams are expected to register and bolster their State's chances of winning the coveted Australian Deaf Sports Federation Cup (the JML Cup).

The “Something for Everyone” Games Social/Cultural Program has recently been posted on the 2016 ADG Website, with highlights such as an international Deaf Comedian, venue visits and tours around Adelaide, a fun Deaf Quiz night and the Active Deaf Kids Mini Games!

For the first time ever a special social/recreational area, complete with café and bar – “The Hub Hangout” – is being set up at the Games Hub. This will be the perfect place for everyone to relax and chat, play cards, board games, table tennis and carpet bowls, catch up with old friends and meet new faces.

And for those still left standing after a huge week of sporting and social festivities, there's the



“Grande Finale” of the Games – the “Game Over” Party – where everyone can farewell the 2016 Adelaide Games with old friends and new into the wee hours of the morning!

***Cheers, Johanna Plante, Chairperson 2016 ADGOC***

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