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With over 80 events run so far this year, All Abilities is on a roll and we don't plan on slowing down anytime soon!



Georgia and Maddie from the Maccabiah Women's Team with Dolphins team member Tess.

Fantastic Opportunities for All Abilities Members

- Our **regular programs** have been continuing with basketball, swimming, schmooze and groove, fitness, Happiness Hunter (stress management and emotional wellbeing) and table tennis all having a place on the calendar.
- Maccabi All Abilities, Access and Jewish Care have partnered for a number of **social events** including a city tour, circus workshop and disco.
- The **Melbourne City Tour** saw our participants treated to a private tour from Melbourne Tours 101. Shelley showed us the sights and taught us all some interesting facts about this wonderful city.
- Entertainer Sam Starr ran a special **Lag B'Omer Circus workshop** for us. Members had the opportunity to try plate spinning, hoops, juggling, balloon modelling and even a little magic!
- After the success of 2016's event, there was no way we could miss out on another **disco!** With a teen session running in the afternoon and an adults' session in the evening, we had over 40 people shaking it on the dance floor.



Embracing the bright colours at the annual disco

- Representatives from the **Maccabiah Women's Basketball Team** paid a visit to the Dolphins at training one night. The ladies not only helped coach the team, but also jumped into the game and played alongside them.
- We've started working with the Maccabi Australia committee to ensure that **Carnival 2018** will have participation and volunteering opportunities for All Abilities members of all ages.
- A third All Abilities member has joined the two already **assisting the AJAX senior football club coaches**. We love that the clubs are taking on All Abilities volunteers and hope to work with more clubs to create additional opportunities for our members to get involved.



Enjoying a lovely day in Melbourne with a tour from our own personal guide.

- Ran a block of **table tennis** sessions under the guidance of coaches Ken and Ben. Everyone had the chance to brush up their skills and work on their table tennis talents during the 5 week block.

Administration, Funding and Development:

- The All Abilities program has been shortlisted for the **Victorian Disability Awards** in the category of "Excellence in promoting health, housing and wellbeing". Finalists will be announced mid-July. Shortlisted disability awards
- We are currently hosting two students from Monash University who are studying their **Bachelor of Health Science and Social Work**. Isabella Oldham and Malka Cowen are a great asset to the program and we look forward to sharing the next 10 weeks with them.
- Working with Vicsport to develop and fine-tune an **Inclusion Action Plan** for Maccabi Victoria.

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- Jamie Zaidenberg was recognised by the City of Glen Eira for his **10+ years of volunteering** with Maccabi All Abilities. Jamie has been incredibly dedicated to the program, most notably with his involvement in basketball and swimming.



Jamie Zaidenberg with his certificate of recognition for 10+ years of volunteering with Maccabi All Abilities.

- We are delighted to have **Gandel Philanthropy** on board as continued program sponsors. Their commitment to the program has been fantastic and we look forward to continuing to work with them in the future.
- Maccabi All Abilities was successful in receiving some new equipment through the **Australian Sports Foundation's Balls4All program**. We are very excited to use our new equipment for our sessions!
- We purchased a **new camera** for the All Abilities program thanks to a generous simcha donation from Lauren Mandel and Phil Wein.
- Maccabi Victoria recently ran an incredibly successful **Charidy campaign** which saw the organisation raise almost \$400K in just 24 hours. It was a great day to be a part of, and we look forward to some of that funding being used to support All Abilities programs and training across all of Maccabi Victoria's clubs.



A few colourful moments from our recent circus workshop.

Stakeholder relationship development:

- Collaborating with other organisations to create a community-wide event to celebrate **International Day of People with a Disability** (December 3).
- Inclusion Coordinator Shari was asked to attend a **Women in Sport** breakfast at the Academy of Mary Immaculate as a sports industry mentor.
- Participation in **Vicsport's 'Unconference'** – meeting with other sports professionals to discuss the future of the Australian sporting scene and what community organisations can do to assist and adapt. Very happy to say that inclusion was high on everyone's agenda!
- Assisting Monash University with promoting the **Gen17 survey** and creating accessible opportunities for people with a disability to be able to participate and complete the survey.
- Participation in the **Maccabi National All Abilities Committee**.
- Attending the **Maccabi Victoria Council** meetings.
- Attendance at other stakeholder meetings and workshops including those run by **Disability Sport and Recreation** and **City of Glen Eira**.

Marketing and promotion:

- All Abilities website and community calendar** continue to be developed and updated.
- All Abilities newsletter** edited and distributed regularly to key stakeholders.
- Facebook page** maintains an active profile, with growing followers (over 200!).

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