

## UPDATE - SEPTEMBER 2015

*The second half of 2015 has started with a keen focus on improving our key stakeholder management and relationships – both internal and external. We've been collaborating with many other organisations and look forward to implementing many exciting new projects in the remainder of 2015 and into 2016.*

*See below for a summary of our progress over the last few months.*



All Abilities member and coach Zvi Schweitzer at the airport with the rest of the team heading off to represent Australia at the INAS Global Games in Ecuador.

### ***Jewish Disability Network NDIS Information Session and Jewish Disability Services Expo***

Maccabi Victoria All Abilities is proud to be a part of the Jewish Disability Network – a collaborative project between the Jewish disability services providers in Melbourne. On September 6 we held a disability services expo and NDIS information day which was well attended by a wide cross-section of the community. Chaired by David Southwick, it was a great opportunity to connect with both members and non-members, and help start the conversation about the upcoming NDIS.



Members of the Jewish Disability Network from Jewish Care, Access Inc, Maccabi All Abilities, Camp Sababa and Friendship Circle.

### ***All Abilities Events and Opportunities:***

- Offering **regular active sporting opportunities** offered for All Abilities members. Constantly working to develop and improve these programs.
- Constantly working to develop further **volunteer roles** for members both in the office and at events.
- Members **integrated into mainstream clubs**, including netball, soccer, hockey, tennis and tenpin bowling.
- **The Dolphins (basketball team)** participated in the McKinnon All Abilities Basketball Tournament.
- Presented All Abilities to the new intake of **Camp Sababa volunteers** and had 14 register their interest in working with us.
- **Term 4** is looking like a busy term with regular programs, a family walk and picnic day, participation in the Maccabi/MS Swimathon, a joint tenpin bowling evening with Friendship Circle and organising an All Abilities Basketball Tournament.

### ***Administration:***

- **200-hour student internship** completed by Business/Sports Management student (Fodis) from La Trobe University. We wish Fodis all the best with the rest of his course.
- Active participation in **SILC (Social Inclusion Leadership Committee)** and **JDN (Jewish Disability Network)**. These committees look both within the network of service providers, and externally to the wider community, to look at how we can help make a tangible difference in the lives of people with a disability.
- Working with an external provider to streamline our **member database** and make it more accessible and user-friendly for members, coaches and staff.



All Abilities members and families caught up with Shari and Lauren (current and previous coordinators) before going for their fortnightly walking group.

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### Stakeholder relationship development:

- Continued strong collaboration with other **disability service** via collaborative events, committees, shared resources
- Continued capacity building for **Maccabi Victoria clubs** through provision of resources and support.
- Liaising with **King David School** to support all abilities member receiving paid work as a sports teacher assistant.



Members of the Dolphins basketball team at the McKinnon All Abilities Basketball Tournament.

### Marketing and promotion:

- **Jewish Disability Service Directory** completed and distributed both online and in hard copy to other organisations and at community events. This directory outlines the key disability service providers in the community, as well as providing useful contact details for youth movements, council contacts and other relevant organisations. JCCV have also invited us to present it at their upcoming plenum.
- **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 (almost 200!).
- **All Abilities website, smartphone app and community calendar** continue to be developed and updated.



After a great success at the 2014 Swimathon, we're excited to raise the bar for the 2015 Maccabi/MS Swimathon with the All Abilities Snappers.

### Looking beyond the clubs:

- All Abilities member and coach Zvi is currently in Ecuador as part of the Australian team competing in the INAS Global Games. Zvi coaches tennis and table tennis for our program and will be representing Australia in tennis.
- All Abilities member Lauren recently participated in the Jewish Interschool Snow Sports and the Maccabi Snow Sports. She won a trophy as part of the Interschool competition (representing Bialik).



All Abilities member Lauren with her trophy from the Interschool snow sports competition.

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