

Quarterly Update: September 2019

We've finally made it through winter! We've kept ourselves warm (and busy!) with activities like basketball, swimming, shmoozing and grooving (either outside or inside, weather depending) and even skiing! We have also been celebrating some of the fantastic connections we have within the Maccabi, sporting, Jewish and disability communities. From partnership programs to shared educational and strategic opportunities, it's great to be part of such supportive networks.

Programs and Opportunities

- This quarter we have had **over 200 attendances** at **almost 30 events**. We've continued with some favourite activities and also explored new territory.
- Maccabi All Abilities and Flying Fox recently joined forces to run our **inaugural ski trip**. This joint initiative saw 18 young adults spend four days at Mount Buller skiing, tobogganing and making new friends. It was a great opportunity to share new adventures and we are keen to implement our learnings for future activities.

"...it felt more like a group of friends going on a trip than a deliberate attempt to provide equal opportunities to people who might need extra support. In my opinion this was the aim and it was well achieved..." (Ski trip buddy)

"...it was the highlight of his life..." (Participant's parent)



Having Snow Much Fun with Maccabi All Abilities and Flying Fox at our inaugural ski trip

- We have been working on **developing our buddy program**, and look forward to running a trial in term 4. The program was identified as a way to increase participation opportunities for our members and we can't wait to kick off!
- We have been approached about collaborating on an Active Teens **blind and low vision tennis program**. Watch this space for updates!



The Maccabi Dolphins enjoy brushing up their skills at training every week

Partnerships and Education

- Shari presented at the recent **National Disability Sport Conference**, run as part of the National Sport Convention. She spoke about the importance of sport in helping people with a disability build social, cultural and community ties.



Morning plenary session at the National Disability Sport Conference

- We are in the process of updating the **Jewish Disability Services Directory**. This guide, first published in 2015 and revised in 2017, was an initiative spearheaded by Maccabi All Abilities. It aims to collate information from all of the key organisations in the community and provide a 'one stop shop' for potential service users and other community organisations.
- We were invited to be part of a sector partner community consultation for **Disability Sport and Recreation** to assist them in reviewing their strategic plan and shaping their future focus.

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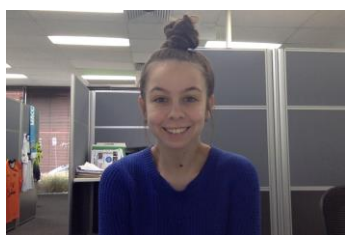
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- Caitlin, a **Health Sciences student** from Deakin University, is currently undertaking a placement with All Abilities. She is working with Cara to develop our buddy program, and is also updating the Jewish Disability Services Guide.



Caitlin, our current placement student

What's Next?

- Maccabi Victoria will again be running a **holiday program** in the upcoming school holidays. We will work with them to ensure that the program is welcoming and accessible for kids of all abilities.
- We are looking forward to our **annual lawn bowls** day on October 27, to be held in conjunction with the Maccabi and Armadale Bowls clubs.
- We are looking for avenues for involvement in the upcoming **Maccabi Life Expo** on November 17. We are working with the organisers to identify volunteer and participation opportunities.
- Planning for **term 4** is underway. We will have all of our regular programs plus some new additions.
- We are constantly looking for ways to connect with other clubs and community organisations in order to provide **better opportunities** for our members.



The Maccabi All Abilities Snappers in the pool

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