



Greetings from the Manager

Since the last "Active Hands" we have been busy completing and developing a number of tasks and new initiatives. These have included:

1. Finalising the audit of the financial reports for DSA for the year ended 30/06/15.
2. Putting into place the new corporate brand which is known as the "Active Deaf Sports" structure. This new direction connects the Active Deaf Kids Program, the Active Deaf Sports Club Program and the Active Deaf High Performance Program which includes pathways, athlete development and sport development.
3. This new brand and integrated network together with the roll out of the new Membership Structure will now be supported by an additional staff member. The Australian Sports Commission has provided DSA funds to support this new part-time position.
4. Our bold **Strategic Plan** will work with our updated "Five Strategic Goals" manifesto that is linked to the Governments Nationals Disability Strategy. We plan to distribute this document to all stakeholders in early October 2015.
5. Funding has been received from the ACT Government that will support the running of a weekend workshop in Canberra. This inclusive practices program will bring together teachers, students, sport administrators, officials and coaches and provide all stakeholders an integrated experience.
6. The Board has been working with the new Deaf Sports NSW committee in setting up a strong structure and direction that will see one of its first goals being to send a strong team to the 2016 Australian Deaf Games.
7. Three women have commenced their online Certificate IV Sport and Recreation courses via funding provided by the ASC – we wish them all the best.



The DSA Board is working to:

- Develop a sustainable and strong future underpinned by long term strategies and resources
- Develop strong alliances and engagements with key stakeholders that will enhance our recognition and outcomes
- Develop an effective junior pathway supported by a strong National footprint

Whilst these issues are being addressed we congratulate the National team members of basketball and tennis for their performances at the recent International events. With International events coming up for Lawn Bowls and Swimming it has been a busy time for the athletes, coaches and administrators preparing for these campaigns.

The 2016 Australian Deaf Games are fast approaching. The Games Organising Committee are working tirelessly in ensuring the Games will be a wonderful experience for everybody. Please go to www.austdeafgames.org.au for further information.

Garry West-Bail, General Manager

Bumper month for deaf sports!

It has been a busy month for deaf and hard of hearing athletes attending international events!

Basketball - the Australian Deaf Men's Basketball Team (Goannas) attended the World Deaf Basketball Championships that was held in Taipei which saw them clinch the 9th ranking on the ladder after being 13th since the 2005 Deaflympic Games. Sam Cartledge, Vice Captain of the Goannas team wrote an article regarding their journey which can be viewed by clicking on the link: [Goannas Team Puts World On Notice](#)



Tennis - the Australian Deaf Tennis Team consisting of Glen Flindell, John Lui, Stephen Swann and Jamie Zafir recently attended the 1st World Deaf Tennis Championships held in the UK. Glen Flindell made it to the Quarter Finals only to be beaten by Silver Medallist Vincent Novelli. However, both Glen Flindell and John Lui managed to snare Bronze in the Men's Doubles Play Offs. it was a great result for all. For results of the tournament, click [here](#).



Triathlon - both Melinda Vernon and Katie Kelly had a successful month having participated in their respective Triathlon events. Melinda attended the Sprint Triathlon event in Osaka, Japan where she came 8th in a tough field. Katie Kelly won Gold at the ITU World Paratriathlon event held in Italy. As a result, her ranking jumped from 12 to 10 in the world. Both Melinda and Katie have been working hard to gain qualification for the 2016 Rio Olympics.



Deaf Sports Australia warmly congratulates all for their achievements in their respective sports!

Photos - top to bottom: Lachlan Jackson (Goannas) tips off against Greece; Katie Kelly & Michellie Jones heads for the finish line; John Lui & Glenn Flindell in action.

UPCOMING EVENTS

World Deaf Swimming Championships, Texas, USA - Australia will be represented at this tournament which commences on 17 August 2015. For more information, go to the event website: <http://www.wdsc2015.us/home.html>

World Deaf Lawn Bowls Championship - Australia will be represented at this event which is being held from 28th August to 9th September 2015 being held in Belfort, Ireland.

Deaf Sports Australia wishes the Australian Teams all the best on their upcoming events.

Want to work at Deaf Sports Australia?

Due to a major strategic change in the DSA Membership structure we are currently accepting applications from suitably qualified, enthusiastic and experienced individuals in the position of **Membership Support and Development Officer**. This position will have prime responsibility for providing superior customer service to our DSA members during the transition to a new committee structure for our National Deaf Sport Members. This position entails a high level of member and stakeholder interaction via all forms of communication mediums.

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