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The Maccabi Victoria All Abilities program continues to show remarkable growth and development. Below is a summary of some of our key successes over the last few months



All Abilities Events and Opportunities:

- **Leadership programs** including assistant at soccer games, volunteers at all abilities events and youth leaders in the junior carnival.
- **Work experience** as a table tennis coach and as a sports teacher assistant at the King David School.
- **Partnership events** with mainstream clubs to offer 'come and try days' such as the soccer, cricket, table tennis, lawn bowls and swimming clubs
- **Collaboration** with other organisations such as Jewish Care in various events including inaugural weekly table tennis and walking groups
- Expanding the **variety of programs** for all abilities by offering **recreational events** within the sporting arena such as attending an AFL match with the AJAX FC.
- Supporting and celebrating **inclusive elite competitions** such as Zvi Schweitzer in Tennis Australia Championships as well as Mattie Michaels and Guy Slome in the 'Round the Bay' cycle fundraiser event.
- Inviting members to be **key advocates** for our initiative by having representation on our committee and appointing community ambassador positions.

- Growth in **various regular sporting activities** such as basketball, soccer, walking and table tennis.
- **Integration** of our members and programs into mainstream clubs such as basketball, swimming, tennis and tenpin bowling.

Administration:

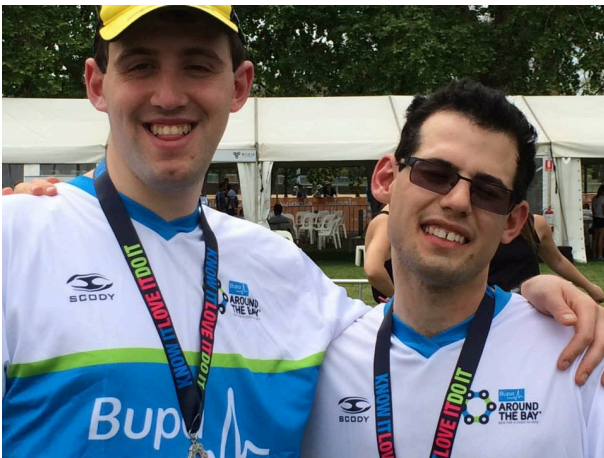
- Over **50 all abilities members** now registered with Maccabi Victoria.
- A **66% growth** to our database over the last 3 months, with another 20% anticipated over the next 3 months.
- Rollout of **individualised plan** approaches including face-to-face meetings with all new members and personalising service operations.
- Developments of draft 2014-2016 strategic plan and **budget**.
- **Expanding volunteer networks**, currently including 50 key contacts, by working closely with clubs and schools for recruitment.
- Attending **professional development and networking** opportunities including trainings on CPR first aid, disability awareness, NDIS and supporting volunteers with a disability.



Policy and procedure:

- Supporting the roll out of the Maccabi Australia's **Member Protection Policy**, including a chapter on disability inclusion and awareness. The MAI MPP will be rolled out over the next few months.

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Stakeholder relationship development:

- Strengthening working relationship with **disability service providers** including Jewish Care, Access Inc. The Friendship Circle, Scope Vic and Camp Sababa through collaborative events and committees e.g. Maccabi President joining the new 'Social Inclusion Leadership Committee'.
- Linking in with key inclusive **sport and recreational services** for including Reclink, Basketball Victoria, FIDA, Netball Victoria and Sport & Rec Vic.
- Seeking support from **Jewish School integration programs** 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.



Marketing and promotion:

- Editing and distribution of **monthly newsletter** to key stakeholders.
- Regular updates to **Facebook pages**, with currently over 120 followers.
- Frequent additions to the **All Abilities website, smartphone app, all abilities community calendar** and **Mac-Chat**.
- Promotion via **flyers and brochures** in schools, shules and other disability services (such as 'Time for a Break' manual).
- Continued visibility in the **mainstream media** such as the Australian Jewish News.



Grants, funding and sponsorship:

- **Successful grants for over \$2000** from Stonington City Council and Sport & Rec Vic.
- Sourcing alternative **income streams** via sponsorship, grants, philanthropic funding and subsidised player registration fees.

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