

# Deaf Sports Update

MAY 2008

## Monthly Updates from Deaf Sports Australia

Facilitating the access of deaf and hard of hearing people to the best sporting opportunities available in Australia



## DSA meets with Federal Minister for Sport

On 15 April, DSA President Brent Phillips and National Deaf Sports Administrator, Cindy Cave visited Adelaide to meet the Federal Minister for Sport and Youth, Kate Ellis MP. DSA is committed to building a positive relationship with Minister Ellis and her Office, and have since met her twice in the last 4 months. Main topics for discussion included:

- Funding for the Australian Deaflympic Team to attend the Taipei Deaflympic Games
- Exploring avenues to build relations with the Australian Olympic Committee
- Establishing relations with the Minister's Office
- Establishing relations with the State and Territory Sport and Recreation Departments and their Ministers
- Youth Development



Minister Ellis has agreed to assist DSA wherever possible and we will be maintaining close contact over the coming weeks and months.

DSA also took the opportunity to present her with a photo frame in appreciation of her attendance at the Closing Ceremony of the XV Australian Deaf Games.

(Photo L - R: Cindy Cave, Minister Kate Ellis, Brent Phillips)



## T2009 Expression of Interest - due 31 May 2008



### 2009 Deaflympic Games - Taipei, Taiwan

This could be your once-in-a-lifetime experience to be a part of the Australian Deaflympic Team! Deaf Sports Australia has received numerous EOIs, **deadline is 31 May 2008**. Do not miss out on this exciting event.

Please visit [www.deafsports.org.au](http://www.deafsports.org.au) for further information and documents or contact DSA

# President's Report

On 5 April the DSA Board of Directors held our second Planning Day. Most of the day was devoted to the development of our new five-year Strategic Plan and DSA's Vision. Each Director presented strategies and outcomes for their Portfolio which was endorsed following feedback and discussion. We plan to make these available to our Full Members shortly.

As reported on the front page, Cindy Cave and I met with the Minister on 15 April. It was a very productive meeting and I look forward to updating you on progress made with the Minister's Office.

After having met the minister, I met with the Board and Delegates of Deaf Sport Recreation South Australia to discuss a range of topics, including youth development, participation at the Australian Deaf Games, funding levels from the South Australian State Government and future relations.



On 28 April, Cindy Cave, Peter Folan and myself attended the Australian Sports Commission's Sport Connect National Forum in Melbourne.

Representatives from the ASC, 25 National Sport Organisations (NSOs) and National Disability Sport Organisations were in attendance and it was an excellent opportunity to network with other organisations and discuss future planning for Sport Connect. Topics for discussion included

"positioning Sport Connect within your organisation" and "branding Sport Connect". It was a worthwhile opportunity to meet the NSOs and educate them about deaf sports.

The DSA Board has agreed to host a Members Summit in August. While we are in our early stages of planning, the main focus will be to ensure our Full Members receive a comprehensive update on DSA's developments and progress, particularly with the new Strategic Plan and future directions.

It will be an opportunity to get to know the new Board, staff and explore the relationship between DSA and our Full Members. Further information will be sent to Full Members shortly

Interested in representing Australia at the Taipei Deaflympic Games? Sent in your EOI Form yet? If not - they are downloadable from our website. I strongly urge you to start fundraising now. DSA will do our utmost best to secure funding for the Australian Deaflympic Team, however each athlete and official will be expected to contribute towards the a portion of the total costs. Definite details will be sent after 30 May once we have an idea of the size of the Australian Deaflympic Team, so be sure to send in your EOI Form and start fundraising.

We have had a great response to our new-look E-News. Every day we are receiving subscription requests - please remember this E-News is sent to a mailing list of over 1,000 people who have links to deaf sports in Australia so if you have any news to share or feedback, please contact our E-News Editor, Jennifer Grant at [jennifer.grant@deafsports.org.au](mailto:jennifer.grant@deafsports.org.au)

Yours in deaf sports,

Brent Phillips  
President

# From the DSA office...

The year flies by with another eventful month in the DSA office!

In April, I attended 2 conferences in Melbourne:

- Bows Australia

Bows Australia conducted a Development Conference for all of their State and Territory Associations' development staff. Tony Gorringer from Deaf Lawn Bowls Australia and I attended and presented about Deaf sports and Deaf Lawn Bowlers.

- Australian Sports Commission - Sports CONNECT

This was an interesting day where Brent Phillips, Peter Folan and I went to meet a number of NSO's and National Disability Sport Organisations.

As many of you are aware: DSA is working with NSOs and National Deaf Sport Organisations to arrange closer ties and aligning our activities with the Sports CONNECT program. Furthermore, we have been funded to implement the same outcomes in Victoria. The 6 sports identified on the national and state level are: Basketball, Cricket, Cycling, Golf, Lawn Bowls and Netball.

The focus for the next 1-2 months is to:

- put together the ADG Handbook with Bobbie Blackson and members of the former Games Organising Committee. This will be developed so as to assist all future hosting of Australian Deaf Games, with processes and procedures
- meet with Athletics Australia and Swimming Australia to discuss development in those sports and to develop relationships with both bodies
- Commence the development of MOUs with Cycling Australia and Netball

Australia, along with Deaf Cycling and Deaf Netball Australia; and

- At the Victorian level, working with DSRV to meet with Basketball, Cricket, Cycling, Golf, Lawn Bowls and Netball.

A reminder to all is that DSA has a program with the Australian Sports Foundation, and that a fact sheet will be distributed over the next month outlining how sports can fundraise and receive donations to participate in international competitions

## DSA Summit

The DSA Board has agreed to hold a Summit during a weekend in August. We are in the process of notifying all Full Members about when that will be (see page 9 for a list of Full Members) and further details. DSA is organising a members summit that weekend in Melbourne, and we will need 2 delegates from each of our members organisations:

DSA will be launching a number of new initiatives and providing members with a comprehensive update of developments and plans. A significant part of the weekend will be devoted to enhancing the relationship between DSA and our Full Members so that everyone is clear about where DSA is going in the future and our current situation.

More information will be sent to DSA Full Members shortly.

## Insurance

If any Full Members (refer to page 9 for a list of Full Members) have any issues with insurance coverage, can you please let me know on [cindy.cave@deafsports.org.au](mailto:cindy.cave@deafsports.org.au). DSA will be meeting with our insurance company shortly to see what options we have to provide coverage for our Full Members, and want to know what things you would like insurance coverage for.

## From the DSA office... (continued)

### Cricket MOU

DSA is thrilled about the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with partners Deaf Cricket Australia (DCA) and Cricket Australia. Photo L-R. John Webb (Secretary DCA), Cindy Cave, Rod Kimmitt (Cricket Australia) and Kevin Smith (President DCA)

Yours in sport,

Cindy Cave  
National Deaf Sports Coordinator



## International News

### Deaf Boxer Kaluczka overcomes odds to book Olympic ticket

DEBRECEN, Hungary, March 12, 2008 (AFP) - A young Hungarian boxer, who was born deaf, has against the odds booked his ticket to the Beijing Olympics.

Norbert Kaluczka, 21, one of seven children born into a poor gypsy family from Debrecen, eastern Hungary, will compete along with the world's best in the flyweight category this summer.

Suffering from congenital deafness like most of his family members, Kaluczka did not learn to speak until the age of ten.

But once he pulled on his gloves as a child his world changed as he overcame his first hurdle by voicing his first words shortly after entering the ring.

'It was former Olympic bronze medallist Janos Varadi who discovered Norbert's talent,' explains his mother Marie.

Varadi, who is a neighbour of the family, won a bronze medal in the flyweight division at the 1980 Olympics.

And he helped the young Kaluczka obtain the necessary medical certificates to pursue his passion despite his disability.

Kaluczka, thanks to his lethal right punch, collected medals at junior level, winning the Hungarian junior title in 2005, before moving up to senior level where he had equal success winning the -51 kg in 2006 and -54kg in 2007.

By booking his ticket to Beijing thanks to his victory over Germany's Marcel Schneider, Kaluczka has 'achieved a dream', even if his celebrations were somewhat tempered by his stringent training programme and diet.

'I weigh 57kg and have to go down to 51kg for competitions. If I didn't have to follow this diet I would win the gold medal!' said Kaluczka.

His dream he says is to emulate his hero 'Koko' - Hungary's former Olympic champion and professional boxer Istvan Kovacs - who won bronze in the flyweight category at the 1992 Olympics before taking bantamweight gold in 1996.

The modest young boxer reluctantly admits that he has become an example for the young people of his town.

And his mother Marie and father Joseph are convinced that their son - a carpenter by profession - is someone who can make his mark on the world.

# Sporting News and Results

## 2008 Australian AWD and Deaf Championships - Table Tennis. Perth

Congratulations to medal winners and all athletes for participating in the recent Table Tennis Championships in Perth.

### Results:

#### Men's Singles

Gold Ian Rogers NSW  
Silver Chris Levitzke-Gray WA

#### Women's Singles

Gold Gwen Rapley SA  
Silver Phoebe Thornley NSW  
Bronze Bonita Slinn NSW & Leslie Noonan NSW

#### Women's Doubles

Gold Phoebe Thornley/  
Leslie Noonan NSW  
Silver Gwen Rapley/  
Lena Shephard SA

#### Mixed Doubles

Gold Ian Rogers/  
Bonita Slinn NSW  
Silver Chris Levitzke-Gray/  
Carole Noonan WA

## DEAF 8BALL AUSTRALIA Office Bearers

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All correspondences can be emailed to this address: [d8ba@hotmail.com](mailto:d8ba@hotmail.com)

## World University Cross Country Championships - Melinda Vernon wins a silver medal!

The Australian men and women team both won team medals at the 16th edition of the World University Cross championships in Mauquenchy, France on the weekend.



In wet, cold and muddy conditions with snow showers and -2°C temperature testing the resolve of all competitors the Australian women's team won the silver medal.

In the 6280m women's race Irishwomen Fionnuala Britton (22:39) was leading the whole race up to the last stretch when Fay Fullerton (GBR) passed her in a sprint and beat her by three seconds. Ikram Zougiali (MAR) came in third clocking a 22:41. Macquarie University student Eliza Stewart was the best placed Australian finishing just six seconds behind the Moroccan in fourth place. Melinda Vernon finished in sixth place (23:18).

Great Britain won the women's team gold, with Australia second and Ireland third. Stewart was followed by Melinda Vernon and Lucy Starrat (20th - 23:55) in the points scoring places.

Congratulations Melinda!

## New directions for Australian sport

The Australian Government has advanced its vision for Australian sport, with the release of a new directions paper and the appointment of five new members to the Australian Sports Commission.

To view the full media release, click on the link below:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/mr-yr08-ke-ke012.htm>

# Sporting News and Results (continued)...

## DEAF BOARD RIDERS QUEENSLAND (DBQLD)

We welcome all types of boardriders - Longboard, Shortboard, Bodyboard, Snowboard, Skateboards, Wakeboards, even Ironing Boards!!

If you are interested in finding out more about DBQLD or would like to be on the mailing list, please email [turtle@onthenet.com.au](mailto:turtle@onthenet.com.au)

### Office Bearers for 2008:

President - Steve "Turtle" Constantine

Secretary - (This position is not filled and still available) Acting Secretaries - Robert "Woody" Swatton & Steve "Turtle" Constantine

Treasurer - Robert "Woody" Swatton

Social Directors - Julie Borella & Natasha Armstrong

Competition Director - Danny "Ripper" Hildebrand [danhil71@hotmail.com](mailto:danhil71@hotmail.com)

Newsletter Director - Vanessa Tant

Committee member - Luke McQueen

## Australian Team announced for the Deaf Football World Cup

The Australian Team for the upcoming Deaf World Cup has been announced. The Deaf World Cup will be held in Greece during July 2008.

### The National Deaf World Cup Team:

Mark Theodossiou, Oly Petkoski, Johnathan Mahimarajan, Cody Moolenaar, Mark Davis, Victor Bayas, Rhys Alchin, Brad Schofield, Jamie Flanagan, Narrain Nadarajah, Nikolas Schlie, Christian Currie, Chirs Vassiopoulos, Samuel Miller, Dimitros Psathas, Peter Dionopoulos, Tony Tran, Mark Valente, Caine Batten, Andrew Wireoh, Frank Spadea, Jamil El-Foul, Shane Marr and Pece Cincev

Former Socceroo player and current Central Mariners Assistant coach, Alex Tobin will be travelling to Greece with the team to provide support with the aim of bringing the trophy back to Australia!

## Shippard joins Deaf Australia team as Ambassador

By Chris Georgakopoulos  
15 April 2008

Deaf Football Australia (DFA) have proudly announced current Matilda Sally Shippard as an official ambassador for the Deaf Women's program.

Shippard and National DFA coach Danny Abboud have had a long standing coach/player relationship, and she joins former Socceroo and current Central Coast Mariners Assistant coach Alex Tobin as an ambassador. Sally spent some time with the women's deaf team last month in Brisbane as she met the time and expressed her excitement. Sally stated her involvement with Deaf Football Australia will be a fantastic and rewarding journey for herself and the program.

Deaf Football Australia has expressed its gratitude and forecasted the success will be greater and more beneficial as Sally's role will be extremely important as she provides experience, knowledge, inspiration and most of all will be a great role model for Deaf Football and the players as individuals.

Bryan Seymour, Secretary of Deaf Football Australia has shared his ideas with Abboud and Shippard as the men and women's national Southern Cross Shield competition will be hosted by Baulkham Hills Football Club in early 2009.

Baulkham Hills Football Club is proud to hold this event as they are facilitators for the men's deaf team competing in the Granville District Football Competition in 2008. The NSW men's team presented the winning shield to Baulkham Hills Football Club after running out winners of the competition in Brisbane last month.

The Deaf World Cup will be held in Greece, beginning in July of 2008. Preparations are continuing, as the competition is setting up to be a fierce one.

# Sporting News and Results (continued)...



## A lot of splashes

The month, April, saw a lot of splashes through out Australia from local swim meets to national swim meets, from school structure meets to Swimming Australia meets.

The 2008 Australian Age Open Water Swimming Championships was held at the Kawana Waters in Queensland. Three swimmers took part in the 5km open water event within their respective age group. They did well and enjoyed the experience of racing against Australia's quality age group swimmers.

Well done to the following swimmers:

- Jack Kelly (QLD), 15yo
- Teigan Van Roosmalen (NSW), 17yo
- Jade Collier (WA), 14yo

Michael Anderson (QLD) and Teigan Van Roosmalen (NSW) took part in the Australian Paralympic Team training camp over the Anzac Day long weekend. They also swam in the Telstra Grand Prix meet along with the Olympic Team swimmers.

April was a busy month for many school age swimmers with participation in various Schools Swim Meets. The young kids are trying out for a spot in the State Team for the 2008 Pacific School Games, to be held in Canberra.

The Australian All-Times Top 10 rankings are updated continuously. A number of young junior swimmers are doing well such as Julia Algie, Dylan McIlwaine, Joshua Chapman and Brad Jones.

Swimmers are encouraged to take regular participation in winter swim meets to build fitness and racing experience. This is vital and important for those who are aiming for next year's 2009 Deaflympic Games.

A list of swimmers who have achieved 2009 Deaflympics' qualifying standards is now available upon request from Deaf Aquatics Australia email:

[swimming@deafsports.org.au](mailto:swimming@deafsports.org.au)

## Teigan off to Manchester

NSW's 17 year old Teigan Van Roosmalen joined with a group of Telstra Dolphin Squad to participate in the prestigious Paralympic World Cup in Manchester on 10 May 2008.

The World Cup will bring many world-class Paralympic swimmers thus excellent and crucial to racing preparations for the upcoming Beijing Paralympic Games. Teigan will join Prue Watts in the 100m Butterfly event.

Teigan and her team mates will also participate in a preliminary 'warm-up' event prior to the World Cup event. She will get a chance to learn from experience and improve on for future international events particularly for Beijing Paralympic Games.

The Paralympic World Cup for elite athletes with a disability was first held in 2005 and has now become established on the international calendar.

It is the biggest international annual multi-sport competition outside of the Paralympic Games - a five-day competition involving four sports: swimming, athletics, track cycling and wheelchair basketball.

Teigan has Usher's Syndrome thus eligibility for Paralympics within the vision impairment category. Her coach, David Negus, will also join her. We wish Teigan all the best of luck in her trip to Manchester.

# Events happening this month and beyond.....

## Deaf Bowls Victoria 40th Year Celebrations.

**When:** Sunday, 25th May 2008.

**Where:** Clayton Bowls Club,  
Springs Road, Clayton, Victoria.  
Melways Map 79 A-4.

**Time:** 11.00 am until 5.00 pm.  
Two courses bistro lunch.  
- Two choices main course  
- Two choices sweet/dessert

**Cost:** \$20.00 per head.

Please ask your friends to join us and support Deaf Bowls Victoria... keep the 25th May free so that you can join our Deaf Bowls Victoria celebrations!

**RSVP:** Friday, 16th May 2008

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## Attention!

If you have any exciting news and results, a sporting event or competition happening soon in your state, and you would like DSA to help promote the event for you, please email [jennifer.grant@deafsports.org.au](mailto:jennifer.grant@deafsports.org.au) the details.

## Deaf Football Victoria 31st O.R. Redman Shield VICTORIA vs ALLIES



**When:** Saturday 7 June

**Where:** Noble Park Reserve, Moodemere St, Noble Park (Mel - 89, D5)

**Gates Open at 9am**

**Entry:** \$5.00 per person  
(under 15 years old - FREE)

will be selling hot/cold food, beverages including soft drinks and beer

**Liquor Licence states only alcohol bought at venue is accepted - do not bring your own alcohol from home.**

## and then - Deaf Football Victoria PRESENTATION NIGHT

after the 31st O.R. Redman Shield

**Where:** Noble Park Reserve Social Club  
Moodemere Street, Noble Park (Mel - 89, D5)

**Time:** 6.30pm to 1am

**Cost:** \$30.00 per head

**Price includes:** light snacks, fingerfood and mystery prize. Lucky door prize too!

Drinks at bar prices

Neat Casual Dress (no children)

**Pay:** Deaf Football Victoria  
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For more information, please contact:  
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# Events happening this month and beyond.....

## New South Wales Deaf Rugby League Inc.



### Level 1 Coaching Course Preliminary Level 1 Referees Course for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired

The New South Wales Rugby League Academy would like to extend an invitation to any person involved with deaf rugby league who wish to undertake a Level 1 Coaching Certificate Course and/or Preliminary Level 1 Referees Course. A special application for funding to pay for the services of Auslan interpreter will be made on the provision that we are able to get at least minimum 15 people to do the courses.

New South Wales Deaf Rugby League needs your co-operation and assistance in providing

me with your interest in the courses if you wish to participate.

The date of the Courses are yet to be determined as it is subject to how many people we will get. The more people we get the better it will be! Please note: when a date is set, I strongly advised you that you have to take 2 days off work to enable to do this course as it is conducted at the Academy in Narrabeen

If you are interested in this course, please contact [nswdrl@comcen.com.au](mailto:nswdrl@comcen.com.au) as soon as you can.

### An interview with JJ

An interview with Jerald 'Jerry' Jordan at his home in Galesville, MD on April 18, 2007

JJ was a former President of the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf, and passed away on 26th March, 2008

<http://videocatalog.gallaudet.edu/player.cfm?video=2743>

## 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

2008 Deadlines for Submissions:

JUNE	Monday 26 May
JULY	Monday 23 June
AUGUST	Monday 28 July
SEPTEMBER	Monday 25 August
OCTOBER	Monday 22 September
NOVEMBER	Monday 27 October
DECEMBER	Monday 24 November
JANUARY '09	Monday 15 December

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