

Maccabi Victoria All Abilities Quarterly Update: June 2021

AI WAYS ADAPTING

Once again, we have been through a period of rebuilding our 'in person' programs and then returning to Zoom as restrictions change. Whilst lockdowns are a challenge for many people, they are often even more so for the vulnerable and socially isolated in our community. We are so proud of and thankful for our amazing coaches and volunteers whose enthusiasm and dedication mean that we can keep our members connected and active, regardless of restrictions. The last 14-or-so months have shown us just how strong our Maccabi community is, and we thank you for sharing our journey.

- Shari and Kate

PROGRAM UPDATE

Despite Melbourne weather and another lockdown, we have run over 20 activities this quarter. We've been swimming, sailing, dancing, walking, and playing footy and basketball.

Discussions are currently underway with the Maccabi Ajax Netball Club to plan an exciting new program for term 3.



Pictured: A group photo after footy

SAIL AWAY

We recently had a group of 10 spend the afternoon on Albert Park Lake. Sailability once again gave us a fantastic afternoon of sailing and ensured everyone had the opportunity to learn the basics, steer their boat and relax on the water.





Pictured: Having fun on the water

FOOTY FOR ALL

Our members had the opportunity to brush up on their footy skills with a 4-week program run in conjunction with the AJAX Senior Football Club. The All Abilities members trained alongside the senior teams, and on the final week were invited to join the teams for dinner post-training.

The feedback and support was so great that we have been working with FIDA (Football Integration Development Association) and hope to enter a team in the FIDA League next year. The Football Integration Development Association (FIDA) is a leading organisation in inclusive football and we are so excited to be getting involved.





Pictured: Some friendly competition at footy training

BUILDING CLUB OPPORTUNITIES

We wanted to take a moment to recognise the amazing work being done by mainstream Maccabi clubs to help us provide a diverse range of inclusive sporting opportunities. The Maccabi Victoria Basketball and Swimming Clubs have helped support our ongoing programs for many years, assisting with venues, training and resources.

Program Partners:

















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More recently, the Ajax Senior Cricket Club and Ajax Senior Football Club have provided fantastic playing opportunities for our members, and future plans are already underway.

We are currently working with the Maccabi Ajax Netball Club to develop a block program giving members the opportunity to learn netball, improve their ball skills and coordination, and train with the senior team.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Next term we are excited about a range of activities, including playing netball, dancing, and discovering new walks in our Shmooze and Groove sessions. We are also in discussions with Flying Fox to explore opportunities for collaboration (we're thinking sport camps and fun weekends away!).

We will also be a part of Maccabi's Charidy campaign/Annual Giving Day which has been rescheduled to July 25/26. Charidy provides a unique opportunity for both major donors (matchers) and community members to support Maccabi across Australia.

Planning has also started for the 40th Junior Carnival. Being held in Melbourne in 2022, we hope to support the organising committee to make this the most inclusive and accessible Carnival yet!



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