

# Maccabi Victoria All Abilities Quarterly update: March 2020

To everyone who is a part of the Maccabi All Abilities Community,

Together we face unsettling and challenging times. Our first priority is to keep everyone safe. As such, all Maccabi Victoria programs, including All Abilities, are currently on a "time out". We will keep updating ourselves with information from sports associations, and from the Government, to make sure we are making the best choices for our community. You can also keep up to date at <u>https://www.maccabiupdates.com/</u>.

Please look after yourselves and your communities, and thank you for bearing with us as we navigate new ground. Remember - this is only a 'time out'. We will return to play.

### **Programs and Events**

We kicked 2020 off with a range of programs and activities, and whilst we've had to postpone a few activities until later in the year, we've still had some great opportunities.

- We had over 100 attendances at our programs and events in the first quarter of the year.
- Every year the Maccabi Swimming Club takes part in the Mount Martha Australia Day Swim. This year, 2 of our All Abilities members joined the team. Everyone had a chance to step (or dive!) out of their comfort zone and participate in an ocean swim.



#### Proudly showing off medals after the Australia Day Swim

• We held a tennis afternoon at the Maccabi Tennis Club. Coach Max ran us all through drills and activities to work on our coordination, serves and rally skills. Everyone had the opportunity to try all of the activities, and of course - pick up a lot of tennis balls!



Tackling tennis skills under the watchful eye of coach Max

- We were offered a special opportunity by Tennis Victoria to visit Government House and play tennis on the Governor's court. Whilst we sadly were unable to run the event, we were so grateful to be selected for the opportunity and hope to be able to reschedule.
- The AJAX Senior Cricket Club hosted another fantastic training session for our members. It was great to be able to join the team for training. Thank you also to Cricket Victoria for helping to facilitate the session.

## In Other News ...

 We are so excited that Maccabi Victoria was named runner up in Cricket Victoria's Sport For All Awards, in the Community Partnerships category. Cricket Victoria nominated us for our commitment to working towards inclusive cricketing opportunities.



Brushing up on cricket skills

 Thanks to the generosity of the Aronson Family, we have established the Aronson Family All Abilities Scholarship. This funding will assist people with a disability in the Jewish community to get involved in a mainstream Maccabi club as an athlete or coach. It is designed to complement what the NDIS can provide, by covering things such as club fees and coach training courses.

We have many great ideas on hold for when programs can resume and can't wait to share all of our activities with you. Thank you for your understanding and support at this difficult time.

#### Program partners





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