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500 Days to Go!

Wednesday 30 May represents 500 days till the Opening Ceremony of the 2019 INAS Global Games in Brisbane Australia.

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Message from Robyn Smith

Today we reach another significant milestone on our countdown to the 2019 INAS Global Games in Brisbane. Wednesday 30 May is exactly 500 days till the Opening ceremony of the Brisbane Games.

While we look forward to the Games with much excitement, we don't have to look too far or wait too long to see athletes in action on the field, court, track or pool. Already this year we have seen National Championships held for Athletics, Basketball, Cricket, Futsal, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, and a range of School Sport inclusive events. In the coming months we will see the AFL Inclusion Carnival played in Tasmania for the first time, Lawn Bowls on the Gold Coast, Indoor cricket in Toowoomba and the Marie Little OAM Shield (Netball) in Brisbane.



As I write we have teams preparing to represent Australia overseas at the INAS Tennis (France), INAS Half Marathon (Portugal) World Championships, the 2nd INAS Equestrian Championships, Down Syndrome swimming (Canada) and Athletics (Portugal) World Championships.

In January, the Sport Inclusion Australia Board and Staff came together with key staff from some of our Member Organisations for an important planning workshop and to develop our strategic plan for the next three years. I am very pleased to advise that our Strategic Plan 2018-2020 has been completed, endorsed by the Board and is now accessible on our website for all members. I would like to thank all of our Member Organisations and Board Directors who contributed to the process and trust you are all proud of the final product.

Our work in China is starting to pay dividends. With the Chinese NPC appointing National Eligibility officers, we are moving closer to seeing Chinese athletes compete in INAS events for the first time.

The Global Games in Brisbane has provided us with a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our relationships and opportunities with National Sporting Organisations and the Australian Paralympic Committee.

The Global Games Sports Company has moved into new offices in the JLL building in Brisbane, this move has been another significant milestone for our organisation. Staff for the Games has also grown with Garry West-Bail joining us as the Games Sports Manager in a part time capacity.

In recent weeks we have seen our member organisations successfully host significant forums on Inclusion. John Cranwell and his team at Inclusive Sport SA recently conducted a very successful Inclusion and Diversity in Sport Conference at Adelaide Oval, while Life Stream Australia (QLD) and Inclusion Solutions (WA) have also hosted successful Inclusion information events.

I would like to thank all of our Member Organisations for the great work they are doing working with sport and building opportunities for all Australian's.

Finally, a special mention to the team at New Horizons Club (TAS) who were acknowledged as Cricket Australia's Partner Organisation of the Year at the National Community Cricket Awards for their work partnering with Cricket Tasmania.

Robyn Smith
CEO Sport Inclusion Australia and the Global
Games Sports Company



Inside e-News May 2018

There is lots to read inside this Month's e-News:

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- Sport Inclusion Australia Member Updates
- INAS Global Games – Brisbane 2019
- Arthur Wilkes receives Life Membership TTA

Understanding the new INAS Eligibility Groups.

At the 2017 General Assembly in Brisbane, INAS announced it would be trialling two new Eligibility groups. These trials come after 2 years of research.

The two new groups are athletes with an intellectual impairment and with an additional physical impairment referred to as II2, and athletes who don't meet the intellectual impairment criteria but have autism (II3). The II2 group is focussing on athletes with down syndrome in its initial phase.

The first event to trial the new classifications was the INAS Table Tennis World Championships in the Czech Republic and then shortly afterwards the INAS Swimming Championships in Mexico. There is a plan to gradually introduce these two new groups to other events and sports.

For athletes in Australia, Sport Inclusion Australia is working with sports, and other organisations to make them aware of these two new groups with the aim to have opportunities at local, state and National level. However, this may take some time.

So, while these groups may not be recognised within sports in Australia, we do have international pathways and athletes with down syndrome and with high functioning autism are encouraged to both compete and contact Sport Inclusion Australia to discuss registering and their international opportunities, particularly in athletics, swimming and table tennis.

Sport Inclusion Australia has commenced working with the International Sports Union for Down Syndrome, Down Syndrome Australia to create an awareness of these opportunities. We have also had a long relationship with Down Syndrome Swimming Australia over many years.

With the Global Games to be held in Brisbane in 2019, we are hoping that we will be able to field a strong team across all three eligibility groups in athletics, swimming and table tennis.

In the meantime, please be patient as this awareness and opportunities grow within the sports.



Who will lead our Basketball teams into the 2019 Global Games ?

As a sign of their commitment to the 2019 INAS Global Games, Basketball Australia has undergone a recruitment process and appointed the coaching staff to take our champion basketball players to the 2019 Global Games.

Coach of the World Champion Pearls Larry Davidson has been reappointed as the Head coach of the Pearls with assistant coaches, who will be announced on facebook in the coming weeks. Larry has been head coach of the Pearls for in excess of 10 years.

Dr Julia Walsh has been appointed as Head Coach of the Boomerangs with two assistant coaches, who will be announced in the coming weeks.

This is Julia's first year as a head coach and with a long history of coaching within the sport and her professional background as a senior lecturer in sport coaching at Deakin University, Julia is well equipped for the job and keen to build on the work done by outgoing coach Simon Robinson.

"I stand on the shoulder of giants, coaches and players who have progressed the game for athletes with an intellectual impairment and in particular Peter Corr and Simon Robinson and their coaching teams who provided the solid foundation and connections made in the local and international basketball community."

The Australian Pearls will go into next year's Global Games as the World and defending Global Games Champions, while the Boomerangs will be keen to match and improve on the Bronze medal won in Italy at the World Championships in 2017.

Basketball Australia Release: <http://basketball.net.au/boomerangs-and-pearls-head-coaches-named-for-2019-inas-global-games/>

Touch Football Specialised Inc

The 2018 Queensland Special Education Touch Football Championships will be on Friday June 15 at the Redlands Rugby League Club (226 Cleveland Redland Bay Road, Thornlands QLD 4164) between 10:00am-1:00pm. It is expected to attract approximately 300 athletes from across the Gold Coast, Ipswich, Brisbane and Sunshine Coast who will represent their school in three divisions (social, recreational and competitive).

This will be the 5th year of QSEC and we are planning on making the event bigger and better!

For more information contact Graeme at Touch Football Specialised Inc: graeme@playtfs.com.au

2018 Down Syndrome Swimming World Championship 20 – 27 October

Did know Australia had a world champion Down syndrome swimming team?

Down Syndrome Swimming Australia (DSSA) gives people with down syndrome the opportunity to swim competitively against other athletes and to provide a pathway to local, national and international competition. The organisation encourages individuals with down syndrome to actively participate in the great sport of swimming at all levels of competency.



Every second year, an Australian team competes internationally at the World Swimming Championships. The Australian team has won 'Champion Country' and 'Top female and male swimmers', against teams from 24 other countries, at these International Championships; as well as an abundance of medals at each competition. The championships create opportunities for athletes with Down syndrome to compete in international sporting events, offering them a fair and equal opportunity to be successful.

In July 2018, a team will be competing at the 9th World Swimming Championships to be held in Truro, Canada and will be host to over 500 athletes and team staff from six continents, as well as thousands of family supporters. Australia is taking a team of 20 to compete and are looking forward to successes at these championships. The team members are:

Women: Taylor Anderton; Elizabeth Claydon; Lily Crawford; Stephanie Dunning; Madeline Fox; Caitlin Kerby; Phoebe Mitchell; Ashley-Kate Schlenner; Tiffany Smith; Aleisha Sneesby

Men: Russell Booyesen; Harry Cahill; Michael Cox; Jack Dixon; Bradley Doolan; Ross Hughes; Colin Marks; Aran Miller; Matthew Walker; Zac Telfer

Want to get in contact or know more about Down Syndrome Swimming Australia visit www.dssa.org.au or email dssa.org@gmail.com. Like to support the Australian team visit mycause.com.au/dssa2018.



Triathlon

Anyone out there interested in triathlons? If you are lucky to live in Victoria you have a number of opportunities to take part in a number of events. We would like to hear from any athletes in other states taking part in and or interested in triathlons.

Victorian Duathlon Series 2018

Race 1 - 12th August, Yarra Blvd/Kevin Bartlett Reserve (Melway Map 14 A12)

Race 2 – 2nd September, Altona Esplanade (Melway Map 54 H12)

Race 3 – 23rd September, Melbourne Metro

Race 4 – 14th October, Yarra Blvd/Kevin Bartlett Reserve (Melway Map 14 A12) –



Victorian State Championship

Para-triathlon; Multiclass raced at "Sprint" distance for Championship race

Sprint Distance - 5km run, 20km bike and 3km run (minimum age 15 years) Competitor Age-as of 31st December 2018

Dash Distance – 2km run, 10km, bike and 1 km run (minimum age 12 years)

For further information and [registration](#)

Key Dates (June – November 2018)

June 2018

- 15 QLD Special Education Touch Football Championships – Redlands, Gold Coast
- 18-19 Australian Open Multi Disability Bowls Championships - Gold Coast
- 18-24 AFL Inclusion Carnival - Launceston

July 2018

- 30 June – 1 Queensland PWID Championships - Queensland Tennis Centre, Brisbane
- 30 June -7 Lord's Taverners Indoor Cricket – Toowoomba
- 15-21 INAS European Games, including the INAS Tennis World Championships - Paris, France

September 2018

- 9 DDNA Netball Tournament - Manningham-Templestowe Leisure Centre, Melbourne

October 2018

- 1-8 IAADS Athletics World Championships - Madeira Portugal.
- 5-7 Marie Little OAM Shield - Brisbane.
- 6-7 Victorian PWID Tennis Championships - Albert Reserve, Melbourne.
- 7 Entries for INAS Equestrian competition close.
- 19-22 INAS Half Marathon - Coimbra, Portugal.
- 20-27 Down Syndrome Swimming World Championships – Canada.

November 2018

- 24-25 Peter Smith South Australian Tennis Championships

Australian Para Table Tennis Championships - Canberra

Congratulations to Table Tennis ACT on staging a wonderful Para Table Tennis Championships in Canberra in the first week of May.

The Championships was well attended by players with an intellectual impairment. South Australia's Sam Von Einem taking out the singles against Victoria's Rory Carroll. Rory and Sam combined to take out the Men's doubles against Queensland's Nicholas Jefferson and Ashley Parrott. Sam was also runner up to China's Lin Ma in the Standing 6-11 Singles Final.

Mr. Arthur Wilks OAM was awarded with TTA Life Membership in 2016, however TTA had been waiting for an appropriate occasion to present Arthur with his plaque. The Opening Ceremony of the 2018 National Para Championships in his home city of Canberra proved the perfect opportunity. Arthur has been a trailblazer for para table tennis in Australia and dedicated more than 60 years to our great game. Congratulation Arthur, it's thoroughly deserved



INAS 2nd Equestrian Event

After a successful 1st Equestrian Championship event in 2017, INAS has launched its 2nd event. Videos must be loaded by 7 October.

For more information see INAS Press Release:

<https://inas.org/second-inas-para-equestrian-video-competition-to-be-held>



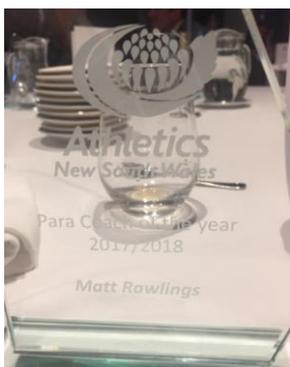
Athletics

It has been another big year for our Athletes and coaches.

NSW'S Matt Rawlings was recently recognised by Athletics NSW as the Para Coach of the Year. Matt who has travelled with athletes to a number of INAS World Championships coaches a large stable of athletes with an impairment, including Paralympic athletes. Congratulations Matt on your success as a coach and all the work you do for athletes with an impairment.

Athletics Australia took the opportunity of presenting a number of awards during the Australian Championships at the Gold Coast. One of those presentations was the Athletics Australia Junior Coach of the Year Award, which went to Victoria's Anula Costa.

We are very honoured to have these two outstanding coaches committed to working with athletes with an impairment. 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.**



Matt Rawlings Trophy and presentation with Athletics Australia CEO Darren Gocher.

Anula Costa presented with her award by AA Life Member Mike Hurst.

The "Hulk" is heading back to Portugal hungry for more medals and hopeful of some a different colour this time.

Brisbane's Andre Rivett will head to Portugal in October for the 2018 IAADS Athletics World Championships. The Championships for athletes with down syndrome will be held in Madeira in Portugal from the 1st to the 8th of October.



Andre competed in the 2017 Championships winning Silver in the Shot put and Discus events and finishing 5th in the Javelin.

Shortly after the IAADS Athletics World Championships, INAS will be hosting their World Half marathon Championships in Coimbra, Portugal. Australia has never sent a team to this Championships, but in 2018 it looks like we may send our first. Keep an eye out for an announcement in coming weeks.

Tennis

The **2018 Queensland PWID Open** is fast approaching. The tournament will be held 30th June and 1st July at the Queensland Tennis Centre on the Clay. Entries close 16th June. Events include Men's and Women's Singles and Doubles.

Link to enter <https://tournaments.tennis.com.au/sport/tournament.aspx?id=E382B501-EC64-4048-8793-81A1EE0941A4>

Australia's best tennis players are preparing to take on the World at the 2018 INAS Tennis World Championships in Paris in July. Led by INAS Men's singles Champion Archie Graham, the same team that dominated the 2017 INAS Tennis World Championships will be heading to Paris.

The team will assemble in Brisbane for a training camp prior to departure and will head to Paris on the 13th of July.

Not surprising, the Championships being played in France will be played on clay.

Australian Team:

Women: Kelly Wren (NSW), Carla Lenarduzzi (VIC)

Men: Archie Graham (QLD), Mitchell James (QLD, Joshua Holloway (QLD) and Damian Phillips (NSW).

Head Coach: Alison Scott (QLD)

Manager: Jay Schuback



Marie T Little OAM Shield – Brisbane 5-7 October

Netball Australia has big plans for the 2018 Marie T Little OAM Shield to be held in Brisbane from the 5th to the 7th of October, with games to be played at the Brisbane Entertainment Centre.

Round robin games to be played on Friday and Saturday with finals on Sunday.

The 2017 Marie T Little OAM Shield had many highlights from the first competition with all states represented to the spontaneous outpouring of emotion and support when the Northern Territory won their first game

NSW proved too strong in 2017 winning their 3rd straight title and will be back in 2018 looking for title number 4.



Players rush onto the court following Northern Territories historic win



NT Staff also celebrate the first victory



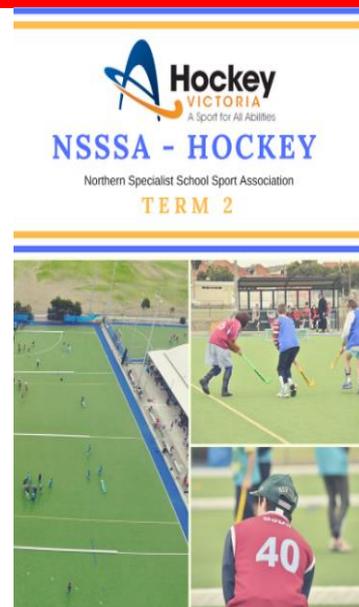
Hockey

Hockey Victoria are in their third year working with the Northern Specialist School Sports Association (NSSSA), to engage students of all abilities in a safe, welcoming, inclusive and modified hockey experience.

The NSSSA hockey program ran for four weeks over May out at Footscray Hockey Ground on Wednesday mornings. This year Hockey Victoria moved the interschool sport program from the indoor sports centre to the local hockey pitch, to provide the students with a more authentic hockey experience.

We are excited to announce the program had 22 teams entered into the competition, across three grades (A Grade, B Grade and C Grade).

For more information on Hockey opportunities in Victoria contact Michaela Cook at Hockey Victoria - mcook@hockeyvictoria.org.au



Lawn Bowls

Our top bowlers are heading to the sunny and warm Gold Coast for the Australian Open Multi disability Championships to be played at Musgrave Hill Bowls Club on the 18th and 19th of June.

However, for those bowlers who took part in the Bowls Victoria Country v Metro competition at Sebastopol recently it was as far as you could get from warm and sunny, but that didn't stop bowlers from putting on a great show.

For the record Vic Country won the challenge repeating their dominance over Vic Metro at the 2017 event.

Vic Country: Natalie Brennan, Alison Caldwell, Taylor Candy, David Connell, Brendan Elliot, Joanna Lomagno, Steven Nelson, Ben Peachey, **Manager:** Trevor Nelson

Vic Metro: Jason Barrett, Wayne Farmer, Joe Hebaiter, Blake Herron, James Hoskin, Anthony Lopic, Campbell Walker, David Warner, **Manager:** Mark Walker



For more information visit:

Bowls Australian Open website: www.australianopen.bowlsaustralia.com.au

Member Organisation / State Updates

Sport Inclusion Australia works in partnership with a range of organisations to ensure the sport sector is inclusive of all. It is these partnerships that enable us to support and facilitate inclusive programs, pathways and events right around the country. We value our partnerships and would like to thank all those who we work with that are as passionate as we are about providing welcoming and inclusive sporting opportunities.

Our state and territory Member Organisations play a vital role in the delivery of our shared vision for inclusion. We thank them and acknowledge their role in supporting our National network.



Inclusion Solutions (WA)

Since launching Inclusion Solutions in July 2017, the team at Inclusion Solutions have been busy but productive. The team are working across a number of areas including: training, local government authorities (LGAs), state sporting associations (SSAs), regional communities, developing pathways to open employment and assisting communities in developing age-friendly strategies.



Here are some brief examples of our recent work:

SSAs - Inclusion Solutions have two partner SSAs, the Western Australian Cricket Association (WACA) and Netball WA. The team work closely to help train and mentor SSA staff, local clubs, associations and volunteers in various elements of social inclusion. Inclusion Solutions also co-deliver the Sport for All Package for WA based cricket clubs, utilising the national framework and ensuring the fit and connection is appropriate for the local community.

LGAs - Inclusion Solutions has just completed the 'Club Abilities Project' with the City of Armadale. Through this project, the team delivered a number of training sessions and workshops to various groups in the community, mentored 20 x clubs and community groups and worked in partnership to pull together a large community event showcasing the asset-rich community.

EMPLOYMENT - Inclusion Solutions are working in partnerships with Rotary clubs across WA in an innovative project aiming to develop open employment opportunities for people with disabilities across WA. The project aims to provide an alternative to the limited employment opportunities for people with disabilities by showcasing research, statistics and tangible value to employing people with disabilities.

SOCIAL INCLUSION FORUMS - Inclusion Solutions launched the first of four Social Inclusion Forums in May 2018. With near 100 participants in attendance, including the Minister for Sport and Recreation, the Hon. Mick Murray, a number of speakers presented and engaged in robust, healthy discussion around inclusive sport and recreation environments. Follow-up forums will be held on: July 18, October 3 and December 12 2018. The link to the photos can be seen here:

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For more information about Inclusion Solutions, please find us at www.inclusionsolutions.org.au or like us on facebook at www.facebook.com/InclusionSolutionsWA

New Horizons (TAS)

It's been a huge 2018 so far for New Horizons Club in Northern Tasmania. After 31 years of being a local operation, the organisation is now thrilled to have spread it's wings state-wide after receiving a three-year Community Grant from the Commonwealth Bank.

New southern sport and recreation co-ordinator, Stuart Schultz, comes from 7 years with Cricket Tas, and is based at Blundstone Arena in Hobart.

"We are beyond delighted to be able to dramatically increase the sport and rec offerings available to Southern Tasmanians with disability" says Belinda Kitto, General Manager.

"Stuart has an extensive background in inclusive sport and is hugely respected for his past work with Cricket Tas; with his expertise we're looking forward to ensuring all Tasmanians are given the same opportunities to enjoy an active life".

Stuart and Belinda are looking forward to assisting in hosting the National AFL Inclusion Carnival in Launceston in late June, and have just returned from Melbourne where New Horizons Club (soon to be known as New Horizons Tasmania) was named as the Cricket Australia's Partner Organisation of the Year 2018 at the National Community Cricket Awards. We are so in awe of our athletes and volunteering community" said Belinda.

"It's great to be able to accept accolades and be chosen to host such dynamic events. "

Congratulations New Horizons



Life Stream Australia (QLD)



The Beenleigh Tennis Club in Queensland recently hosted the very first interschool Special Schools Tennis competition. The series was held over three weeks. The goal of the competition was to provide further opportunities for children with an intellectual disability to participate in a tennis competition, promoting PWID player pathways expansion and provide junior players more access to training and comps.

Congratulations to Calamvale Special School for taking out the first title, and Redlands District Special School for coming a close second! Well done.

Thanks to the Tennis Australia, Tennis Queensland Schools team and Life Stream Australia for supporting the series.



Life Stream Australia also hosted a Brisbane Inclusion Workshop for State Sport and Recreation staff, coaches, teachers, parents and local Government staff on Wednesday 16 May. Attendees were entertained by a number of guest speakers including Alberto Campbell (Athletics) Phoebe Lennox (Netball QLD) and Tim Searl (AFL Qld).

Life Stream Australia thanks everyone from attending and participating and our guest speakers for sharing their stories.

