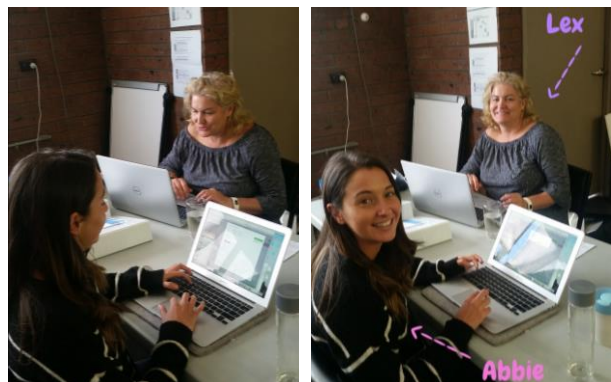# MACCABI VICTORIA ALL ABILITIES
QUARTERLY UPDATE

QUARTERLY UPDATE – MARCH 2018

All Abilities has been off to a strong start this year, with new faces, community recognition and over 20 activities held so far. We can't wait to see what the next part of 2018 has in store!

Abbie and Lex: the new faces in the office

NEW FACES, NEW ENVIRONMENTS

- We're on the Move! You may or may not be aware that the Maccabi Office is moving and we will be in our new home from April.
  Our new address is:
  1/115 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield North 3161

- We are so excited that our very own swimming coach **Alexia Keats** (who was named Disability Sport and Recreation's 2017 Coach of the Year) has joined the team to work with Maccabi All Abilities not only in the pool, but also in the office. She will be supporting many different parts of our program administration and development and we can't wait to see what she brings to the program.

- We also welcome **Abbie Gosling** who is currently undertaking a health promotion placement with us. Abbie will be breathing new life into our social media and helping us work on broader engagement strategies.

PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- This year we have run a **selection of programs** including basketball, swimming, shmooze and groove (walking group), fitness and table tennis. We are currently planning a number of social events for the coming months in partnership with Access Inc and Jewish Care.

- One of our members – Josh – has once again taken up the role of **assistant coach** with one of the AJAX junior footy teams. He is so keen to keep sharing his knowledge and love of football with younger players.

- **Junior Carnival 2018** saw the participation of 3 All Abilities members (2 from Victoria and 1 from NSW), 2 All Abilities Youth Leaders (from NSW) and a number of All Abilities volunteers who helped with activities and with running the kiosk. We would like to say a huge

thank you to the organising committee, the volunteers, buddies, youth leaders and families who opened up their homes to help make Carnival such a memorable experience.

Getting wet and messy at Junior Carnival 2018

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ADMINISTRATION, FUNDING AND DEVELOPMENT:

- On Friday January 19, Maccabi Victoria All Abilities were very proud to be named joint winners for Glen Eira's Community Group of the Year Award.

  Presented at Council's annual Australia Day breakfast by Glen Eira Mayor Cr Tony Athanasopoulos, the Awards recognise the outstanding contributions of community groups which, through hard work and dedication, have significantly contributed to the Glen Eira community.

  With only 24% of Victorians with a disability currently participating in sport and recreation (compared to 79% of the mainstream population), it's more important than ever for organisations to be trying to work towards inclusive and accessible sport.

Click here to read more on the Maccabi website.

Click here to see the coverage in the Australian Jewish News.

At the Glen Eira Community Awards: Sheryl Furman (GM Maccabi Victoria), Shari Cohen (All Abilities Inclusion Coordinator), Russell Jaffe (President Maccabi Victoria Sports Foundation), Cr Tony Athanasopoulos (Mayor)

STAKEHOLDER RELATIONSHIP DEVELOPMENT:

- Inclusion Coordinator Shari has played an active role in revitalising the **Jewish Disability Network**. The JDN is focused on improving disability awareness, advocacy and education in the community.

- Attendance at the quarterly Maccabi Council meeting

- Ongoing participation in the **Victorian Disability Sport and Recreation Organisations Committee**.

Basketball: always a firm favourite

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