

# Deaf Sports Update

MARCH 2009

Monthly Updates from Deaf Sports Australia  
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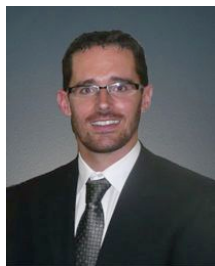
## MDCC BUSHFIRE APPEAL

Deaf Sports Australia together with Deaf Sports Recreation Victoria & Victorian Council of Deaf People assisted Melbourne Deaf Cricket Club with their Bushfire Fundraising Appeal on Saturday 14th February at Hays Paddock, the home of Melbourne Deaf Cricket Club. DSA assisted with the Auction component where we raised \$1,975.00 that included the auctioning of an autographed Hawthorn premiership poster, signed Geelong football, and several M2005 Deaflympic Games memorabilia items.

Deaf Sports Australia also donated \$300 to the Victorian Bushfire Appeal.



# President's Report...



Welcome to the March edition of the DSA E-News. It has been a hectic month for us, particularly in regards to the recruitment process we are undertaking. For the first time, DSA advertised two positions simultaneously - the Manager and Sports Development Officer position.

The Sports Development Officer position is funded by the Federal Government (Department of Health & Ageing) and the Victorian Government (Sport & Recreation Victoria) and is a fixed term position of 15 months, ending on 30 June 2009. I am pleased to announce that Irena Farinacci has been selected for this position. Irena is currently our Acting Manager, a position she has served in for the last seven months with professionalism and enthusiasm. She brings with her the skills and contacts she has developed over this time and ensures that she builds on the work with National and State Sporting Associations and DSA's Full Members.

At the time of writing, we are about to conduct interviews for the Manager position. An announcement will be made in the coming week or two about this position. I have been encouraged by the quality and quantity of applications which showed that DSA is an attractive organisation to work for.

In regards to the Australian Deaflympic Team fundraising efforts, we recently received news from the Federal Government that they will provide \$50,000 funding for the Australian Deaflympic Team to participate in the 21<sup>st</sup> Summer Deaflympic Games, held in Taipei during 5-15 September 2009. While appreciative of the support from the Federal Government, this fell far short of what we asked for and places an enormous burden on our athletes and DSA to raise the remaining funds. We are continuing our negotiations with State and Territory

Governments and companies and are hopeful of positive news coming our way sooner rather than later.

Preparations for the Australian Deaflympic Team Training Camp is in full swing. This Camp will take place in Melbourne during 24-26 April 2009. A series of workshops and information sessions are planned, as well as plenty of time for athletes to train at sporting venues in and near Melbourne. We are very grateful that NABS will be providing an Auslan interpreter for the Training Camp.

In other DSA developments, we have started to submit applications for funding grants managed by trust funds or philanthropic organisations. Our funding submissions are focused on youth-specific projects and growing DSA's reach to sporting organisations and deaf and hard of hearing athletes across the nation.

The Board of Directors are planning a Retreat in the next month or two, once the new Manager has been recruited. This Retreat will enable us to review our strategy plan and all key actions. Part of the Retreat will be spent discussing key issues that were raised to us by our Full Members at our Summit and AGM weekends late in 2008 including membership structure and hearing loss threshold.

We have also engaged the services of Heck Design to revamp our website and enhance accessibility and provide DSA with increased ability to update the website on a regular basis. This has been a work in progress for the last few months. Stand by for the new website in the coming weeks!

Happy Easter to all our readers!

Brent Phillips

President

# Australian Deaf Games Update

Planning for the 2012 Australian Deaf Games (ADG) in Victoria is well under way. The first part of the planning is to select a host city. Deaf Sports Australia have decided to have a formal selection process to pick the best city in Victoria to host the ADG.

Deaf Sports Australia has formally approached a number of Local Councils in Victoria to invite to submit an application to host the ADG in either the January holiday period of 2012 or the Easter Holiday period. The Councils will be asked to document why they are the best place to Host the ADG. In this way Deaf Sports Australia hope to gain a number of advantages from the Councils which may include:

- Benefits and discounts for booking venues.
- Assistance with identifying accommodation
- Funding to assist in organising the games.
- Assistance with organising transport
- Securing of the booking of venues well in advance of the commencement of the Games.
- Involvement of the Local community and businesses that will benefit participants of the games.



Selection will be based on the city that can provide the best and most efficient support and highest quality venues. The first part of the selection process is the distribution of the Expression of Interest (EOI) Document. This has been distributed in the first week of March. Councils that respond to the EOI will receive a formal Host City Information Package so that they can apply to formally host the ADG.

DSA will update members regularly about the Australian Deaf Games between now and when they commence in 2012. This will be a lengthy process and it is planned to launch the ADG officially with the announcement of the successful Host City in 2012.

Start your planning for the 2012 Australian Deaf Games now. You can not start too soon. Make sure you are there at the Games We Love!

DSA is pleased to announce that current Acting Manager, Irena Farinacci has been appointed to the Sports Development Officer Position. Congratulations Irena!

**Save this date! : Saturday 18 July 2009**

Gala Ball jointly hosted by Deaf Sports Australia and Vicdeaf,  
to celebrate 125 years of Vicdeaf and  
fundraise for the Australian Deaflympic Team

Venue: Rydges on Swanston, Melbourne

Further details will be announced shortly

# Deaf Lawn Bowls Victoria

Deaf Bowls Victoria will host the main event where the City Deaf Side will play against the Country Deaf Side on the weekend of 28 and 29 March, 2009 at Burwood District Bowls Club, Burwood Reserve, Gleeson Street, Burwood (off Warrigal Road).

There will be two days of intense competition when the Metros (City Deaf Side) and The Invincibles (Country Deaf Side) takes place. About 22 bowlers from the state of Victoria with their guns (bowls) blazing across the green to get vital shots to win the Owen Fielding Memorial Shield since 1993.

Come and watch the state's best Deaf/Hard of Hearing/Hearing Impaired lawn bowlers in action.

See you there,

Allan W Mann

## 3rd National Deaf Eight Ball Championships

Perth, Western Australia 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> April 2009

### Welcome Night

**When:** Thursday 9th April

**Time:** from 6pm

**Where:** WA Deaf Society  
Suite 46 / 5 Aberdeen Street  
East Perth  
Bar Open

The Deaf 8Ball Australia Inc  
**Annual General Meeting**  
will be held on this night  
starting at 8pm.

For more information, please contact Belinda Maggs, Secretary Deaf8Ball Australia at [d8ba@hotmail.com](mailto:d8ba@hotmail.com)



### Match days:

**When:** Friday 10th to Sunday 12th April

**Time:** 9am to 6pm

**Where:** POT BLACK  
Family Pool & Snooker Centre  
Southside Drive  
Hillarys Boat Harbour  
Sorrento WA

### Presentation Dinner:

**When:** Sunday 12th April

**Time:** from 6pm

**Where:** POT BLACK  
Family Pool & Snooker Centre  
Southside Drive  
Hillarys Boat Harbour  
Sorrento, WA

## 2009 Australian Deaf Golf Championships

**When:** 10th April to 13th April 2009

**Where:** Pacific Dunes Golf Club, Newcastle, NSW

Proudly Organised by NSW Deaf Golf Association

For more information, please contact Gavin Balharrie, Deaf Golf Australia  
[gbalharrie@wtpartnership.com.au](mailto:gbalharrie@wtpartnership.com.au)

Registration closes 28 February 2009



# Queensland Deaf Cricket Association

We would cordially invite you to join us in celebrating the (belated) Half Century of the establishment of the deaf-run Deaf Cricket Club Committee.

This special event will be held:  
Sunday May 10th, 2009

“The Pavilion” Allan Border Field  
1 Bogan Street  
Breakfast Creek QLD

At this special event, we will have a long lunch (10.00am to 4.30pm) and the menu will be a delicious high quality BBQ & Grill.

Beverages will be at your own expenses.

Dress code for this occasion will be smart casual in the high standard possible.

The first 50 fully-paid ticket holders will receive a special gift to mark this special occasion.

Tickets: 50.00 dollars per person

For more information and/or ticket purchases:

Secretary, 3/40 Lauder St, Mt Gravatt QLD 4122 or [qlddeafcricket@gmail.com](mailto:qlddeafcricket@gmail.com)



## Table Tennis Championships

### 7th Australian Athletes with Disabilities - Table Tennis Championships

Dates: 14 – 18th April 2009  
(Classifications 13th April)

Where: Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre  
Aughtie Drive, Albert Park, 3206

**ENTRIES CLOSE: FRIDAY 27TH MARCH 2009**

**Conducted by Table Tennis Victoria Inc  
On behalf of Table Tennis Australia**

For more information, please visit - <http://www.insports.com.au/>



# Deaf Cricket Australia news

Since taking over John Webb's position as an interim secretary until May 2009, it was a hectic time for me to settle down in his shoes for the last few months. Our sport has lots of cover in this edition.

## Victorian Bushfires

The DCA executives, affiliated state members and players extend our deepest sympathies to those who have lost so much.

To the volunteers of Melbourne Deaf Cricket Club and other organisations, you have made us proud by organizing a fundraising event to raise money to support those victims of the recent bushfires!

All our thoughts and hopes are with you all!

## Training Camp report by Michael Parremore

"Deaf Cricket Australia held a training camp in Melbourne on 3 - 9 January 2009. The camp was attended by 18 players from all over Australia.

The camp was specifically organised by the selectors, Kevin Smith (DCA President and Chairman of Selectors), Justin Bergin and Kym Daley, with assistance from Jason Mathers (Cricket Victoria). It was Jason who organised the training program which consisted of batting/bowling in the nets as well as fielding drills.

There were also two 50 over "intra-club" style games and all participants received ample opportunity to showcase their skills to the selectors. The selectors' job is to field a team for the next World Cup, to be held in Auckland in New Zealand this coming December 2009/January 2010.

The camp also provided an opportunity for the players to learn from one another and also get to know each other, a vital ingredient for a touring side. Deaf Cricket Australia will be announcing the selections of the players who participated in the training camp.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> World Cup Deaf Cricket

As Michael mentioned in his report, the selectors are currently doing their homework to ensure

that we send a possible strongest squad for the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Cup to ensure that we have a big chance of winning the cup for the second time!

The squad will be announced sometime in late March / early April this year and will be published in the next edition of DSA newsletter.

It is more likely that at least 7 countries are to participate for the World Cup but I was told that few other countries are really keen to join the prestigious tournament which is exciting! These countries are Australia, New Zealand, India, South Africa, Pakistan, England and Sri Lanka.

Let's save up now for a trip to Auckland to support the boys in yellow and green!

Deaf Cricket Australia is now seeking Expressions of Interest for the following positions for the World Cup:

Tour Manager, Team Manager, Coach, Team Scorer, Physiotherapist and Auslan Interpreter

An application form and full job descriptions can be obtained from Deaf Cricket Australia website or by contacting DCA Secretary on [deafcricketaust@hotmail.com](mailto:deafcricketaust@hotmail.com)

Closing date - 8<sup>th</sup> May 2009

## Vale Gilbert Girke OAM

We would like to put on record our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Gilbert Girke OAM.

Gilbert was not only an excellent administrator; he was also a true supporter who was always so willing to share his knowledge, his time and his support to Deaf cricket.

Rest in Peace, Gilbert!

Before I sign off, if there is anything you want to ask about cricket - feel free to email me anytime at [deafcricketaust@hotmail.com](mailto:deafcricketaust@hotmail.com)

Tony Clews  
Interim Secretary

## Community Sport Public Forums

### Deaf Sports Australia encourages as many members to attend public sessions in your region.

In March - May 2009 the Independent Sport Panel will hold public forums in thirteen metropolitan and regional centres around Australia. The consultations facilitate a comprehensive consultation process to inform the panel on important issues and potential changes to community sport in Australia.

The public consultation process will focus on the Panel's following Terms of Reference:

- 2: Better place sport and physical activity as a key component of the Government's preventative health approach.
3. Strengthen pathways from junior sport to grassroots community sport, right through to elite and professional sport.
5. Identify opportunities to increase and diversify the funding base for sport through corporate sponsorship, media and any recommended reforms, such as enhancing the effectiveness of the Australian Sports Foundation.

All members of the community are invited to attend the public forums to be held in the following locations: Darwin, Sydney, Wodonga, Hobart, Brisbane, Cairns, Adelaide, Melbourne, Canberra, Perth, Albany, Dubbo and Coffs Harbour.

For more information please visit <http://www.sportpanel.org.au/internet/sportpanel/publishing.nsf/Content/community+sport> or contact Irena Farinacci, DSA Acting Manager on [irena.farinacci@deafsports.org.au](mailto:irena.farinacci@deafsports.org.au)

## Top Effort!

Article from Riverine Herald  
Monday 8 February, 2009

Chris Storer became the first deaf driver to compete in the Southern 80 competition on Saturday, when he drove Steel Roots, in the seacraft sprint class.

Steel Roots, which Storer spent six years building, did well to finish second in its class in a time of 15:57, averaging more than 75km/h.

Storer raced again yesterday in Steel Roots in the 60km/h expert class, sitting in 26th position for the event before it finished prematurely.

It was the first time Storer had raced and he was rapt to have finished his first race.





## Service teams for Deaflympics vow to promote national diplomacy

Written by Asia News on Tuesday, 10 March, 2009 Time posted : 1:32 pm

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Goodwill service teams that will work at the 2009 Deaflympics in Taipei held a rally Sunday, with members promising their best efforts in receiving athletes and their family members from 81 countries.

Vice President Vincent Siew participated in the rally, jointly organized by Rotary International and 87 Taipei schools, along with Taipei Mayor Hau Lung-bin and Sports Affairs Council Minister Tai Hsia-ling.

In his remarks at the rally marking the inauguration of the teams, Siew said he expected the volunteers to show foreign visitors Taiwan's hospitality and help promote the country's international image.

He also indicated that if the Rotary Club needed his assistance, he would be happy to give it.

The 2009 Deaflympics, to take place in September, will be the second large-scale international event Taiwan has ever hosted. The first will be the 2009 World Games in Kaohsiung in July.

The number of countries participating in this year's Deaflympics is the largest ever, and over 10,000 athletes, families and support staff are expected to come to Taipei for the event, Siew said.

Hau said he is confident that Taiwan will garner more medals this year after it took nine gold, four silver and three bronzes in 2005.

He also expressed the hope that the international community will feel Taipei's friendship and vitality at the sports event.

For updates on the 2009 Deaflympics, Taipei, visit their official website at:

<http://english.2009deaflympics.org/bin/home.php>



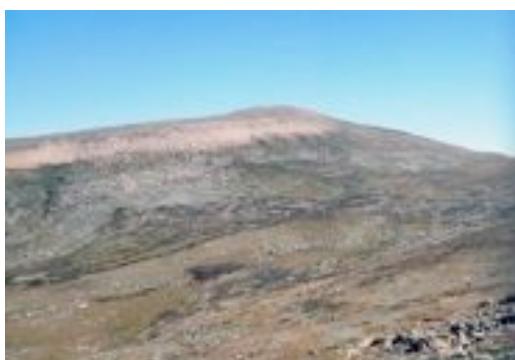
# Japanese climber conquers Mt Kosciuszko

Yasuyuki Okubo, a deaf climber from Kanazawa City in Ishikawa Prefecture, succeeded in reaching the top of Mount Kosciuszko, the highest mountain in Australia at 11:17am, February 25th, 2009 (local time).

Okubo said, "I was happy to make it this time because of the good weather. It was fortunate for me to overcome the third challenge. I greatly appreciate rooting."

Source: The Deaf and Hard of Hearing NEWS (subscription)

For his last adventure, see the link below:  
<http://deafjapan.blogspot.com/2009/01/first-deaf-climber-reaching-highest.html>



## NDSOs and SDSOs

Listed below are full members of Deaf Sports Australia. If you wish to contact one of these associations or organisations, their contact details can be found on DSA's website by clicking on this link - [http://www.deafsports.org.au/members\\_comm/](http://www.deafsports.org.au/members_comm/)

### National Deaf Sporting Associations (NDSO)

- Australian Deaf Darts Association
- Australian Deaf Lawn Bowls Association
- Australian Deaf Squash Association
- Australian Deaf Tennis Association
- Australian Deaf Tenpin Bowling Association
- Deaf Aquatics Australia
- Deaf Basketball Australia
- Deaf Cricket Australia

- Deaf Eight Ball Australia
- Deaf Football Australia
- Deaf Golf Australia
- Deaf Netball Australia

### State Deaf Sporting Organisations (SDSO)

- Deaf Sports Recreation Queensland
- Deaf Sports Recreation South Australia
- Deaf Sports Recreation Victoria
- Western Australia Deaf Recreation Association

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## E-News

### 2009 Deadlines for Submissions:

APRIL	Friday 27 March
MAY	Thursday 30 April
JUNE	Friday 29 May
JULY	Friday 26 June
AUGUST	Friday 31 July
SEPTEMBER	Friday 28 August
OCTOBER	Wednesday 30 September
NOVEMBER	Friday 30 October
DECEMBER	Friday 27 November

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