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The first quarter of 2015 has been a very busy period; commencing with the incredibly successful Melbourne Junior Carnival 2015 as well as an increase in the number of our regular sporting opportunities for All Abilities members. We are also in the process of appointing a new Inclusion Coordinator as Lauren Mandel steps down in June. See below for a summary of our progress over the last few months.



Member, Charley Fox (bottom left), is integrated into Junior Carnival.

2015 MELBOURNE JUNIOR CARNIVAL

The carnival was an incredible success and was an inspiring example of true integration and inclusion. We were thrilled to be able to provide 28 of our All Abilities members and volunteers with the opportunity to get involved as:

- **Volunteers** by working behind the scenes at various sporting and social events including as pre-carnival preparation assistants, catering assistants, ushering, bump-in support, running ticket sales and collection.
- **Youth Leaders**, who volunteered alongside the other mainstream youth leaders before and during the carnival to support the participants to stay safe and have fun.
- **Participant**, Charley Fox, joined in all of the sporting and social activities with the mainstream participants with additional support from youth leaders.

All Abilities Events and Opportunities:

- Offering **eight regular active sporting opportunities** offered for All Abilities members (basketball, Israeli dancing, lawn bowls, soccer, swimming, table tennis, tennis, walking group)

- **Volunteer roles** created and running in Maccabi Victoria offices as administration assistant, at various functions and events including as soccer games assistant and 13 members volunteering at the In One Voice Festival.
- **Programs for children with disabilities** including inaugural multi-sports clinic and integration into mainstream teams.
- **Paid work** for members as coaches and sports teacher assistants at King David.

Administration:

- **Succession planning** for Lauren Mandel, current All Abilities Inclusion Coordinator including development of handover and training manuals and promotion of job availability.
- **Jewish Disability Services Guide** developed with submissions from other organisations, to be launched and distributed in April 2015.
- **Online registration forms** and accompanying user-guide compiled and distributed to members.
- **Overview of Maccabi Victoria All Abilities programs** document composed and projected calendar of events for 2015 being developed.
- **4-month student internship** completed by Exercise and Health Science graduate, Georgia Dyer.



Over twenty of our members enjoyed volunteering at the Melbourne Junior Carnival

Policy and procedure:

- **MAI's Member Protection Policy** in implementation phase, including a chapter on disability inclusion and awareness.
- **JCCV Disability Policy** proposed, with input and feedback from Maccabi Victoria All Abilities.

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Mark volunteering at the In One Voice event with the Maccabi Hockey Club

Stakeholder relationship development:

- Meeting with **special need schools** via joint community visits program with Access Inc. and Jewish Care.
- Connecting with **carers and families** of people with disabilities via attendance carer's support groups.
- Linking with **interstate bodies** Maccabi NSW and Maccabi Junior Carnival NSW, offering practical advice/support for inclusive program development
- Continued strong collaboration with other **disability service** via collaborative events, committees, shared resources
- Working with **Melbourne Universities** and **SEDA** to provide student placement and internship opportunities.
- Continued capacity building for **Maccabi Victoria clubs** through provision of resources and support.
- Liaising with **King David School** to support all abilities member receive paid work as a sports teacher assistant.



Zvi Schweitzer completing his paid role at King David as sports teacher assistant

Marketing and promotion:

- **All Abilities monthly newsletter** edited and distributed to key stakeholders and incorporated into other organisation's newsletters
- **Facebook page** maintains active profile, with growing followers, currently 160 likes.
- **All Abilities website, smartphone app and community calendar** continued to be developed and updated.
- Promotion at **In One Voice** community street festival.



All Abilities Junior member, Markus, participates in our new fortnightly Tennis program.

Grants, funding and sponsorship:

- Recipients of \$600 grant from **Tennis Victoria**
- **Completion of grants** through local council and sporting bodies. Awaiting confirmation.
- Accepted into **Grill'd Local Matters** support program, to receive between \$100-300.

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