

Deaf Sports Australia E-News

Passion Through Sport



November 2009

Golf Special Edition

Athlete Profile - Linda Davis - Golf

1. You're a World Deaf Golf Champion, what inspired you to take up the sport?

I have won 3 world Deaf Ladies Golf Championship events and it is a wonderful feeling. My parents have been playing golf for many years and they inspired me to take up this difficult sport. Golf has many emotions in this sport which is giving me much pleasure and many great friendships.

2. Golf is increasingly becoming a popular sport, especially the fact that it is a male-dominated sport, how do you encourage other women to be involved as well?

With this sport it is increasing all the time, for women who have taken up the game I always encourage them to enjoy it and also take in the scenery. Women love our game of golf for the social side and increase their friendship with golfers of any ability.

3. Having a hearing impairment growing up, how did you manage to communicate with people around you, especially the mainstream golfing community?

Joining Cromer Golf Club, Sydney at the age of 15, my parents encouraged me to join the club and meet other members. This was a great drill to build up my confidence and also develop my speech. When I was growing up I attended speech therapy and lip reading skills until I was 22. With all the hard work I put into with the help from my parents, families and friends I am able to speak and lip read well.

4. How did you feel when you qualified for World Deaf Golf Championships last year and describe what the Championships experience was like?

After winning back to back titles in Sweden 2004 and Canada 2006, I arrived in Joondalup, Perth last year with a goal to win the Championship with a Hat Trick. I succeeded, the championship was so close and the pressure was so overwhelming. An experience I will never forget and the ability to win. Whilst playing the championships I had my parents cheering me on and families & friends back home were supporting me. There were many times I thought about them, which encouraged me to believe in myself. I knew if I held my nerve and confidence there was a chance to win. Because all hearing aids and cochlear implants were removed in the championship I found it complete quiet. It had affected my balance and coordination.

5. What advice would you give to a young deaf athlete who wants to become a Golf Champion?

Respect the game, stick with your drills you are given by your coach or teacher, give it your best shot, be very patient, Do your homework. Enjoy it.

6. What are your goals for the next five years?

I am having a break for a couple of years and concentrating on my new career. I still continue to play the game with enjoyment.

David Peters Awarded ISCD Medal of Honour

The International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ISCD) have recognized David's tireless contribution and dedication to deaf sports. The ISCD awarded him with a Medal of Honour for his excellent achievements spanning over 30 years. David is the fourth Australian to receive the award, after John M. Lovett in 1993, Wendy Home in 1997 and Cindy-Lu Fitzpatrick in 2001.

David was also appointed as one of the eight Torchbearers at the recent 2009 Deaflympic Games that was held in Taipei, Taiwan.

David's first involvement with sports was humble, where he played football at his school, Victorian School for Deaf Children. He also enjoyed playing Cricket, Basketball and Squash.

David became involved with the Jolimont Deaf Basketball Club Committee at 18 years of age while he also played basketball at the same time. This was the start of his contribution to deaf sports where he became involved with Victorian Sports for the Deaf (now called Deaf Sports Recreation Victoria) and Deaf Sports Australia.

His experiences over the years saw him become the Sports and Venues Manager for the 2005 Deaflympic Games which was a very successful event that was held in Melbourne.

David mentioned that while he enjoyed playing sports, he mainly enjoyed being part of working with a team of athletes and people especially during his roles as Chef de Mission for the Australian Teams at the 1997, 2001 & 2009 Deaflympic Games.



DSA Staff Report



November has been a very hectic month for Deaf Sports Australia with our 2009 Annual General Meeting, workshops and Sports Awards Dinner being held on the weekend of 14 - 15 November. The weekend was a great success and valuable opportunity for the leaders in the deaf sports community to get together and discuss the achievements of the last 12 months, and more importantly tackle some key issues facing deaf sports in the future.

For the first time in a number of years DSA Patron and arguably Australia's highest profile sport's official Kevan Gosper AO delivered a passionate address at the AGM about his involvement in deaf sports, friendship with the late John Lovett, how he managed his hearing loss in one of his ears, and his thoughts on the direction of DSA.

At the AGM Richard Pearce and David Peters were again re-appointed to the DSA Board and they were joined by new Board Member Sonia Heath who brings in a wealth of experience to DSA as she is a former Olympian athlete, who participated in the Rowing competition at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, currently holds a senior position as media advisor to the leader of the National Party in Victoria and she has a deaf sister.

Richard in particular through his work on the 2012 Australian Deaf Games and David in his role as finance director and Australian Deaflympic Team Chef De Mission have made enormous contributions to DSA over the last 12 months and we are fortunate to have them back on board.

DSA welcomes Sonia and it is a coup to be able to secure someone of her talent and experience to the DSA Board. You will see a feature on Sonia in next month's e-news and I am sure you will all join with me and give Sonia a very warm welcome into the deaf sports community.

The central topics discussed during the weekend were Membership Benefits and Obligations and Athlete Eligibility Policy. The discussion on the Athlete Eligibility Policy stimulated vigorous debate and further information on the newly adopted policy can be found in this month's e-news.

The 2009 DSA Sports Awards Dinner was a fantastic opportunity for the deaf sports community to kick their heels up and enjoy a night of entertainment and recognize the outstanding achievements of the last 12 months. The worthy award winners on the night were:

- Male Athlete of the year - Denver Magnusson
- Female Athlete of the year - Melinda Vernon
- Organisation of the year - Deaf Netball Victoria
- Volunteers of the year - 2008 WDGC Championship
- Media Award - Golf Australia

November was also a momentous month for DSA with the announcement of Geelong as the host city for the 2012 Australian Deaf Games. This announcement has been eagerly anticipated and marks the conclusion of a rigorous host city selection process over the last 12 months. Geelong is a fantastic city with proven major sport experience and infrastructure and I am sure it will be able to deliver a memorable experience for all involved. Already the buzz in the deaf community has been very positive and the hard work now falls back to DSA and Members of the Games Organising Committee to do the hard work to stage the games. A big thank you goes to Richard Pearce, Pete Folan, Garry Kerridge and Cathy Ebert for their outstanding work in selecting the host city.

In this month's e-news the spotlight turns to Golf, traditionally one of the most participated sports in the deaf community. Over the years there have been many outstanding deaf golfers and we currently have the world champions in both male (Denver Magnusson) and female (Linda Davis) competition. I hope you enjoy reading about the sport and encourage you to contact DSA if you want to find out more information about this great sport.

You will note that there is no President's report in this month's e-news, there is a very good reason for this, Brent and his lovely partner Melinda tied the knot and got married on Saturday 21st November in Adelaide and are now putting their feet up on their honeymoon! On behalf of the Board and everyone associated with Deaf Sports Australia I am sure you will join with me to congratulate Brent and Melinda and wish them all the best for a wonderful life together. Anyone that knows Brent would appreciate the enormous amount of time, energy and passion he puts into his role at DSA and we are very lucky to have his support at DSA.

Until next month I hope you enjoy reading this month's e-news

Yours in Sport

Craig Dodson - Manager



Deaf Sports Australia
2009 Christmas Closure

Thursday 24th December 5:00pm onwards CLOSED

Friday 25th Christmas CLOSED

Monday 28th December CLOSED

Tuesday 29th December CLOSED

Wednesday 30th December CLOSED

Thursday 31st December CLOSED

Friday 1st January CLOSED

Re-Open
Monday 4th January 9am - 5pm

2008 World Deaf Golf Championships, Perth

The 2008 World Deaf Golf Championships was held on September 30 - October 3, 2008 at the Joondalup Golf and was attended by 96 golfers from 12 countries (Australia, Canada, Denmark, England, Ireland, Japan, New Zealand, Scotland, South Africa, Sweden, USA, Wales). The golf course proved to be a tough but fair course, with tight fairways bordering old quarries and large, fast and undulating greens. A hole in one was achieved on the famous 3rd Hole on the Quarry Course, by a Scot. This was the first time a hole in one had been achieved at a World Deaf Golf Championships.

This was the first time that the World Deaf Golf Championships had visited our shores and was the 7th edition of the event after having visited countries such as England, USA, South Africa, Ireland, Sweden, and then Canada.

Again a first, Dr Donalda Ammons, the President of the International Committee of Sports of the Deaf [ICSD] attended the Championships and was understandably impressed with the professionalism and running of the event.

The event was well supported by Golf Australia, WA Golf Association, Deaf Golf Australia, Deaf Sports Australia. In particular, Golf Australia and WA Golf Association provided refereeing and organizational support to ensure that the running of the tournament was according to the auspices of the Royal and Ancient [who control World Golf].

The tournament itself was a tight affair, with Australian Denver Magnusson prevailing to win the Men's Tournament by 2 shots. This was the fourth time that Denver had attended the World Deaf Golf Championships with two heartbreaking seconds and one third placing. There was however no heartbreak for him in this tournament.

In the Ladies Championship, Linda Davis, again of Australia, fought back from 5 shots behind in the final round to beat her arch rival, Patty Sue Ploya, of the USA, to record a 'three-peat' of the championship, backing up her wins in Sweden 2004 and Canada 2006.

In the Men's Teams Event, the Australian Men's Team recorded its best ever placing of second out of 10 countries, a close 13 shots behind the USA who have won the teams event in every Championship bar one. In the Ladies Team Event, the Australian Ladies Team won the trophy for the first time, with Linda Davis combining well with Jennifer Maric to win the event. There were a total of 5 countries entered in this event,

In the Seniors Championship, Australian Tony Klimek finished a credible third.

The closing ceremony was attended by over 100 people at the Burswood Casino and proved to be a marvelous send off for the event.

What is Deaf Golf Australia?

Deaf Golf Australia [DGA] is the National Deaf Sports Body for deaf, hard of hearing and hearing impaired golfers throughout Australia. We act as an umbrella body for our affiliated State Deaf Golf Associations of NSW, Queensland, Tasmania, Victoria, and Western Australia.

Deaf Golf Australia was formed in 1971 with the original aim of the running of national deaf golf competitions, which has now expanded to preparation of national teams to attend the biennial World Deaf Golf Championships [held every two years], as well as strategies to increase participation and junior development. We also aim to make each golf club more deaf friendly to ensure opportunities for deaf people to join mainstream golf clubs are not limited.



Deaf Golf Australia is affiliated to World Deaf Golf Federation and Deaf Sports Australia, and is an associate with Golf Australia.

Deaf Golf Australia has a long and proud history of participation in national (either through our Australian Deaf Games and National Deaf Golf Tournaments), regional (Trans Tasman Games) and International Tournaments (World Deaf Golf Championships) in which a strong team has been sent to each tournament. Based on results from the most recent World Deaf Golf Championships, Deaf Golf Australia is the number 1 ranked country in the world of deaf golf as follows

- World Deaf Men Champion : Denver Magnusson
- World Deaf Ladies Champion : Linda Davis
- World Deaf Ladies Team Champion : Australia (Linda Davis, Jennifer Maric)

LATEST NEWS - DEAF GOLF AUSTRALIA

The following is a microscope of current happenings for Deaf Golf Australia

Website

Website for Deaf Golf Australia will be launched on 28 November 2009 - check the website [www.deafgolfaustralia.com .au](http://www.deafgolfaustralia.com.au) from this date onwards!

The website will include details for each affiliated state plus upcoming golf days, state / national / international deaf golf tournaments. This will serve as an excellent medium for communication between Deaf Golf Australia and the general deaf golfing population.

Pilot Programmes

Pilot program for deaf junior golfers at Furlong Park School (Sunshine - Victoria) is currently underway with approximately 20 school kids on a 'have a go' golf program. This is funded by the Memorandum of Understanding between Deaf Golf Australia, Golf Australia and Deaf Sports Australia. This funding was a legacy from the Deaflympics in Melbourne 2005.

If successful, this model will be replicated in each state and territory in Australia.

Another pilot program for enabling new golfers access to a 6 week golf training with a professional coach with Auslan interpreting, is being developed by Deaf Golf Victoria This is funded by the Memorandum of Understanding between Deaf Golf Victoria, Victorian Golf Association, Deaf Sports Recreation Victoria and Deaf Sports Australia. If successful, Deaf Golf Australia will use it as a model to urge each State and Territory Golf Association to increase participation in each of these states and territories.

Upcoming Significant Dates for Deaf Golf Australia

Training Camp for Australian Deaf Golf Team that is contesting the 2010 World Deaf Golf Championships - PGA Academy at Sandhurst Golf Club - November 24 to 27, 2009.

This will be the first ever training camp conducted by Deaf Golf Australia, and reflects the partnership that has been created with Golf Australia and PGA Australia. Tim Wendel, from PGA Australia has been appointed as head coach of the team, and will oversee the development of the team through to the 2010 World Deaf Golf Championships, at St Andrews in Scotland.

40th Anniversary Deaf Golf Victoria Championships - November 28-29, 2009 at Kingston Links Golf Club, Rowville

This will reflect the proud history of Deaf Golf Victoria (formerly Victorian Deaf Golf Club), and invitations were sent to all affiliated state deaf golf associations with several golfers from interstate will be attending these championships.

2010 Australian Deaf Golf Championships - Easter 2010 (April 2 to 5 2010) at Country Club of Tasmania, Launceston, Tasmania

This will be proudly hosted by Tasmania Deaf Golf Club and will be attended by golfers from all over Australia. The State Teams Championship will be run concurrently with the Individual event.

2010 World Deaf Golf Championships - at Sam Torrance Course at St Andrews - August 9 to August 13 2010

Please check out the website for these championships - www.2010wdgc.com

Deaf Golf Australia will be sending a strong team to contest these championships. The Australian Mens Team will consist of Jack Besley (Vic) the current Australian Deaf Golf Champion, Denver Magnusson (Vic), Mark Aird (Queensland), Luke Ellis (NSW), Ray McGuinness (NSW), and Ben Clifford (Tas). Phil Malm (Tas) and Simon Hogan (Vic) will serve as emergencies. Jennifer Maric (Queensland) will serve as the lone Ladies member with our current World Champion Linda Davis taking a sabbatical from the game. Robert Bowler (NSW) and Kevin Hayden (Queensland) will be representing Australia in the Seniors Championship.

2012 World Deaf Golf Championships - at Tsu Country Club, Japan (Dates to be confirmed).

This will be the first time that the World Deaf Golf Championships will be held in Asia, and promises to be a marvelous event.

HOW TO BE INVOLVED?

Each of our state deaf golf associations have regular golf days (some once a fortnight and some once a quarter) and the majority of them have annual State Deaf Golf Championships.

Deaf Golf Australia aims to host the Australian Deaf Golf Championships on an annual basis and rosters this to each affiliated state.

For details and information, please do not hesitate to contact your appropriate state or send Deaf Golf Australia an email

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DSA AGM & Workshops A Success

It was that time of the year where the deaf sports community and our National and State Deaf Sports Delegates converge on Melbourne to attend Deaf Sports Australia's Annual General Meeting and Workshop series.

The venue for the meeting took place at the fabled FJ Rose Auditorium at Deaf Children Australia.

The venue was packed with over 50 people in attendance, highlighted by DSA's Patron, Kevan Gosper AO, Paul Grogan from the Australian Sports Commission, Graeme Kelly, CEO of Vicdeaf and DSA Life Members, Anne Bremner, Lauren Johns and Cindy-Lu Fitzpatrick OAM.

Brent Phillips presented his President's Report which was extensive and adopted by the Members. Brent mentioned that the 2009 Deaflympic Games, Women in Sports Grant and the Lord Mayor's Grant as being some of the highlights of DSA's year in sports.

Richard Pearce and David Peters were again re-appointed to the DSA Board and they were joined by new Board Member Sonia Heath who brings in a wealth of experience to DSA as she is a former Olympian athlete, who participated in the Rowing competition at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, currently holds a senior position as media advisor to the leader of the National Party in Victoria and she has a deaf sister.

The workshop series after the AGM on Saturday and Sunday provided DSA and their Full Members the opportunity to discuss on critical topics such as the Membership Structure, Athlete Eligibility Policy and the 2012 Australian Deaf Games.

The hottest topic was the proposed Athlete Eligibility Policy as a passionate debate ensued between members before it was formally adopted.

Overall, it as a very productive weekend for all involved.



DSA Sports Awards

On Saturday November 14th DSA held its 2009 Sports Awards Dinner at the Beachcomber Café in St Kilda. The crowd in attendance was entertained by Beijing Olympic Rowers Sonia Heath and Cameron Mackenzie- McHarg and Medina Sumovic and deaf theatre performers before the highlight of the evening - the presentation of the 2009 DSA Sports Awards.

Early in the evening as the crowd settled in Olympic Rower and newly appointed DSA Board member Sonia Heath shared her story of growing up with a deaf sister and her rise through the sporting ranks to become a world champion and Olympian. Cameron then entertained the crowd with stories of silver medal winning performance in Beijing and desire to get one back on the Poms and win gold at London 2012!

Later in the evening DSA President Brent Phillips took to the stage to present the 2009 Sports Awards with the assistance of Cameron and Sonia.

Melinda Vernon capped off a remarkable 12 months where she has remained undefeated in deaf sports competitions and won the prestigious City-2-Surf Fun Run and Sydney Half Marathon to claim the Female athlete of the year award. This marks back to back victories for Vernon who also claimed the honour in 2008.

Denver Magnusson won the male athlete of the year award on the back of his stunning victory in the 2008 World Deaf Golf Championships in Perth and subsequent strong performances throughout the year.

Deaf Netball Victoria was named the Organisation of the year which was a fitting reward for an outstanding year of achievements which featured sending 9 Victorian teams (4 women teams and 5 mixed teams) to compete at the 10th Margo Allen National Deaf Netball Club Championships and totally re-vamping the organizations website and communication materials.

The Volunteer of the Year Award went to the 50 volunteers who helped play a major role in the success of the 2008 World Deaf Golf Championships. Anyone who was lucky enough to attend this event would have witnessed the dedication of this group.

Closing off a big night for Golf in the awards Golf Australia Claimed the media award for its outstanding coverage of the 2008 World Deaf Golf Championships through its website and other communication mechanisms.

Closing off the evening Medina Sumovic and her deaf theatre group of Alex Straub, Baze Boskovic, David Hay and Frank Spadea had the crowd in stitches as they performed a series of impromptu sketches with a sporting theme.

All in all it was a fantastic night and a great way to celebrate a fantastic year in deaf sport!



DSA Sports Australia - Athlete Eligibility Policy

BACKGROUND

At the 2009 DSA AGM weekend DSA and its members endorsed the following new athlete eligibility policy to cover hearing loss eligibility in events governed by DSA. Over the next 7 months DSA will finalise and put in place the procedures for the new policy which will become **effective from 1 July 2010** and be trialled over a 2 year period before being reviewed in 2012.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide a uniform set of eligibility criteria for all deaf athletes governed by DSA to ensure fair competition for all.

APPLICATION

The policy applies to athlete participation in national events approved by DSA and international events approved by ICSD. All members of DSA will be required to follow this policy.

ASSESSMENT

All athletes must submit an audiogram from a qualified audiologist to DSA. A DSA appointed audiologist will assess each athlete according to their three frequency average hearing loss (3FAHL1) in the better ear and assign a classification.

CLASSIFICATIONS

0 - 39 dB 3FAHL - Not eligible to compete in DSA or ICSD approved events.

40 - 54 dB 3FAHL - Eligible to compete in DSA approved events (eg: Australian Deaf Games, National Championships).

55 dB or more 3FAHL - Eligible to compete in DSA approved events and ICSD approved events (eg: Deaflympics, World Championships).

AVAILABILITY

A database of athlete eligibility will be maintained by DSA and made available to members on request.

ASSISTIVE DEVICES

No assistive hearing devices (such as hearing aids, cochlear implants, etc) are permitted to be worn by athletes during competition in any DSA or ICSD approved events.

COMPLIANCE

Any individual athlete found in breach of this policy will be disqualified and subject to DSA disciplinary procedures. If the individual athlete was competing in a team event, the whole team will be disqualified and subject to DSA disciplinary procedures.

Any member of DSA in breach of this policy will be subject to disciplinary procedures.

For further information contact DSA at dsa@deafsports.org.au

2011 Winter Deaflympic Games - High Tatras, Slovakia

BACKGROUND

The 17th Winter Deaflympic Games will be held during 11-20 February, 2011, in High Tatras, Slovakia. High Tatras (Vysoke Tatry) is the winter centre in the heart of Europe and is the smallest high mountain in the northern part of a rather young country - Slovakia. The country is known around the world as the host of the 1970 World Nordic Championship.

This could be your once-in-a-lifetime experience to participate as an Athlete, Coach or as part of the Support Staff for the Australian Deaflympic Team at the next Winter Deaflympic Games. This world-class sporting and social event for Deaf and Hard of Hearing athletes and friends from around the world needs a strong Australian Team.

Australia has a proud history at the Winter Deaflympic Games which is highlighted by skiing legend Andrew Swann who is a 6 time Gold medallist. We are now looking for the next generation of champions.

To be eligible to compete you must be:

- an Australian Citizen,
- have a Hearing Loss of at least 55dB in the better ear (athletes only),
- Meet minimum qualification standards and DSA selection criteria

The key sports competed at during the Winter Deaflympics are Alpine Skiing, Cross Country Skiing, Snowboard and Curling.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM (EOI)

If you are interested in competing the first step is to contact Deaf Sports Australia and obtain a first round Expression of Interest form to complete to register your interest. To obtain the form contact DSA Manager Craig Dodson at craig.dodson@deafsports.org.au

Expressions of Interest are **due by Thursday 31 December 2009**

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, check out these websites:

Deaf Sports Australia: www.deafsports.org.au

Deaflympics: www.deaflympics.com

2011 Winter Deaflympic Games: www.deaflympics2011.com/sk/news



QUEENSLAND

Hi everyone, Kim and I just got back from Melbourne for DSA AGM and workshops. We enjoyed the workshops on both days. It was a great opportunity for us to meet other state deaf sporting organisations and National Deaf Sport Organisations. We all agreed that we need to be more communication with other states and DSA.

We can't believe that Christmas is just around the corner already. Brad already planned the activities for Deaf Youth Group for next year. We will be busy next year with some new projects such as combined events Deaf Youth Camp and Deaf Sports Day in June next year.

DSRQ Booth at Deaf Festival - 30th October

We had a great booth at the Deaf Festival. We enjoyed meeting many people on that day. Our display looked great. We had many visitors from other states and overseas as well. They were very impressed with DSRQ's resources and enjoyed the photos of our events e.g. Regional Tour, Deaf Sports Day and Deaf Youth Group. Thank you to all the volunteers who were looking after the Sumo and Gladiator for DSRQ. Congratulations to QAD for great organising the best Deaf Festival ever! WE have many photos taken, please see DSRQ website or see page 6 and 7 in this newsletter.



Golf Clinic - Deaf Golf Queensland Association

We were very pleased that five deaf golfers came to help children how to play golf (9 holes) at Corinda. We all had a great time learning new skills in Golf. Thank you Deaf Golf Queensland Association. We will organise another one next year hopefully to have more number of deaf and hearing impaired children.

Website Launch:

We are still working on our new website. We will have a Website launch on 17th December at Sports House (Caxton Street). We have invited various state sporting organisations, Sports and Recreation Queensland including our affiliated sport and recreation clubs to celebrate our new website. Please watch out for our new website that will be released on 17th December. Our website address is www.dsrq.org.au Our website will be more interactive with the wider community for a better accessible for our affiliated sport and recreation clubs.

If your club would like to add on our website, your club is welcome to be affiliate with DSRQ for just \$80.00 per year including free workshops and training programs e.g. financial management or volunteer management program.

Events in November / December:

23rd November - DSRQ Board meeting

25th November - visitors from Sporting Wheelies for resource sharing

30th November - Rep meeting - at DSQ Moorooka

2nd December - Meeting with Lawn Bowls (Sports Connect)

11th December - DSRQ Xmas Break Up at Plough Inn 7 pm

17th December - New Website release

18th December DSRQ Board and Deafnews volunteers Christmas Luncheon

Our office will be closed from 18th December 2009 until 18th January 2010. If you need to contact Julie Lyons during the holidays, please use hotmail address - dsrq_sa@hotmail.com

Hope to see you next month.

Julie Lyons (B.A. Leis.Mgt.)

State Administrator.

VICTORIA

Hello! My name is Ryan Gook and I have become acting President of DSRV due to our President, Mr Gary Kerridge temporarily stepping down.

As Vice President, and as a consequence of Gary Kerridge's absence, I have assumed the reigns. I am the only hearing member of the DSRV board and I raise this because it is not the aim for DSRV to have a hearing president, however the board have offered their support to me in the interim. My background is in the Deaf and Interpreting industry. I have deaf family members and I am an Auslan Interpreter. I operate a business that employs over 140 interpreters and consider myself to be competent in people management and business development.

I will offer my sincerest commitment and effort to see DSRV continue to flourish as the peak organisation for Deaf sport, recreation and health and wellbeing in Victoria.

Best wishes

Ryan Gook

2012 Australian Deaf Games Update

And it's Geelong !!!



Welcome to the latest update for the 2012 Australian Deaf Games.

After a year of planning and hard work the ADG 2012 Selection Committee has selected Geelong to host the Australian Deaf Games in 2012. And what a close race it was!

The two finalists of this exhaustive selection process were Geelong and Wodonga/Albury and either of them would have made a worthy host of the ADG. At the end of the day Geelong got its nose ahead but it took many hours of debate to separate the two cities. Both hosts had excellent sporting facilities, great attractions, and the full commitment of their respective city councils. But at the end of the day a decision had to be made and Geelong, in the end, was just that little bit ahead. Congratulations to both cities for their thoroughly professional bids and for the time and effort they have put in.

So now it is full speed ahead for the Australian Deaf Games in 2012. Get planning now, kick-off your fundraising, and start looking for your accommodation. It is all systems go. The aim is to make these Australian Deaf Games the best Games ever, fitting for one of the oldest ongoing sporting and community events in the world. To do that we need YOU !! So be there !

In the next DSA eNews we will announce the dates for the 2012 Games, so watch this space.



Australian Deaf Games Organising Committee

Deaf Sports Australia is delighted to announce the following appointments to the Organising Committee for the 2012 Australian Deaf Games:

Chairperson:	Richard Pearce (DSA)
Administration:	Erica Dawson
Ceremonies & Entertainment:	Meg Aumann (DSRV)
Finance:	Bryn Davies
Infrastructure:	Wesley Brockett
Marketing:	Michael Parremore
Medical Services:	Penny Gillett
Sponsorship & VIPs:	Craig Dodson (DSA)
Sports:	Irena Farinacci (DSA)
Volunteers:	Melissa Bryson

The Interpreter and Media roles are yet to be filled so anyone interested in these positions should contact:

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Meanwhile, the new team is looking forward to working with all stakeholders on what is shaping to be a very exciting event for the whole Deaf community!

The Games we love...

DSA Affiliated Members

National Deaf Sporting Associations (NDSO)	State Deaf Sporting Organisations (SDSO)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Deaf Darts Association • Australian Deaf Lawn Bowls Association • Australian Deaf Squash Association • Australian Deaf Tenpin Bowling Association • Deaf Aquatics Australia • Deaf Basketball Australia • Deaf Cricket Australia • Deaf Eight Ball Australia • Deaf Football Australia • Deaf Golf Australia • Deaf Tennis Australia • Deaf Netball Australia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deaf Sports Recreation Queensland • Deaf Sports Recreation South Australia • Deaf Sports Recreation Victoria • Western Australia Deaf Recreation Association

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Next E-News Submission date

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