

# Deaf Sports Australia E-News

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Greetings all, I trust you all had a refreshing and relaxing Easter / Anzac Day long weekend as we enter the winter months.

The Board of Directors had a meeting on 27 April and I am delighted to announce that Brett Knight and Emma Merkas (nee Veale) have been appointed as new Board Directors. Brett is a CODA, based in Sydney and will lead the Fundraising portfolio as we set our sights on the Asia Pacific and Deaflympic Games in 2012 and 2013 respectively. Brett works with Cisco, a global communications company and has a strong interest in fundraising for community organisations, particularly deaf organisations.

Emma is a CODA as well, and based in Melbourne. Emma grew up in the deaf community through her late father Matthew Veale's involvement in deaf sports, particularly football (soccer). She will lead the Media & Communications portfolio, and heads up her own marketing company - Thirty Dollar Date, and writes weekly articles for Melbourne's daily paper, MX. I am sure you will join me in welcoming Brett and Emma into the deaf sports family! This follows a concerted effort by DSA to recruit Directors outside Victoria, and female Directors. Both Emma and Brett will serve two-year terms on the DSA Board, replacing Richard Pearce and Sonia Heath, who both stepped down in recent months.

Registrations for the 2012 Australian Deaf Games is open! Go to [www.austdeafgames.org.au](http://www.austdeafgames.org.au) and register. Since launching the online registration system (for the first time ever) in partnership with Sporting Pulse, we have received registrations on a daily basis steadily. Do not miss out on the Early Bird Games Registration Fee, which expires on 30 June 2011. As highlighted in my report last month, New Zealand will be participating in the Games, and we are in discussions with Samoa and Fiji so that they can send athletes as well.

Perth hosted the International Lawn Bowls Invitational earlier this month, and DSA was represented by David Peters. DSA was a proud sponsor of the event. Congratulations goes to the Australian bowlers who did very well - the Australian Men's won gold in all events, with the Ladies winning bronze in the Team event. It was a very successful event, and results/photos can be found on our website.

Next month I will be representing DSA at Deaf Australia's National Conference in Hobart during 13-15 May 2011, and presenting a paper on sports and deaf youth, highlighting our national Schools Education Program. I will also be promoting the Australian Deaf Games at every opportunity, so if you're in Hobart for the conference, come up and see me!

The rescheduled ICSD Congress will now take place in September at a venue yet to be announced, although I understand an announcement is imminent. Furthermore, we received confirmation that the Asia Pacific Games for the Deaf will take place in Seoul, Korea during 19-26 May 2012.

All the best to our golfers ahead of the National Deaf Golf Championships, to be held in Adelaide during 6-8 May, and our male footballers as they participate in the 2nd Asia Pacific Deaf Football Championships, to be held in Korea in May.

On behalf of DSA, congratulations goes to our Manager, Craig Dodson, who had his wedding on Easter Thursday marrying the beautiful Sophie Ibbott. Best wishes on your married life together Craig and Sophie!

## DSA Manager's Update



It has been a busy month at Deaf Sports Australia with the priority for the DSA office has been to finalise the online registration process for the Australian Deaf Games. Irena has been on leave on an overseas holiday for the last month, which has been a test for our resources, however, thankfully she is now back on deck and we are operating as normal.

The move to an online registration system for the Australian Deaf Games is a major step forward in professionalism for deaf sports and helps bring us up to the standard of all major multi sports events throughout the Country. So much of our work and personal lives is now 'on-line' and its great that with the click of a mouse you can now register for the ADG.

In April a meeting was held with Deaf Sports Australia, Cricket Australia and Deaf Cricket Australia to review The recent Lord's Taverners Australia Deaf Cricket Ashes & Tri Series and the ongoing MOU between all three parties. The relationship between all three parties has developed strongly over the last 18 months and we look forward to building on this momentum and helping to develop deaf cricket across the country.

Work has continued on the DSA Schools Education Program with the focus been confirming school workshops and seeking support from stakeholders such as Deaf Societies, Departments of Sport and Recreation and our DSA members. The response has been very positive and we are close to finalising the full itinerary of school visits which will take place later this year.

I also recently attended an Australian Sports Commission (ASC) workshop to discuss the operation of the ASC's Sport Strategy and Participation Division which was formed in March 2011. At the workshop I was able to provide feedback from DSA on our working relationship with the ASC and discuss ways in which this can be improved in the future. The ASC is our major partner and it was a good opportunity to meet with several key ASC executives and also network with all the National Sporting Organisation (NSO) representatives that attended the workshop. On a pleasing note it was good to see that DSA's profile has increased significantly over the last 2 years amongst the NSO's that attended.

On a personal note it has been a big month for me as I was married on April 21<sup>st</sup> to my lovely wife Sophie. It was a great day and thank you to everyone who passed on their best wishes in the lead up to and after the wedding.

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

Craig Dodson  
DSA Manager

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## DSA Welcomes New Directors to the Board



My name is Brett Knight and I currently live in Sydney. My career path has steered towards sales and I have previously worked for corporate organisations such as Cadbury/Schweppes, Nestle and now currently Cisco Systems.

My family has had a vast history in fundraising through Deaf tennis and RIDBC North Rocks.

I'm a CODA and been involved within the Deaf community especially Deaf Sports throughout my life.

In 2011, I was the Coach of the winning NSW City Deaf Football team at the recent Deaf Football Australia Cup in Brisbane. I have also been elected NSW Delegate for Deaf Football Australia, and play for Belmore Eagles which is a local Deaf football team in Sydney.

I'm also currently studying a Diploma of Interpreting and hopefully by years end will be a qualified Level 2 Auslan Interpreter.



Emma Merkas

B.A. (Public Relations)

Emma Merkas (nee Veale) joins the board with a background in Public Relations, Communications and Marketing.

Emma runs her own business with her husband, Denis. Most recently, her career has been focussed on the media side of the PR equation, where she writes a regular column for mX Newspaper and freelances for several magazines and online publications.

Emma grew up in the Deaf community and around Deaf sports. Her father is the late Matthew Veale, who was a founding member of the Deaf Soccer Federation of Victoria in 1978. Emma also shared a special bond with her godfather John Lovett (former DSA and Deaflympics President) and is honored to help in carrying on the great work to which they dedicated so much of their time.

The Board and Staff of Deaf Sports Australia warmly welcomes Brett and Emma into the fold. We look forward to continuing our good work with the both of them in the coming months!

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## Registrations Are Open Now!

Registrations for the 2012 Australian Deaf Games is now available online at [www.austdeafgames.org.au](http://www.austdeafgames.org.au)



Early Bird Rate				Standard Rate				Late Rate			
Adult	Conc.	Youth	Child	Adult	Conc.	Youth	Child	Adult	Conc.	Youth	Child
\$139	\$119	\$99	FREE	\$159	\$139	\$119	FREE	\$189	\$169	\$149	FREE

**Early Bird Rate:** open of registration until 30 June 2011

**Standard Rate:** 1 July 2011 - 31 October 2011

**Late Rate:** 1 November 2011 - 31 December 2011

Please note that these fees are only for General Registration to the Games (Opening, Closing and social events), and do not include fees to participate in sporting events. Separate fees will apply for each individual sports are on offer.

As you can note, we are be offering early bird registration fees so be sure to register as soon as possible!

## New Zealand To Participate at the Games!

It is with great pleasure to inform that New Zealand will be involved in several sports at the upcoming Games. Fiji has also been invited to participate and we are awaiting on confirmation in regards to their involvement in the meantime.

## How do I Participate in State Teams?

You will need to contact your relevant State Deaf Sports Association to obtain details on how to participate in State-based competitions in your chosen sports. Below is a list of contact details for State Deaf Sports Associations:

Australian Capital Territory Deaf ACT David Brady <a href="mailto:david.brady@austouch.com.au">david.brady@austouch.com.au</a>	New South Wales Deaf Sports Recreation NSW TBC
Queensland Deaf Sports Recreation Queensland Julie Lyons <a href="mailto:dsrq@dsrq.org.au">dsrq@dsrq.org.au</a>	South Australia Deaf Sports Recreation South Australia Tanya Morgan <a href="mailto:dsrsa@adam.com.au">dsrsa@adam.com.au</a>
Victoria Deaf Sports Recreation Victoria Meg Aumann <a href="mailto:maumann@dsrv.com.au">maumann@dsrv.com.au</a>	Western Australia Western Australia Deaf Recreation Association TBC
Other States Please contact the DSA Office: Irena Farinacci <a href="mailto:irena.farinacci@deafsports.org.au">irena.farinacci@deafsports.org.au</a>	New Zealand New Zealand Deaf Sports Association Annette Scott <a href="mailto:Executive1@deafsports.co.nz">Executive1@deafsports.co.nz</a>

## 2012 Australian Deaf Games Update (continued)

### GOC to Launch Australian Deaf Games Roadshow

The 2012 ADG GOC will shortly announce a travel plan to visit States and Territories to meet with the Deaf sporting community to promote and provide information about the 2012 ADG

### Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers will be required to assist with Registrations, sports, logistics, and so on. Volunteer forms will be released soon so keep your eyes peeled for future announcements in the meantime. For further information about volunteering or to express your interest, please contact Paula on [paula.thornton@austdeafgames.org.au](mailto:paula.thornton@austdeafgames.org.au)

### 2012 ADG Newsletter

Recently, we distributed our monthly newsletters regarding the latest news for the 2012 Australian Deaf Games. DSA mail list members as well as those who register for the Games will be included in the mail list.

### More Information

If you have any questions regarding the Australian Deaf Games, please contact the DSA office at [dsa@deafsports.org.au](mailto:dsa@deafsports.org.au)

### ADG Sports Program Schedule

	Sat 14/1	Sun 15/1	Mon 16/1	Tue 17/1	Wed 18/1	Thur 19/1	Fri 20/1	Sat 21/1
Opening Ceremony	NIGHT							
Closing Ceremony								NIGHT
Aquatics			DAY					
Athletics		DAY						
Basketball			DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY	
Beach Volleyball		DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY			
Cricket			DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY	
Cycling							DAY	DAY
Darts					DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY
Eight Ball		NIGHT	NIGHT	NIGHT	NIGHT			
Futsal						DAY	DAY	DAY
Golf			DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY	
Lawn Bowls		DAY	DAY	DAY		DAY	DAY	
Netball		NIGHT	NIGHT	NIGHT	NIGHT	NIGHT	NIGHT	
Rugby 7's							DAY	DAY
Shooting		DAY	DAY	DAY				
Squash		DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY			
Surfing				DAY				
Table Tennis							DAY	DAY
Tennis			DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY	
Tenpin Bowling	DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY				
Touch Football - tbc					DAY	DAY		

- Please note the ADG Schedule is subject to change.

## 2012 Australian Deaf Games Accommodation List

Hotels	Address	Phone
Four Points Sheraton	10-14 Eastern Beach Rd, Geelong	1800 074 545
Mercure Hotel	Cnr Gheringhap & Myers St, Geelong	1300 656 844
Chifley on the Esplanade	13 The Esplanade, Geelong	1300 650 464
Serviced Apartments	Address	Phone
Chifley on the Esplanade	13 The Esplanade, Geelong	1300 650 464
Quest Geelong	18 The Esplanade South, Geelong	03 5228 2000
Aaron Lee Waterfront Apartments	30 Western Beach Road, Geelong	03 5222 7733
Alexandra Apartments	15-17 Alexandra Ave, Geelong	0419 320 955
Nireeda Apartments	1-3 Clare Street, Geelong	03 5221 0566
The Waterfront Apartments	2-4 Yarra Street, Geelong	0409 931 396
Geelong Apartments	90 McKillop St, Geelong	03 5221 5959
Haymarket Boutique Hotel	244 Moorabool Street, Geelong	03 5221 1174
Shannon Motor Inn	283 Shannon Ave, Geelong	03 5222 4355
Vailima Waterfront Apartment	26 Eastern Beach Rd	0417 300 877
Barwon Valley Lodge	99 Barrabool Rd, Belmont	03 5244 2111
Sea Mist Holiday Apartments	62-64 Western Beach Rd, Geelong	03 5222 2447
Corio Villa	56 Eastern Beach, Geelong	03 5221 3838
Bayview Villas	C/- 366 Ryrie Street, Geelong	03 5229 0264
Motor Inns	Address	Phone
Comfort Inn Eastern Sands	1 Bellarine Street, Geelong	03 5221 5577
Comfort Inn Bay City Geelong	231 Malop Street, Geelong	03 5221 1933
Colonial Lodge Motel	57 Fyans Street, South Geelong	03 5223 2266
Parkwood Motel	Cnr Shannon Ave & Ballarat Rd, North Geelong	03 5278 5477
Hacienda Motel	15 Mt Pleasant Rd, Belmont	03 5243 5844
Rose Garden Motel	14-16 Settlement Rd, Belmont	03 5241 9441
Rippleside Park Motor Inn	67 Melbourne Rd, North Geelong	03 5278 2017
Comfort Inn Parkside	68 High Street, Belmont	03 5243 6766
Abbotswood Motor Inn	308-310 High Street, Belmont	03 5243 0122
Gateway Hotel	218-230 Princes Hwy, Corio	03 5275 1091
Corio Bay Motel	292-296 Princes Hwy, Corio	03 5275 1489
Kardinia Park Motel	422 La Trobe Tce, Geelong	03 5221 5188
Shannon Motor Inn	283 Shannon Ave, Geelong	03 5222 4355
Aberdeen Motor Inn	9 Aberdeen Street, Geelong	03 5221 2177
Admiralty Motor Inn	66 McKillop Street, Geelong	03 5221 4288
Geelong Motor Inn	Cnr Princes Hwy & Kooyong Rd, Geelong	03 5222 4777
Hotels - Pub Style	Address	Phone
Jokers on Ryrie	211 Ryrie Street, Geelong	03 5229 1104
Irish Murphys	30 Aberdeen Street, Geelong	03 5221 4335
National Hotel	191 Moorabool Street, Geelong	0410 529 935
Carlton Hotel	21 Malop Street, Geelong	03 5229 1955
The Sphinx	2 Thompson Rd, North Geelong	03 5278 2911
Other	Address	Phone
Geelong Conference Centre	Adams Crt, Eastern Park Geelong	03 5226 2121
Deakin Management Centre	Deakin University, Geelong	03 5227 3000
Caravan parks	Address	Phone
BIG4 Geelong Riverview Tourist Park	59 Barrabool Rd, Belmont	1800336225
Riverglen Holiday Park	75 Barrabool Rd, Belmont	03 5243 5505
El Dorado Tourist Park	360 Ballarat Rd, Batesford	03 5276 1386
Barwon Caravan Park	153 Barrabool Rd, Belmont	03 5243 3842
Pelican Shores Holiday Park	Clifton Ave, Leopold	1800 816 429
Moolap Caravan Park	365 Bellarine Hwy, Moolap	03 5250 1381

# 2012 Australian Deaf Games

**14 – 21 January 2012**

**Geelong, Victoria**



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T: (03) 9473 1191**



## 6<sup>th</sup> International Deaf Lawn Bowls Championships

The 6th International Deaf Lawn Bowls Championships were held at Yokine Bowls Club, Perth, Western Australia from 2nd to 10th April 2011.

Scotland, North Ireland, Wales, Australia and New Zealand participated in the event, however unfortunately England and South Africa had to withdraw at the last minute.

Australia won the Gold Medal in the Men Singles with Brian Lockyer from NSW putting in a great performance to take the title.

Australia won the gold medal as overall men team with the Australias team as listed below:

**Men Triples:** Brian Lockyer NSW, Michael Barca VIC, Barry Lynne QLD

**Men Fours:** Gregory Strachan WA, George Ravlich WA, Michael Barca VIC, Barry Lynne QLD

Australia won the Silver Medal in the Ladies Pairs with Robyn Larkin (VIC) and Heather Wilson (VIC) and a Bronze Medal in the Ladies Singles to Joy Hargreaves (VIC).

Australia won the bronze medal as overall ladies team (Scotland won gold medal) with the Australian team as listed below:

**Ladies Triples:** Maureen Prudden VIC, Jeanie Rothnie WA, Joy Hargreaves VIC

**Ladies Fours:** Toni-Rose Robson NSW, Jeanie Rothnie WA, Robyn Larkin VIC, Heather Wilson VIC

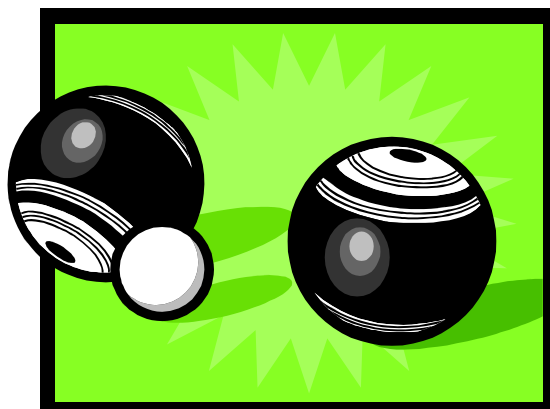
Australia won the Silver Medal as overall Country nation (Scotland won gold medal)

The Next 7th International Deaf Lawn Bowls Championships in Northern Ireland during 2015.

Full results from the tournament are as follows:

1st Day	2nd day
<b>Men's</b> Singles Scotland def Wales 21 - 19 Northern Ireland def New Zealand 21 - 16 Pairs Scotland def Wales 28 - 4 Northern Ireland def New Zealand 20 - 16 Triples Scotland def Wales 21 - 19 New Zealand def Northern Ireland 25- 6 Fours Scotland def Wales 16 - 12 Northern Ireland def New Zealand 17 - 15	<b>Men's</b> Singles Australia def New Zealand 21 - 8 Northern Ireland def Wales 21 - 8 Pairs Australia def New Zealand 20 - 11 Wales def Northern Ireland 18 - 15 Triples Australia def New Zealand 20 - 16 Northern Ireland def Wales 22 - 10 Fours Australia def New Zealand 24 - 13 Northern Ireland def Wales 25 - 6
<b>Women's</b> Singles Scotland def Wales 21 - 7 Pairs Scotland def Wales 35 - 9 Triples Scotland def Wales 15 - 10 Fours Scotland def Wales 25 - 7	<b>Women's</b> Singles New Zealand def Australia 21 - 11 Pairs New Zealand def Australia 17 - 11 Triples Australia def New Zealand 16 - 12 Fours New Zealand def Australia 16 - 10

<p><b>3rd day</b></p> <p>Men's  Singles Australia def Northern Ireland 21 - 12  Scotland def New Zealand 21 - 16  Pairs Northern Ireland def Australia 17 - 15  Scotland def New Zealand 31 - 12  Triples Australia def Northern Ireland 18 - 6  New Zealand def Scotland 18 - 10  Fours Australia def Northern Ireland 31 - 17  New Zealand def Scotland 22 - 16</p> <p>Women's  Singles Scotland def New Zealand 21 - 9  Pairs New Zealand def Scotland 24 - 12  Triples Scotland drew with New Zealand 13 - 13  Fours Scotland def New Zealand 22 - 12</p>	<p><b>Day 4</b></p> <p>Men's  Singles Australia def Wales 21 - 19  Scotland def Northern Ireland 21 - 12  Pairs Wales def Australia 23 - 13  Scotland def Northern Ireland 30 - 10  Triples Australia def Wales 28 - 11  Northern Ireland def Scotland 14 - 8  Fours Australia drew with Wales 16 - 16  Northern Ireland def Scotland 19 - 13</p> <p>Women's  Singles Australia def Wales 21 - 3  Pairs Australia def Wales 40 - 4  Triples Australia def Wales 16 - 14  Fours Australia def Wales 23 - 13</p>
<p><b>Day 5</b></p> <p>Men's  Singles Australia def Scotland 21 - 18  Wales def New Zealand 21 - 15  Pairs Scotland def Australia 25 - 22  Wales def New Zealand 25 - 12</p> <p>Triples Scotland def Australia 17 - 13  New Zealand def Wales 17 - 14  Fours Australia def Scotland 24 - 7  New Zealand def Wales 21 - 14</p> <p>Women's  Singles Australia def Scotland 21 - 15  New Zealand def Wales 21 - 4  Pairs Australia def Scotland 18 - 14  New Zealand def Wales 49 - 8  Triples Scotland def Australia 24 - 12  New Zealand def Wales 22 - 15  Fours Scotland def Australia 24 - 12  New Zealand def Wales 20 - 11</p>	



Deaf Basketball Association of South Australia is hosting the next National Deaf Basketball Club Championship in Adelaide!!

**The Alan Sandon Shield will be held from Friday 8th to Sunday 10th July 2011**

We will have a special dinner to celebrate the 50th year anniversary of South Australian Deaf Basketball.

Games will be held at Wayville Basketball Stadium, Rose Terrace, Wayville.

50th year anniversary dinner will be held at the Deaf Society's Hall, 262 South Terrace, Adelaide.

We will have Open Men and Women's teams, Masters (over 40's) and Juniors (under 18's).

### REGISTRATION:

Open player: \$80 (does not include 50th year dinner)

\*\*\* Early Bird: \$70 if paid by 6th May \*\*\*

Masters: \$40 (includes 50th year dinner)

Juniors: \$40 (includes 50th year dinner)

Coach/Manager: \$80 (does not include 50th year dinner)

Visitors: \$40 (includes dinner)

50th year dinner only:

\$30 for a buffet style dinner including desserts

Please contact DBASA for team/player registration form.

Please contact DBASA if you require further information.

Email: [dbasa@live.com.au](mailto:dbasa@live.com.au)



Please contact Tanya Morgan from DSRSA if you want to purchase 50th year anniversary dinner tickets via email on [dsrsa@adam.com.au](mailto:dsrsa@adam.com.au)



### **Aftermath of Slovakia Winter Deaflympics**

Deaflympics is now facing an economic and social crisis with few parallels in our history. The failure of the Slovakian Deaflympic Organising Committee and the criminal fraud perpetrated by its President, Jaromir Ruda, have caused massive hardship to Deaf athletes and administrators around the world. The reputation of Deaf sport around the world has been severely damaged.

### **Need for Reform and Recovery**

Faced with the outcome of the failed Winter Deaflympics in Slovakia, ICSD is bringing in independent investigation.

What is required is not just a change of faces around the ICSD Executive Board or ICSD Office table, but a new approach to Games management and to Deaf sports structure.

Under the old way of doing things, ICSD grew the Deaflympics to a completely unsustainable point. In 2009, the Taiwan Deaflympics required a \$72 million budget of 100% government funding. But at the same time as developing a model for the Deaflympics that depended completely on government funds, ICSD did not ask for any guarantee of government support from cities bidding for future Deaflympics. With no guarantee of government support provided during its bid, the organising committee for Athens 2013 folded after the Greek general election in 2009. The Hellenic Federation of Deaf Sports is currently working on a final attempt to win government backing for Athens 2013. We will know the outcome of this work in the weeks ahead.

Vancouver 2015's bid was chosen under a system where it was decided that cities could bid without needing the support of the relevant National Deaf Sports Organisation. And Vancouver 2015 failed too. Faced with the comprehensive failure of the Deaflympics and the old system of bidding, management and hosting, we must now push ahead with nothing less than complete reform.

From October 2009, the ICSD members voted for new President and Board to implement strategic change. This change is now more vital than ever. I stood for election on the basis that isolation and the old way of doing things was no longer the answer. Now more than ever, that is clearly the case.

Based on this strong mandate and faced with the failure of the Deaflympics, ICSD will bring in independent help to investigate what went wrong and how to radically improve. There will be an independent, realistic and honest assessment of the crisis facing the organisation.

ICSD already has a strategic plan for the future that has gained the respect of the Olympic Movement. To this, we will add the reform of the Deaflympics. This work will be implemented by the Executive Board and of course our new Chief Executive. We are fortunate, at this critical time, to be joined by a sports professional with considerable IOC experience of how to successfully manage the bidding and hosting of the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Following a policy of engagement with the rest of the Olympic Movement, not isolation, the IOC President has also written to me expressing the IOC's willingness to help us investigate, reform and improve.  
Relationship with the IOC

We need to bring to an end to the situation where the IOC is portrayed as being on one side and ICSD on another. Following the strategic plan I initiated, the Executive Board will be overhauling its relationship with the IOC and with other sporting bodies. Deaf sport does not exist in isolation: We use the competition rules of International Federations. Our anti-doping work is governed by WADA. We must embrace the opportunities that these organisations provide.

### **National Sovereignty**

ICSD maintains that strong national members are the basis for a healthy Deaf sports movement. To this extent we are renewing our work to ensure the position of National Deaf Sports Federations is respected.

Many models now exist around the world. Varying by country, ICSD members are sometimes completely independent, sometimes self-organising entities within National Olympic Committees, National Disabled Sports Organisations or National Paralympic Committees.

Mutual respect among sports bodies at the national level is best supported by mutual respect at the international level. I will continue to ensure that our progress with the IOC and IPC with regard to the autonomy of Deaf sport is strongly maintained.

### **Deaf Sport for Deaf Athletes**

No sporting organisation can be successful if it does not put the needs of Deaf athletes first and foremost. I recognise that ICSD has for many years not done enough to prove that the wellbeing of Deaf athletes is our first priority. This is demonstrated by the long lack of an active athlete's commission. The re-establishment of this commission is a priority.

### **Deaf Sports Reform**

It is now time to concentrate on the fundamentals. If ICSD is to be taken seriously as an organisation that serves high-performance Deaf athletes, by ensuring high-performance competitions, then this is what we must deliver. We must re-examine our priorities. We must be certain of what we want to achieve via the Deaflympics. We must find a new way forward. And we must pursue it with great resolve. Our Deaf athletes deserve nothing less.

**Craig A Crowley MBE**  
President

### **OTHER NEWS:**

#### **France Rejoins ICSD**

Frederick MD, USA - Effective 23 April 2011, France is once again a member of ICSD. France has the right to send its athletes to international competitions and to host international competitions. This membership is provisional, pending approval of the ICSD Congress. Welcome back.

## **Announcement of the 2012 Asia Pacific Games**

Dear All Asia Pacific member,

A greeting from APDSC Secretariat.

I would like to provide the brief information of the Asia Pacific Games for the Deaf 2012 as the following,

Confirmed Date: May 19 - 26, 2012

Confirmed location: Seoul City, Korea

By the way, APDSC Congress shall be held for one day prior to Asia Pacific Games for the Deaf 2012. More confirmed details will be outcome sooner, and APDSC Secretariat shall keep all of you updated time by time.

At the same time, APDSC hopes that all of you will be in the success in obtaining the supports from the governments in time.

Thank you for your patient for a long time.

Best Regards,

Kang Chen  
Secretary-General  
Asia Pacific Deaf Sports Confederation

## Smart Rugby Course for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Participants



Australian Rugby will be running another SmartRugby course for the Deaf Community, this time in Sydney (Sunday 15th May 2011). The course will run leading up to a Sevens Rugby Tournament run by Southern Cross Deaf Rugby Union (SCDRU). This event will also act as selection for NSW's Deaf Sevens team to participate in Australia Deaf Games next year.

SmartRugby - Parramatta - 15 May 2011 at 3.30pm.

SmartRugby is an occupational health and safety program for Australia's Rugby participants. It is a compulsory minimum requirement for every coach and referee participating in Rugby where there is a tackling component.

Location: Granville Park, Montrose Avenue, NSW

Details: An Interpreter will be available at this course to assist with the delivery of material for our Deaf Rugby communities. This course is conducted mostly outdoors, and contains some practical elements. Please wear sports clothes, and bring along some water, sunscreen and a hat and/or wet weather gear if appropriate!

Contact Name: Mark Bos

Contact Mobile: 0404-197-978

Link:

[http://myrugby.rugby.com.au/myrugby/smartrugby\\_showcourse.asp?program\\_key={19BAFC24-86E2-4B56-9587-CA8D0FC734BB}](http://myrugby.rugby.com.au/myrugby/smartrugby_showcourse.asp?program_key={19BAFC24-86E2-4B56-9587-CA8D0FC734BB})



## 2011 Deaf Golf Australia AGM

The 16th annual general meeting of Deaf Golf Australia will be held at links lady bay clubhouse, normanville south australia on saturday 7th may, 2011 at 5pm.

All General Business, Proxy Forms and Nomination forms for the AGM to be sent to Secretary ([gbalharrie@vicdeaf.com.au](mailto:gbalharrie@vicdeaf.com.au)) by Friday 29 April 2011

Agenda and Annual Report will be distributed via email on Monday 2 May 2011

For further information contact [gbalharrie@vicdeaf.com.au](mailto:gbalharrie@vicdeaf.com.au)



## Meet World Deaf Federation President

Come and meet the leader of the World's Deaf Community:

**Mr Markku Jokinen**

President, World Federation of the Deaf

When: On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May (Sydney) or Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2011 (Hobart)

Finger food will be provided

Cash bar will be open

Deaf Australia members \$15.00

Non-members \$20.00

For further information contact [gaye.lyons@deafau.org.au](mailto:gaye.lyons@deafau.org.au)

Numbers are limited so book early!



### Ladies - Want to Play Basketball?

Calling all deaf and hard of hearing females aged 12 years and older, we're setting up women basketball team/s to play at National Deaf Basketball Club Championships to be held in Adelaide July 8-10<sup>th</sup> 2011.

Please email Lisa Westwood at [lisawestwood@msn.com](mailto:lisawestwood@msn.com) if you're interested!

Come along for fun and good times!



## Deaf Society of NSW Retreat

The Deaf Society of NSW will hold a Retreat Weekend for Deaf people as part of our goal in the Strategic Plan:

‘To actively develop the strength and capacity of the Deaf Community’

The aim of the weekend is to learn, and to be inspired. We are very pleased to announce that Robert Adam will be our guest presenter for the weekend. Robert is famous for his long involvement with the Deaf Community in Australia before he moved to London to pursue his work in the field of Deaf Culture, Deaf Community and Language. He is now studying for his PhD in the field of sign language linguistics. He has given numerous international presentations on a range of topics, and for this retreat will be sharing his knowledge of Deafhood and what it means to be a sign language user.

When: Friday, 27th May 2011 (7pm) - Sunday, 29th May (Noon)

Where: The Hermitage, Leumeah

Cost: \$250 per person

The registration fee includes shared accommodation & meals (1 Light refreshment, 2 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 1 Dinner)

You will be responsible for travel between your city and Leumeah.

Limited Space (no more than 25 participants)

Registration Closing Date: - Friday, 6th May 2011

For further information contact [callen@deafsociety.com](mailto:callen@deafsociety.com)

## Diving for the Deaf Program

### DIVING FOR THE DEAF PROGRAM

**Where:** Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre

**Commencing:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> of May

**Time:** 1pm - 3pm

**Cost:** \$5 per session + Pool entry

For bookings and more information contact

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