

## UPDATE - DECEMBER 2014

As the year slowly comes to an end, Maccabi Victoria All Abilities reflects on 2014; a year of significant growth and innovation. We wish our members, volunteers, clubs, friends, family and the community a Happy Chanukah and Happy New Year! We look forward to creating more inclusive opportunities in 2015 and beyond. Below is a reflection of our greatest achievements this year.



Inaugural Maccabi Basketball Tournament for All Abilities

### All Abilities Events and Opportunities:

- **57 people with disabilities** attended our programs throughout 2014.
- **20+ inclusive programs** including **9 inclusive come'n'try programs** offered to our members.
- **4 regular sporting opportunities** introduced and developed, including basketball, soccer, table tennis and a walking group.
- **Nearly 50% of Maccabi Victoria Clubs** as well as various organisations such as Jewish Care, Access Inc and Glen Eira City Council ran partnership and collaborative programs .
- **Paid employment opportunities** for members as assistant coaches, support workers and sports teacher assistant at the King David School.
- **Program expansion to include recreational events** within the sporting arena such as touring the MCG and attending live AFL and basketball games.
- **Inclusive elite competitions** supported and promoted including Zvi Schweitzer in Tennis Australia Championships as well as Mattie Michaels and Guy Slome in the 'Round the Bay' event.

- **Members appointed as key advocates** for our initiative by having representation on our committee and assigned community ambassador positions.
- **Integration of members and programs** into mainstream clubs such as basketball, tennis, tenpin bowling and participating in the Maccabi National Swimathon
- **Junior Carnival** inclusive to our members as participants, volunteers and youth leaders.

### Administration:

- **Nearly 60 All Abilities members** now registered with Maccabi Victoria.
- **500% growth** to our member database over 2014.
- **Membership forms and database** developed and implemented.
- **Person-centred and strength-based** approaches introduced including face-to-face meetings with all new members and personalising service operations.
- **Strategic plan and budget** developed.
- **50+ volunteers recruited** by working closely with clubs and schools.
- **Professional development and networking opportunities** offered to All Abilities Inclusion Coordinator, staff, volunteers and our members.



Zalman Feiglin participating in the Maccabi National Swimathon

### Policy and procedure:

- **MAI's Member Protection Policy** developed and being rolled out, including a chapter on disability inclusion and awareness.

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Inaugural Come'n'try Swimming Program for All Abilities

### Stakeholder relationship development:

- Strong collaboration with other **disability service providers** including Jewish Care, Access Inc., Friendship Circle, Glen Eira City Council and Camp Sababa through collaborative events, committees, shared resources e.g. Shared article in AJN on International Day for People with Disabilities.
- Linking with **sport and recreational services**, including Reclink and Sport & Rec Victoria and connecting with other AAA-funded programs.
- Relationship development with **Jewish Schools, UJEB** and local **special need schools**.
- Presenting at Access Inc. and Jewish Spectrum **support groups**.
- Working with **Melbourne Universities** and **SEDA** to provide student placement opportunities.
- Capacity building of key **Maccabi Victoria clubs** by hosting our first Disability Awareness Training.
- Hosting **parent/carer** feedback sessions.



Lawn Bowls and Chanukah Event for All Abilities

### Marketing and promotion:

- **All Abilities** monthly newsletter edited and distributed to key stakeholders.
- **Facebook page** regularly updated, with currently nearly **140 followers**.
- **All Abilities website, smartphone app and community calendar** frequently updated.
- **Over 15 articles** on All Abilities featured in the Australian Jewish News and other local mainstream media sources.
- Promotion via **flyers and brochures** in schools, shules and other disability services (such as 'Time for a Break' manual).



Inaugural Walking Group for All Abilities, run together with Jewish Care.

### Grants, funding and sponsorship:

- Recipients of over **\$8000** worth of grants
- **Generous donations and sponsorships** for **\$180,000+**, pledged for 2014-2016.

We wish to thank all of our generous sponsors and donors for supporting our cause and enabling us to continue to run this program for years to come.

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