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## Greetings from the DSA office

Ever since the dust has settled after our 2017 Deaflympic Games campaign, we have been busy refocusing on reviewing and developing strategies going forward in relation to the Asia Pacific Games for the Deaf, 1st World Deaf Youth Games and Deaflympic Games.

Prior to the 2017 Deaflympic Games commencing, I attended a 3 day Congress and Workshop that was hosted by the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD).



A total of 85 Member Countries were in attendance over the 3 days. The first day was an informal workshop, whilst the last 2 days focused on the formalities such as voting for motions to be approved and other matters such as the Financial Reports.

A whole range of topics were discussed including the relationship with the IOC, Anti-Doping, Audiograms and Gender Equality.

Below are the ICSD Board Members that were voted in:

**President:** Valery Ruhkledev (Russia)  
**Vice Presidents:** Kang Chen (Taiwan) & Jack Lamberton (USA)  
**Board:** Rebecca Adam (Australia)  
 Grigor Grigoryan (Armenia)  
 Yakup Kihitur (Turkey)  
 Marijo Lusic (Croatia)

Deaf Sports Australia warmly congratulates Rebecca Adam on her re-election to the ICSD Board.

### Highlights:

- Argentina will host the 2019 World Deaf Youth Olympics in January in Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- 2019 Winter Deaflympic Games - two country bids were received for the however both bids are still being considered and the ICSD Board will confirm the winning bid at their next Board meeting.
- 2021 Summer Deaflympic Games - four bids were received (China, USA, UAE - Dubai, and Azerbaijan) however the Board will consider these bids and will decide at their next Board meeting. These bids were proposed by the National Olympic Committee in these countries as no Deaf Sports organisations provided any bids. An announcement will be made by the end of this year (however at the time of writing this, ICSD announced via an article on social media that only two bids now remain which is Los Angeles, USA, and Dubai, UAE).

The Congress and Workshop provided me with an insight into the machinations of how the ICSD and Member Countries work together. It was an invaluable experience which I am very grateful for.

Pertaining to DSA matters, we will be hosting a MRC Foundation Race Day on Saturday 23rd September to fundraise for our programs including the Active Deaf Kids, Australian Deaf Games, Deaflympic Games and Asia Pacific Games for the Deaf. Further details regarding this special event is outlined below in this edition. If you are in Melbourne that weekend, please come along for a fun day out with your family, friends and partner!

I hope you enjoy reading this eNews!

**Irena Farinacci**  
**Sports Development Manager**

## 2017 Deaflympic Games Overview

With the 2017 Deaflympic Games now over, the Australian Team have returned home safely after what has generally been described as a challenging but rewarding campaign for many of our team members.

Many Personal Bests were achieved by individual athletes in both Athletics and Swimming whilst our Basketball Team, the Goannas, put other countries on notice with several close games. The majority of our individuals achieved top 10 results including the Goannas ranked in at 9th in the world. These were outstanding achievements despite the obstacles our athletes faced over the past few years. We warmly congratulate our athletes on doing their best at the Games!



Deaf Sports Australia would like to thank our Chef de Mission, Bryn Davies for his work in ensuring that the team got to the Games and back home safely. We also thank our officials, Daniel Vukovic (Physiotherapist), Mark Quinn (Interpreter), Andrew Green (Athletics Team Manager), Brent Reid (Goannas Coach), Ramas McRae (Goannas Assistant Coach), Rod Crick (Goannas Team Manager), Mel Klamt (Swimming Coach), Brent Kirchner and (Swimming Team Manager) for their excellent efforts in ensuring that their athletes were well supported throughout the event.

We also warmly thank our sponsors, Chemist Warehouse, Queensland Government, New South Wales Government, Victorian Government and Arther J Gallagher for getting behind our team. We would not have been able to attend this important event without their support.

Overall, it was a fantastic Games with terrific performances and enough joy, tears, laughter and friendships to last for life.



*The AUS Team at the Opening Ceremony*



*Jamie Howell just before her long jump event*



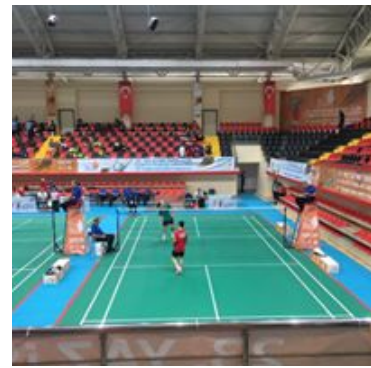
*Morgan Williams taking a leap shot against Slovenia*



Callan Brooks fighting off Kenya to pass the ball



The AUS Deaf Swimming Team L to R (back) Henry Hughes, Alex Kirchner, Brent Kirchner (front), Hannah Britton, Mel Klamt & Monique Beckwith



Mitchell Davies in action on the Badminton court against Malaysia

## Thank you to our Sponsors of the Australian Deaflympic Team!



## MRC Foundation Race Day Fundraiser

Deaf Sports Australia will be hosting a fundraiser at the MRC Foundation Race Day event at Caulfield Racecourse on Saturday 23rd September.

DSA is one of the 18 charities involved to fundraise for their programs, and proceeds from our ticket sales will go towards the Active Deaf Kids program, Australian Deaf Games, 2021 Deaflympic Games and Asia Pacific Games.

On the day, you will get to meet our Deaflympians, as well as there will be presentations, activities, and giveaways on the day as well. The dress code is neat casual however we also encourage guests to be fashionable on the day as well!

This event should be a great day out for everyone, noting DSA supports and encourages socially responsible behaviour.

Tickets are now available to purchase directly through Deaf Sports Australia, or online.

General Admission - \$25  
 Concession - \$10  
 Under 14 – FREE

Tickets can be purchased online: <https://mrc.racing.com/calendar/2017-09-23/bendigo-bank->

MRC FOUNDATION Deaf Sports Australia

# MRC FOUNDATION RACE DAY FUNDRAISER FOR DEAF SPORTS AUSTRALIA

GENERAL ADMISSION \$25  
 CONCESSION \$10

23RD SEPTEMBER 2017 CAULFIELD RACECOURSE

## FUN DAY

MEET DEAFLYMPIANS, PRESENTATIONS, GIVEAWAYS, AND ACTIVITIES.

For Tickets: [sherrie.beaver@deafsports.org.au](mailto:sherrie.beaver@deafsports.org.au)  
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FUNDS RAISED FOR DEAF SPORTS AUSTRALIA WILL GO TOWARDS:



**east-malvern-mrc-foundation-race-day** To help boost our fundraising efforts, please ensure you choose DSA as your charity of choice.

Corporations and large groups also have the opportunity to book a table to support our cause. They can be arranged by contacting Garry West-Bail on 0419 641 645 or email [garry.west-bail@deafsports.org.au](mailto:garry.west-bail@deafsports.org.au)

## Don't forget to Register for the Games!

With 4 months until the 2018 Australian Deaf Games, the Games Organising Committee held their meeting 5 and 6 August in Albury. The GOC are also getting close to finalising several programs such as the Social events and Ceremonies.

Standard registration fees are currently active, and closes on 31st September 2017. So get in to get your registration tag!

Plenty of sports are on offer at the Games – such as basketball, cricket, futsal, athletics, touch football, and so on! If you're a keen athlete and would like to participate in your preferred sport at the Games, don't forget to register! Get in touch with your State Representative so you can be put into your state team.

To view the latest video updates from the GOC and Sports Convenors, click [HERE](#)

If you wish to register for the Games, please visit the website at

<http://www.austdeafgames.org.au/>

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