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## Welcome our Latest World Champions

**2017 INAS Womens 3 x 3 Basketball World Championships, Loano Italy.**



**Australian Pearls 2017 INAS Women's Basketball 3x3 World Champions**

*(Brittany Anderson, Kim Perry, Molly Urquhart-Moran, Eliza Mills, Kaitlyn Papworth)*

**2017 INAS Swimming Championships, Aguascalientes Mexico**



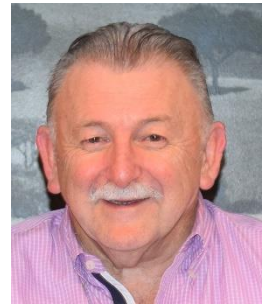
*(India Beisse-Fitton, Bronte Marshall, Casey Stevens, Jade Lucy, Jaimee-Lee Getson, Nikesha Harding)*

**Congratulations to Australia's latest WORLD CHAMPIONS and all athletes who have represented our country through 2017. You are wonderful sporting ambassadors both on and off the field of play. We also acknowledge the contribution of parents, coaches, staff and the National and State Sporting Organisations who have contributed to the athletes successes in all events.**



## Message from the President – Wayne Bird

As we prepare for the festive season and the new year, I look back on 2017 with a great deal of pride and excitement for what has been achieved by the athletes, the staff and volunteers.



One of our key milestones for 2017 was hosting the INAS General Assembly in Brisbane. This event saw a new President of INAS elected with our own Robyn Smith re-elected as Vice President. Governance changes were a key outcome of this General Assembly and Sport Inclusion Australia looks forward to the new direction of INAS. Also the trial of additional classes within the INAS eligibility system was also trialled this past few months with some excellent outcomes and we look forward to further information in the coming year.

While the preparations for the 2019 INAS Global Games has been a focus, we have not lost sight of the day to day operations and things closer to home.

I must acknowledge here the wonderful and generous support of our Member organisations during 2017, particularly in working with sporting organisations at State level and the continual work with eligibility.

Some of our other milestones, apart from partnering with National Sporting Organisations to deliver inclusion initiatives

- Inaugural National Cricket Inclusion Championships - Geelong
- Australian Tennis Championships – hosted the UK team
- Ivor Burge Championships – hosted the Japanese Men's team
- INAS Athletics Championships – supported a large team to compete in Bangkok
- INAS Tennis Championships – supported team to compete in UK
- INAS Equestrian Championships – supported an athlete to compete in inaugural International event
- Next Generation Athlete program – completion of a promotional video on the NGA program
- Marie Little Shield – including Northern Territory for the first time
- Down Syndrome Athletics in Portugal – promoted Australian athlete
- INAS Swimming Championships – supported a small but very successful team in Mexico
- INAS World Basketball Championships – supported the Pearls and Boomerangs compete in Italy.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all, we look forward to seeing you around the sports fields in the new year.

Wayne Bird  
President





## 2 Years to Go – 2019 INAS Global Games, Brisbane, 12 October 2017

INAS Global Games – Brisbane 2019, celebrated the 2 Years to Go milestone in Brisbane on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October 2017. The Celebration brought Federal, State and local politicians along with National and State Sporting organisations, state member organisation Life Stream Australia and athletes together to celebrate with a breakfast function at the Pullman Mercure Hotel and a public activation in King George Square.

Highlights of the function were the launch of a new promotional video, announcements of major agreements with the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games Organising Committee (GOLDOC) and Accor Hotel chain.



A sports activation in King George Square followed the breakfast function bring the event to the public. Sports participating in the public activation included: Tennis, Cricket, Basketball, Football, Rowing, Netball and Hockey.



GOLDOC: <http://sportinclusionaustralia.org.au/2017/10/13/2019-inas-global-games-major-international-sporting-events-work-together/>

ACCOR: <http://sportinclusionaustralia.org.au/2017/10/13/2019-inas-global-games-appointment-accor-hotels-official-provider-accommodation/>

2 Years to Go: <http://sportinclusionaustralia.org.au/2017/10/12/2019-inas-global-games-countdown-begins-2-years-go/>



**INAS Global Games**  
**BRISBANE 2019**

## 2017 INAS Basketball World Championships, Loano Italy

Australian teams returned from the 2017 INAS Basketball World Championships with Gold, Silver and Bronze medals and a number of individual awards - an outstanding effort by the teams.

### PEARLS - WORLD CHAMPIONS !!



Once again the Australian Pearls have demonstrated their dominance in the International arena of Women's basketball.

Australia sent two teams to the 2017 INAS World Basketball Championships. The format for these World Championships was 3x3, which the Pearls had previously mastered at the 2015 Global Games, winning Gold and Bronze medals

The Gold team, captained by Molly Urquhart-Moran, and with an outstanding record of 53 years of combined international participation, dominated the week of games, remaining undefeated.

The Green team, captained by Kate Leckenby, and with an impressive 25 years of combined international participation, had a much harder road to get to the Gold Medal game. Twice defeating the French team (by 1 point in overtime, and then a second time by 2 points), these girls fought every minute of each game to secure their position in the final.

3x3 basketball is growing in popularity, and has come a long way very quickly. Described as fast and furious, 3x3 basketball is set to make a big entrance at the Olympic games in 2020 Tokyo. Each match lasts a maximum of 10 minutes, with a 12-second shot clock. It is played on half a court, with one hoop. There is no halftime, and no quarters. It's very different, very exhausting, very fast, but our Aussie girls love the format.

As the current Global Games Champions and now World Champions in this discipline, plus current Global Games and World Champions in 5x5 basketball, the Australian Pearls certainly have an exceptionally proud and successful history.

Although all 10 Australian Pearls had a very successful week, on court **Eliza Mills** was a standout winning both awards for **Best Player and Top Scorer**.

#### **Our Gold Medal team and current World Champions:**

Molly Urquhart-Moran (VIC) capt.  
Kim Perry (NSW)  
Kaite Papworth (VIC)  
Eliza Mills (NSW)  
Brittany Anderson (ACT)

#### **Our Silver Medal team:**

Kate Leckenby (VIC) capt.  
Amy Howard (SA)  
Jess McCulloch (VIC)  
Nicole Harris (NSW)  
Evie Patterson (VIC)

Many thanks to Yinka Olorunnife, team Physio/Medical support – although the team had no injuries, Yinka was great to travel with and provided lots of support to the team/staff.

The coaching staff, Larry, Jo and Sally, have also racked up an impressive 52 years of commitment to this program. There have been over 70 wonderful, dedicated and talented young women who have been part of the Pearls program since beginning in 1992, winning Gold at the Paralympics in Greece.

The Australian Pearls program has resulted in incredibly successful outcomes both on and off the court, and we couldn't be prouder of the young women who wear the green and gold uniform, play

great basketball and represent their country and their families with such capability, confidence and Aussie spirit.

### BOOMERANGS – BRONZE MEDALLISTS

The Australian Boomerangs returned from the 2017 INAS World Basketball Championships as Bronze medallists. The Bronze medal is an improvement over their 4th place finish in the 2015 Global Games in Ecuador, and equals their highest placing at a World Championship of third in 1996 and in 2013.

The team's campaign kicked off against Portugal who started the game very strongly. The Boomerangs came back at them in the second half, and were unlucky to end up going down by one point (68-67). The team took great motivation from the effort, however, as the last clash between the teams in Ecuador had seen the Boomerangs lose by a larger margin.

Game two was against newcomers Egypt. The experience of the Boomerangs team saw them win 124-20. The Australian coaching staff showed great sportsmanship by inviting the Egyptian coaches to attend a Boomerangs training session earlier that morning. It was wonderful to see the encouragement and motivation this gave to a new country in INAS competitions.

The pool game results put Australia in a crossover with the #1 seed France for the Semi Final. In a tough match-up, the bigger French team came away with the win 79-49. Poland lost the other Semi Final to Portugal, and so the Bronze medal game was set up.

On the final day of competition, the Boomerangs took on a physical and much improved Poland. With a strong defensive and rebounding effort all round, the Australians withstood Poland's early energy and generated transition points from the end of the first quarter onwards. The Polish team couldn't keep up with the strong showing and the Boomerangs won 88-52 taking out the Bronze.

The medal ceremony was a great celebration of a wonderful week of basketball. To add to the excitement, **Jake De La Motte** was awarded the tournament's **leading scorer award** following the Boomerangs offence showing great discipline in playing to their strengths throughout the tournament.

The Boomerangs will be looking to better their efforts again when it comes to the 2019 Global Games in Brisbane and plans are already being set in place for development tours in 2018.





## Marie T Little OAM Shield – Perth 1-3 September

The 2017 Marie T Little OAM Shield was held in Perth from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September.

All states and territories with the exception of ACT were represented at the tournament won by the strong NSW team for the second year in a row.



Highlights of the Championships were the participation of Northern Territory for the first time and first wins for the Western Australian and Northern Territorian sides. The later seeing an outpouring of emotion that resulted in all teams pouring on to the court and celebrating the occasion.



## 2017 INAS Swimming World Championship 26 Nov – 4 Dec

The 2017 INAS Swimming Championships has come and gone and our team has returned with a bag of medals, 5 World Champions and third place on the medal tally with 10 Gold 13 Silver and 4 Bronze medals.

New South Wales Jade Lucy has returned home as our most successful swimmer. Swimming in all of the freestyle events from 50m to 1500m and Relays, Lucy medalled in all bar the 50m where she finished 6<sup>th</sup>.



"Jade again stepped up on the international stage, standing out as the premier female freestyler of the meet." Said head coach Herbie Howard. Jade's medal haul for the Championships was 4 Gold, 4 Silver and 1 Bronze.

Not too far behind Lucy was Victoria's Jaime-Lee Getson with 2 Gold, 7 Silver and 1 Bronze and NSW's Nikesha Harding with 3 Gold, 3 Silver and 1 Bronze.

Our sole youth competitor Jarrod Lee from Qld collected a Silver medal in the 50m backstroke in the open competition and cleaned up in the Youth with 1 Gold, 5 Silver and 1 Bronze medal.

The Championships was a great success for the team with plenty of medals, personal bests and experiences for the young team who now look forward to the 2019 Global Games in Brisbane

### Australian swimmers Medal Results.

#### **Jade Lucy (NSW)**

Gold 200m freestyle  
Gold 400m freestyle  
Gold 1500m freestyle  
Gold 4 x 200m freestyle relay  
Silver 800m freestyle  
Silver 4 x 100m freestyle  
Silver 4 x 100m freestyle mixed relay  
Silver 4 x 50m freestyle relay  
Bronze 100m freestyle

#### **Jaimee-Lee Getson (VIC)**

Gold 50m Backstroke  
Gold 100m Backstroke  
Silver 200m Backstroke  
Silver 50m Breaststroke  
Silver 100m Breaststroke  
Silver 200m Individual Medley  
Silver 4 x 50m Freestyle relay  
Silver 4 x 100m medley relay  
Silver 4 x 100m Mixed freestyle relay  
Bronze 200m Individual medley

#### **Nikeshia Harding (NSW)**

Gold 100m Butterfly  
Gold 200m Butterfly  
Gold 200m Individual Medley  
Silver 4 x 50m Freestyle relay  
Silver 4 x 100m medley relay  
Silver 4 x 100m Medley relay  
Bronze 4 x 50 Medley Relay

#### **Casey Stevens (NSW)**

Gold 4 x 200m freestyle  
Silver 4 x 100m Medley  
Silver 4 x 50m freestyle  
Bronze 4 x 50m Medley

#### **Bronte Marshall (NSW)**

Gold 4 x 200m Freestyle relay  
Silver 4 x 100m Medley relay  
Bronze 4 x 50m Medley relay

#### **India Beisse-Fitton (VIC)**

Gold 4 x 200m freestyle relay  
Silver 4 x 100m freestyle relay  
Bronze 4 x 50m Medley relay

#### **Ben Morrison (VIC)**

Silver 800m freestyle  
Silver 4 x 100m mixed freestyle relay

#### **Patrick Donachie (NSW)**

Silver 4 x 100m mixed freestyle relay

#### **Jarrold Lee (QLD)**

Silver 50m Breaststroke

For full results visit: <http://www.fenaba.org.ar/documents/resultados/INAS/>

## Athletics

We are pleased to share with you the good news that two of our leading coaches have been acknowledged for their contribution to Athletics in recent months.

Victoria's Anula Costa receiving a service merit award from Athletics Victoria for her contribution to Athletics Victoria over many years. Anula was presented with her award at the Zatopek meeting in Melbourne on Thursday 14 December.

New South Wales Matt Rawlings was awarded the Local Sports Star Service to Sport Award on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November.



# Matthew Rawlings

## SERVICE TO SPORT FINALIST:

Four athletes with a disability that Matthew Rawlings coaches progressed to Thailand to compete in the INAS World Championships in May and registered personal best times. Rosemary Boyland broke an under-16s Australian record. Two athletes with cerebral palsy also won the 100m and long jump in the IPWorld Para Junior Championships. The 34-year-old Blacktown man was a former national track champion who, with a time of 47.7 seconds over 400m, was on course to compete at the Melbourne Commonwealth Games in 2006. But his plans – including a scholarship to the US – were dashed when a car hit him in Sydney's CBD in 2002. He turned to coaching after 12 months of rehabilitation. "If I can provide one per cent of happiness to these kids, I've done my job," Rawlings said.



Anula and Matt have been integral members of the Australia Athletics team for the last 6 years and contributors to athletics for even longer. **Thank you and Congratulations Matt and Anula.**

## IPC Classification

A reminder to all athletes with an IPC classification. World Para Athletics is reviewing testing procedures for a wide range of classifications. Where new testing techniques have been developed or where there have been changes made to classification classes, athletes will be required to undergo IPC classification testing again under the new procedures/classifications. As of 1 January all T20 and F20 athletes with a "Confirmed" status will revert to "Review" status. Athletes currently on "Review" will stay as they are.

## For more information:

**World Para Athletics:** <https://www.paralympic.org/news/world-para-athletics-announces-classification-changes>

**Athletics Australia:** <http://athletics.com.au/High-Performance/Para-athletics/International-Classification-2017>

## National Cricket Inclusion Championships – Geelong 21-26 Jan 2018

Cricketers will return to Geelong in the new year to play in the second National Cricket Inclusion Championships. Hosted by Cricket Australia the Championships will see the best cricketers with hearing, sight and intellectual impairment in action.

Inaugural Champions in the intellectual impairment section, Victoria will be hard to beat and will be very keen to go back to back.

**For more information:** <http://www.ncic.cricket.com.au/>

## Australian Cricketers Promotional Video :

<https://youtu.be/WaHPDZ6WCF0>





## Tennis

While the Worlds best tennis players are preparing for the Australian Open in Melbourne, so too are the worlds best tennis players with an intellectual impairment. The 2018 Australian Tennis Championships will be held from the 24 to 27 January at Albert Park Reserve and Melbourne Park.

The 2018 Championships has the added importance of being the 21<sup>st</sup> occurrence of the Championships. To watch some outstanding tennis get along to Albert Park from the 24 to 26 January and Melbourne Park on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

This years Championships will also see the introduction of Mixed Doubles.

**Archie Graham** announced as Tennis Australia's "Most outstanding player with a Disability" at Gala Newcombe Awards evening.

Congratulations to the 2017 INAS Singles World Champion Archie Graham (QLD) on his award from Tennis Australia. Archie's award is well earned having won the last three INAS Singles World Championship Titles and 4 Australian Tennis Championships Singles Titles since 2013.



*Thank you to Tennis Australia, Lord's Taverners Victoria Branch and the Victorian Government for their continued support.*



## Victorian FIDA Football League

Congratulations to the Victorian FIDA Football League on the launch of their new logo and expanded competition for 2018.



With over 660 registered players in 28 teams across three conferences, the Victorian FIDA Football League will expand to include two new teams in 2018. Founded in 1989, the Victorian FIDA Football League continues to grow as the benchmark sport for players with an intellectual impairment

<http://aflvic.com.au/new-look-fida-2018/>

## Sport Inclusion Australia National Inclusion Forum 3 Nov 2017

Sport Inclusion Australia hosted its Annual Inclusion Forum on Friday 3 November in Melbourne. Attended by State and National Sporting organisations, the Australian Sports Commission and Victorian Government representatives, the forum provided attendees with presentations on a range of topics such as:

- Classification;
- National Disability Insurance Scheme;
- 2019 Global Games; as well as
- presentations from Sports



One of the highlights of the forum was a presentation by Australian swimming representative Jaimee-Lee Getson. A member of the Australian team for the 2015 INAS Global Games, Getson gave attendees an insight into the commitment and support of an elite swimmer. Getson has recently returned from the INAS Swimming Championships with 2 Gold, 3 Silver and 1 Bronze medal. Getson's presentation was a highlight for many attendees, with one response "the athlete story was the best aspect for me, hearing directly from an athlete reiterates why we work so hard in our sports."

The forum concluded with a workshop session facilitated by Michael Woods. The workshop took guests through a number of case studies and group activities that generated discussion and provided the foundations for developing a Planning Map for inclusion.

Master of ceremonies was AFL's Logan Whittaker, the forum was well attended with much conversation, debate demonstrating the sector's continued commitment to ongoing learning and development in the inclusion space.

Sport Inclusion Australia would like to thank presenters John Cranwell, Kiemi Lai, Robyn Smith, Jaimee-Lee Getson and our MC for the day Logan Whittaker.

## Sport Inclusion Australia Annual General Meeting 3 Nov 2017

Sport Inclusion Australia held its 2017 Annual General Meeting on Friday 3 November prior to the National Inclusion Forum. Reports were presented by President Wayne Bird and CEO Robyn Smith, followed by presentation of financial reports by Finance Director Rob Peak. Board member Deidre Anderson did not stand for re-election and was thanked for her contribution over several years. Luke Van Kempen (SA Cricket) was elected to the vacant Board position. Following the AGM formalities there was a surprise presentation of Life Membership to President Wayne Bird.



Bird was both surprised and honoured to Sport Inclusion Australia's second life member.

Full story: <http://sportinclusionaustralia.org.au/2017/11/03/president-wayne-bird-awarded-life-membership/>



## Key Dates (January – April 2018)

### January 2018

- 8-11           Futsal National Championships, Canberra ACT.  
<http://nationalfutsalchampionships.com.au/>  
21-26        National Cricket Inclusion Championships, Geelong, VIC.  
24-27        21<sup>st</sup> Australian Tennis Championships, Melbourne VIC

### February 2018

- 7-11           Ivor Burge Basketball Championships, Gosford NSW.  
15-18        Australian Athletics Championships, Gold Coast QLD.  
28- 3 March   Australian Swimming Championships, Gold Coast QLD

### March 2018

- 14            Victorian Sports Awards, Melbourne VIC  
19-24        National Rowing Championships, Sydney NSW

### April 2018

- 4-15           Commonwealth Games, Gold Coast QLD (S14 swimming)  
19-21        Bowls Victoria State Disability Championships. Bendigo, VIC

## Lawn Bowls

### Exciting news from Bowls Victoria – 2018 Victorian Multi-Disabilities Championships

The 2018 State Multi-Disabilities Championships will be run alongside State Champions Week in Bendigo next year. The event will run from Thursday, April 19 to Saturday, April 21, 2018.

Sectional Play and Semi-Finals will be played at North Bendigo BC, with the Finals being played at Bendigo East as part of State Champions Week.

For more information visit Bowls Victoria website:

<http://www.bowlsvic.org.au/Article-Details/huge-news-for-victorian-bwd-community>





## Hockey

Hockey Victoria are proud to announce the selection of the 2017 18 and Under Victorian AA Aces Female and Male teams following the Inaugural State Specialist School Championships. Held on Thursday 19 October over 90 students from around Victoria competed in two divisions for the first Victorian Hockey State Specialist School trophies.

**Ashwood School** took out the A grade competition against a very competitive and skilful Emerson School team. Over in the B Grade competition, **Heatherwood Green** took on Emerson B in a nail biting gold medal match which ended as a draw at full time. This took both teams into overtime (golden goal) where Heatherwood Green came out firing to secure the win.

During the day Hockey Victoria's Inclusion and Participation Coordinator, Michaela Cook had the challenging task to select the Inaugural 18 and Under Victorian All Abilities State team. Due to the terrific talent on display from multiple female and males, Michaela decided it would be a fantastic opportunity to select a female and male state team. Hockey Victoria would like to again congratulate the Womens and Mens 18 and Under Victoria AA Aces State Teams:

### Female Victorian AA Aces Team 2017

Heatherwood : Edina (GK), Rachel (Mid field), Renee (Defence), Rossbourne: Emily (Striker), Tara (Striker), Emerson: Tahleah (Defence) and Trisha (Striker)

### Boys Victorian AA Aces Team 2017

Heatherwood: Heath (Defence), Rossbourne: Ashton (Mid field), Lachy (GK), Emerson: Bryce (Defence), Luca (Striker), Thearou (Striker), Ashwood: Finn (Striker), Kyle (Defence), Yusuf (GK).



Congratulations to all students who competed on the day. The skills, hockey knowledge and teamwork were a testament of the fantastic work by Hockey Victoria casual coaches over the past 3 years in the schools. A special mention must also go to the phenomenal efforts of Amy Coshan, Hockey Victoria's previous Inclusion Coordinator. Without Amy's passion, dedication and knowledge, the Access All Abilities programs would not have been possible and Hockey Victoria would not have been able to provide the services we have to teachers and students.



Thank you, Amy!

Hockey Victoria in partnership with Hockey Australia ran an All Abilities Super Clinic during the International Festival of Hockey at the State Netball Hockey Centre. All students involved in the State Specialist School Championship were invited to attend this clinic which had special guest appearances from Hockeyroos: Rachael Lynch, Jocelyn Bartram, Jane Claxton and Kaitlin Nobbs. All of the students loved this experience and the opportunity to rub shoulders with a few of Australia's current greats. HV would like to especially thank the Hockeyroos for their time and assistance with

the official shirt presentations of the two 18 and Under AA Aces state teams! During the Super Clinic and Shirt Presentation Ceremony Hockey Victoria announced the new Access All Abilities program logo and the new All Ability Aces team logo (please see logos below). This is an exciting opportunity for the Victorian hockey community, thank you for all in attendance.

***Sport Inclusion Australia would like to congratulate Matt Favier on his new role as CEO of Hockey Australia and would like to wish him well. We look forward to working with Hockey to grow opportunities for players with an intellectual impairment.***



## Lord's Taverners Australia

The Lord's Taverners are great supporters of Sport Inclusion Australia and our state member organisations. In particular their ongoing support of the Australian Tennis Championships (Lord's Taverners Australia Victoria Branch), the Lord's Taverners Shield (Indoor Cricket) supported by Lord's Taverners Australia and its state branches.

With a Vision to "To be the premier cricket-based charity in Australia, supporting those less able in the community to improve their lives by sporting participation and inclusion", there are great synergies between The Lord's Taverners and Sport Inclusion Australia, as we both work to provide opportunities for those less fortunate through sport.

We are very fortunate to have the support of the Lord's Taverners and their state branches and from time to time we are invited to attend various functions and or assist in their various fund raising activities.

Any support you can provide, be it selling tickets, joining The Lord's Taverners and or attending functions is greatly appreciated by the Taverners and Sport Inclusion Australia. Functions hosted by The Lord's Taverners are always enjoyable and you get to meet some wonderful people along the way. For more information on the Lord's Taverners contact Michael in the office on 03 5762 7494 or email [Michael.thomson@sportinclusionaustralia.org.au](mailto:Michael.thomson@sportinclusionaustralia.org.au) or contact Lord's Taverners directly as below:

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and disadvantaged  
a sporting chance*

## Member Organisation / State Updates

### Life Stream Australia Sport

Life Stream Australia has had a busy end of year to say the least.



#### SSO Partnerships

Life Stream works in partnership with State Sport Organisations to develop inclusive sporting opportunities for people with a disability. We currently have Partnership Agreements with 16 SSO's, outlining the commitment of the sport to increase capacity for inclusion. Life Stream supports SSO's in this partnership by:

- Advocating on behalf of people with an intellectual disability in relation to inclusion in sport.
- Supporting the development of inclusive opportunities for people with an intellectual disability to become involved as active participants in sport.
- Supporting the development of inclusive opportunities for people with an intellectual disability to become involved in indirect roles in sport, including coaching, officiating, management, team and club support.
- Promoting opportunities for people with an intellectual disability to participate in all levels of involvement in sport, for example via the organisations website, newsletter and promotional material.
- Encouraging a whole of organisation approach to inclusion in sport.

#### 2YTG 2017 PUBLIC ACTIVATION

As you all maybe aware Brisbane are hosting the 2019 Global Games from the 12-19 October. This provides us with a fantastic opportunity to showcase the wonderful sporting facilities, infrastructure and features of Brisbane and most importantly our Australian Athletes.

12 October 2017 marked a key milestone in the development of the INAS Global Games 2019 Program – 2 Years to Go (2YTG)

Life Stream in partnership with Global Games with the support from State Sporting Organisations hosted a PUBLIC ACTIVATION at King George Square this provided Partners an opportunity to share in building awareness of the INAS Global Games and supporting our vision that through inclusive sport we can change attitudes, challenge perceptions and strengthen communities locally and globally.





### **SUNCORP PRE-Game Match**

Suncorp pre-game Match – Life Stream Australia, Global Games Company in partnership with Slater and Gordon and QNRL were able to offer a fantastic opportunity for two schools (Eaton's Hill State School and Glenleighden) to play pre-game before the Storm and Bronco's game. All Students, Teachers and Parents involved were very excited to have the opportunity to run out on the big field and all students received a prize pack from Slater and Gordon. This also provided LSA with the opportunity to be involved in an inclusive Video Slater and Gordon were putting together.



### **Community Sport**

Life Stream In partnership with State Sport Organisations have hosted a number of Interschool competitions and Gala Days in Brisbane and Rockhampton providing students from local Special Schools and Special Education Programs a fantastic opportunity to play sport competitively and socially together.

On the 3rd of November Tennis QLD and Life Stream Australia teamed up to deliver the final Inclusive Gala Day for the year and with almost 200 students it was a big one to wrap up the year. The event was held at the QLD Tennis Centre, Tennyson. This special location provided some unique opportunities for students including a tour of Pat Rafter Arena.

Life Stream Australia would like to wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year our office will be closed from the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017 to the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018.



2017 has been an incredibly busy year in the social inclusion space in Western Australia. The *Sport and Community Development Team* at Inclusion WA, formally branched out and formed Inclusion Solutions, a NFP organisation to help assist community clubs, local governments (LGAs) and state sporting associations (SSAs) to be more inclusive and welcoming of all people, particularly those from low-participation backgrounds. Inclusion WA will continue supporting people with disabilities to engage in communities and live a better life while Inclusion Solutions will focus on training, mentoring and working with communities in a holistic manner.

In 2017, Inclusion Solutions coordinated a number of projects that contributed to Western Australians living a better life. Here are some brief examples:

- City of Bayswater** – Inclusion Solutions supported the City of Bayswater in a project called Bayswater Connect. The Bayswater Connect Project saw community inclusion taken to a new level. The Inclusion Solutions Project Officer worked from the City of Bayswater to connect Bayswater residents with their local clubs and community groups. The model that resembled a match-making service saw the Project Officer personally introduce individuals to the community clubs and groups based on two critical factors:
  1. Individual's interests and passions and
  2. Available opportunities at clubs and groups
 The project saw in excess of 60 clubs and groups involved and over 1,150 connections made over the 12 month period resulting in huge membership increases and significant volunteering outcomes.
- City of Armadale's Club Abilities Project** – Inclusion Solutions has been working with the City of Armadale in Perth's South Eastern suburbs to train and mentor clubs with a view of increasing community engagement and meaningful participation. Inclusion Solutions has delivered 5 training sessions and delivered personalised mentoring for 20 local clubs and community groups. To describe the impact of this venture, please find below a recent letter from Roleystone Gymnastics Club, one of the 20 clubs to have received club-mentoring.

*To the team at Inclusion Solutions,*

*Thank you. It really has been a remarkable year for us. We've come a long way and made many positive changes. As a result our club has thrived with member numbers increasing, retention rates up, as well as a greater number of volunteers getting involved...some have even enquired about joining the committee!*

*Our committee is stronger than ever, and our passion for the club has been reignited. It has also been very rewarding watching our coaching staff flourish as they are enjoying being part of what is now an amazing club.*

*We really need to be thanking you for a lot of this as without the mentoring and inspiration we have received from Inclusions Solutions we certainly wouldn't be the club we are today.*

*From all the staff, coaches and committee at RGC we would like to wish you all at Inclusions Solutions a safe and happy festive season and we look forward to working with you further next year as we're gearing up for an even better year in 2018!*

- Recreation Advice Project** - Inclusion Solutions have assisted around 500 Western Australians to connect to their local community through phone and email support. Individuals, families and advocates are able to avail of Inclusion Solutions' assistance and expertise in linking people to their community and with significant changes to the community sector, and the introduction of the NDIS, this service has been incredibly popular in WA in 2017.
- Volunteerism** – Inclusion Solutions focuses on connecting people to their communities in a range of ways. One critical pathway for people is volunteering. In the past 12 months, Inclusion Solutions has contributed \$88,000 worth of volunteering to the local economy. This figure is expected to grow in 2018!

2018 is sure to be a busy year for the team at Inclusion Solutions. Inclusion Solutions will be carrying on our work with a number of LGAs around WA and working with clubs and SSAs in varying capacities. In a first for the organisation, the Western Australian Cricket Association (WACA) and Netball WA have come on board as the inaugural SSA members.

For more information on Inclusion Solutions, please visit our website at: [www.inclusionsolutions.org.au](http://www.inclusionsolutions.org.au), like us on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/InclusionSolutionsWA/](https://www.facebook.com/InclusionSolutionsWA/) or email: [info@inclusionsolutions.org.au](mailto:info@inclusionsolutions.org.au)

The team at Inclusion Solutions is thoroughly excited about what 2018 holds in store and we would also like to wish all our partners and member organisations all the very best for the festive season. We will be closed from Friday 22 December, reopening on Wednesday January 3, 2018.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!

## Merry Christmas from Sport Inclusion Australia



The staff at Sport Inclusion Australia would like to wish all of our member organisations, registered athletes, families and friends a very Merry Christmas and a safe and enjoyable New Year.

Our office will be closed from Thursday 21 December and will reopen on Monday 8 January.

For any urgent matters during this time please email: [michael.thomson@sportinclusionaustralia.org.au](mailto:michael.thomson@sportinclusionaustralia.org.au)

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