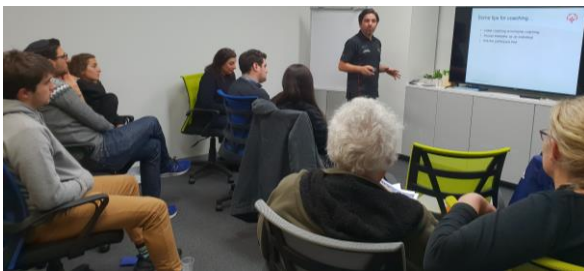


## QUARTERLY UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 2018

2018 has seen activities and opportunities not only for our members but also our coaches. With almost 100 events having been run so far this year, we've seen over 700 attendances across our programs.

### EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY

We ran an **inclusive coaching session** for coaches of Maccabi All Abilities, as well as coaches from the North Caulfield Maccabi Junior Football Club. The session was run by Simon Rodder, Sport Development & Partnership Manager for **Special Olympics Australia**. Simon encouraged the coaches to consider ways they can make their coaching more fun and inclusive, and reminded everyone that inclusive coaching is often just good coaching. He supplied ideas and recommendations and we look forward to them being implemented in future training sessions.



Simon Rodder from Special Olympics Australia presenting to coaches on inclusive training

- Inclusion Coordinator Shari attended the first **National Disability Sport Conference**, which was held as part of the National Sport Convention. It was a great opportunity to hear firsthand experiences from athletes and sports organisations as to how to make sport as accessible as possible.



### PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Our **regular programs** of basketball, swimming and Shmooze and Groove have continued this quarter, along with some special activities and events.

- Members had the opportunity to brush up their **table tennis** skills with coaches Ben and Ken. We had both table tennis stalwarts and novices join the five week program which was well-received by all.



All Abilities members trying their hand at table tennis under the guidance of Coach Ben

- 16 members attended the football in a joint event with Access Inc. and Jewish Care. St Kilda beat Melbourne in a nail-biting game that brought out the passionate football fan in everyone.



Getting into the AFL spirit

### ADMINISTRATION, FUNDING AND DEVELOPMENT

- We recently signed a new memorandum of understanding with Jewish Care Victoria, extending a long history of collaboration.

*"We are thrilled to renew our commitment to working with Maccabi All Abilities to support people living with a disability to engage in sport and recreational activities...Partnerships such as these strengthen bonds between communal organisations and enhance our ability to deliver person-centred support."*

**Jewish Care CEO Bill Appleby**

*"As the program develops it's terrific to know the Partnerships commitment will offer broader and more creative activities to engage people living with a disability in the community"*

**Maccabi Victoria GM Sheryl Furman**

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(front:) Bill Appelby (CEO Jewish Care), Sheryl Furman (GM Maccabi Victoria), (back:) Steve Lowe (Manager of Disability Services, Jewish Care) and Shari Cohen (Maccabi All Abilities Inclusion Coordinator) signing a new MOU

- As another (Maccabi) year drew to a close, we were asked to reflect on the year that's been for the annual AGM booklet. [Click here](#) to read the full report.
- We have been given the opportunity to upskill our swimming coaches through a joint offering from the Department of Sport and Recreation, Autism Swim and YMCA. In October a number of the All Abilities and mainstream swimming coaches will have the opportunity to undertake the Autism Swim training program.

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- We farewelled Glen Eira's Metro Access Officer, Belinda Jordan. Belinda was always a welcome face at All Abilities activities and has been a great friend and supporter of the Maccabi All Abilities program. We wish her best of luck in her future endeavours.



Lauren Mandel (City of Glen Eira), Shari Cohen (Maccabi), Sharon Malecki (Access Inc.) and Belinda Jordan (formerly metro access officer for the City of Glen Eira)

- Maccabi Victoria All Abilities still plays an active role in both the **Victorian Disability Sport and Recreation Organisations Committee** and the **Jewish Disability Network**. We have also been invited to participate in a Community of Practice being run by the Department of Sport and Recreation focussing on inclusive sport.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

- Planning for **term 4** is underway. Our calendar will include a mix of both our regular favourite programs and some new activities.

We invite you to join us at our upcoming lawn bowls event (October 28), All Abilities Basketball Tournament (November 18) and the Maccabi/MS Swimathon (November 25). Please contact Shari ([allabilities@macvic.com.au](mailto:allabilities@macvic.com.au)) for more information.


### MACCABI ALL ABILITIES: UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 18:  
ALL ABILITIES  
BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



NOVEMBER 25:  
MACCABI / MS  
SWIMATHON

OCTOBER 28:  
LAWN BOWLS



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