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2018 has been a successful year for all people involved with Special Olympics SA, from our athletes competing at a number of tournaments, including the National Games in Adelaide, our volunteers supporting us by helping at all the events run, and our supporters encouraging our athletes and supporting us throughout the year.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a happy holiday season. We look forward to seeing you all again in the new year!

Holiday Season Office Hours

Club Office closed from 19th December until week starting 14th January

Christine Newberry returns to the Office the week starting 14th January

SOA Office closed from 21st December until 7th January 2019

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Goodbye and Good Luck Anabel

Thank you Anabel for your hard work in the
are in communication realm for the last 3 years.

We would like to wish you the very best

in your new adventure—Australian Navy.



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Important Announcements - Please Read

As many people are now aware, Lisa Hester had her last day at Special Olympics South Australia on November the 30th. Special Olympics Australia had to do some restructuring due to financial uncertainty and unfortunately, her position has been one of the positions impacted by this. Lisa has been the cornerstone of Special Olympics South Australia for many years, and she will be sorely missed. Here is what she wrote on her time with Special Olympics SA.

"As I reflect over the 18 years that I have been involved first as a parent, then on committees and volunteer state sports coordinator to my current roles it has been an amazing time. In terms of work it has been a roller coastal ride but South Australia has managed to stay on top. Personally it has been an amazing journey and one that I am so honoured to have shared with so many fantastic people but most of all it is the athletes who have had the biggest impact on me and who have taught me so much. Thank you for letting me be your voice and I hope I haven't let you down.

We are fortunate enough to have an amazing group of committed volunteers who will keep our journey going. Over the coming weeks we will welcome a new state committee and draft up a 2019 working plan so our programs continue to grow and competition opportunities increase."

With her leaving, there will be some changes to the office as it transitions to being run by volunteers.

Firstly, we now have a new email address, **info.sa@specialolympics.com.au**, on which to contact us. We have, unfortunately, lost the use of the lisah email, and all emails sent there will not be received. Please make sure that you update your contacts with this new email address.

Secondly, the office will remain open and manned by volunteers. As a result though, we cannot guarantee that there will be someone in the office to take your calls or assist you with your enquires at all times. We will retain the office phone, 08 8234 8730, and office mobile, 0404 160 974, but once again these will not always be manned. Our office hours as a result have changed, and if you wish to visit the office, please contact us beforehand to ensure there will be a volunteer present to assist you.

Thirdly, to accommodate for the lack of an employee in the state, a state committee which will oversee the governance of Special Olympics SA. More information about the committee can be found later in the newsletter.

A reminder, that we now have email addresses for individual members on our Adelaide Club Committee.

Adelaide.chair@specialolympics.com.au

Adelaide.secretary@specialolympics.com.au

Adelaide.membership@specialolympics.com.au

Adelaide.sport@specialolympics.com.au



Farewell Lisa

It is with a heavy heart that we said farewell to Lisa on November 30th following SOA's decision to make her role redundant. While Lisa has stated that she will not disappear and still plans to be one of our volunteers, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lisa for her tireless contributions for some 18 years.

Special Olympics South Australia are extremely grateful for all that you have done Lisa. You have been the driving force that has seen so many athletes live their best life both through sport, your leadership as well as the mentorship through the Athlete Leaders Program. You have provided guidance and support for families and volunteers alike and not once did I hear you say "no" when anyone asked you for help.

You have knocked on so many doors flying the flag for our athletes and brushed off the naysayers and never gave in. It has been through your tenacity and hard work (often sacrificing your own time and family) that has enabled so many activities to get off the ground and flourish into the fantastic programs we see running today.

The messages we have received since your farewell are testament to how much you are loved and will be missed and while you have left some big shoes to fill, I am confident that our community of volunteers will continue to build on the great foundations you have built.

We wish you all the very best as you now get to spend more time enjoying life your way. South Australian athletes will continue to shine and do us all proud, living their best lives, all thanks to your amazing contributions.

Your legacy is amazing and you are a friend for life to all at SOSA.....Thank you



State Committee

Ally Ramm - Chair Ally has a diverse professional background in corporate projects with a focus on technology and digital innovation. She has had previous experience working on international and local boards & committees in key leadership roles and is looking forward to bringing this expertise to the Special Olympics of South Australia.



She is passionate about sport and the sense of community, happiness and belonging that it can bring to individuals, teams, families and communities. Her motivation for supporting and working with the Special Olympics is driven by personal commitment and belief in human rights, culture diversity and equality.

She is excited about assisting in seeking new partnership and grant opportunities which will allow us to continue to grow and develop our program offerings giving even more opportunity for our athletes. And is also looking forward to seeing the locked down calendar of events for 2019 and supporting the Adelaide and Spencer Gulf clubs in the execution of these events.

She is especially excited about learning from you all, working closely with you all and leading the SA Committee together on our journey to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with disabilities.

Tiffany - Deputy Chair/events

I am thrilled to be taking on the role of Deputy Chair for Special Olympics South Australia. I come to this position having worked in the corporate sector for the last 30 years with experience in project and event management, logistics, and design. For many years I have found great joy in giving back to my community through a diverse range of volunteer roles, including Ronald McDonald House. Having recently returned to live in Adelaide I am now looking forward to working alongside my fellow committee members and our amazing sporting clubs to foster an environment of inclusiveness and provide the funding and organisation to ensure South Australian children with an intellectual disability have every opportunity to participate in sporting activities to help build confidence and life skills.



Sue Petersen - Secretary

After leaving Adelaide in 1994 for Canberra and Sydney, just two years later I found myself living in the United States where I married and raised a family. I have two wonderful adult children, one currently in New York City and the other in Southern California. With 30 years of experience in Office Administration, I have worked in the Defence, IT, Marketing and Utilities industries. I have volunteered with various non-profits and schools, organising large groups of volunteers and chairing fundraising events, primarily silent & live auctions, some fun runs and school functions. Having returned to Adelaide in 2017, I am currently working with victims of violent trauma which I find incredibly rewarding. This work has provided me with personal growth and an understanding of the long term and wide-reaching effects of trauma on families and communities. I find myself with the time and availability to volunteer my experience and am excited to help guide SA Special Olympics into its next phase



Kerrie Lante Sports Portfolio

Kerrie is a disability professional who has extensive experience in working with people with intellectual disability, their families and caregivers. She particularly enjoys creating an awareness, promoting an understanding and linking students across different disciplines so to foster their understanding of the role of disability and allied health professionals and how they can work alongside each other for the benefit of their client. In her role as an academic and researcher, Kerrie's industry experience has given her the opportunity to impart valuable knowledge and experience to emerging professionals in the disability and health sciences areas. Kerrie was a Research Associate at Sydney University, working on a NHMRC Partnership Project: Embedding sustainable physical activities into the everyday lives of adults with intellectual disabilities, before joining Flinders in 2014. Her research interests lie in promoting health and well being, particularly through physical activity and Active Support, enhancing quality of life, community engagement and staff work engagement. Other interests include Inclusive sporting/recreational facilities, interprofessional education and work engagement of disability professionals. Kerrie was involved in the Creating a Sporting Chance program at RMIT, Melbourne; a community, evidence based, sustainable, low cost physical activity program for people with intellectual disability. She has also worked across government and non-government organizations, promoting physical activity in community based settings for adults with intellectual disability. Kerrie has presented at various national and international confer-

Charmaine Mahar - Committee Member and Athlete Leader Support

My interest in the disability sector started when my daughter's vision impairment was diagnosed. I soon realised the difficulties associated with inclusion and acceptance in education and social situations.

Employment in the disability sector: Commenced as a support worker while undertaking a Bachelor of Applied Science in Disability Studies, then moved into a case management role in alternative accommodation for young people with intellectual disability. After graduating as a Developmental Educator I chose to further my education and complete a Master of Disability Studies at Flinders University. I then spent 9 years as the coordinator of programs for adults with acquired brain injuries at Flinders University before moving into my current role as the Topic Coordinator and Lecturer for placements in the Bachelor of Disability and Developmental Education.

Voluntary roles: Rhythmic gymnastics coach and judge - Gymnastics SA from 1985. Started coaching for SOSA in 1997 and worked with different committees across the next few years. I recently resigned from the board of Development Educators Australia Inc. after 5 year's service. Areas of passion include intellectual disability and brain injury.



Sandeep Kumar Konduri - Finance (Budgets)

A qualified chartered accountant with over 10 years of experience in Financial reporting, Financial Planning & Analysis and Budgeting with exposure to Asian and US markets. Recently moved to Adelaide as a permanent resident and currently working as a Management Accountant in South Australian based company, Very excited to be part of this committee where I get an opportunity to give back to the society and contribute in my area of expertise and also getting an opportunity to interact and learn from other members of the committee.. During my tenure with the committee I will work with other members on aspects relating to budgets for various events and actively participate in events to the extent possible. I am very happy to be associated with Special Olympics SA. Thank you for giving me this opportunity.



Wishing all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year 2019!

Welcome

The new Committee will be supported by Leanne, Lisa and Tracy

2019 Membership

This year Special Olympics Australia is trialling online registration with several clubs and Adelaide Club is one of them .

You should have received an email back in October with link with which to complete your new membership . It is a simple process and only takes a small amount of time.

If you didn't receive your link please email: Maureens@specialolympics.com.au

If you would prefer a hard copy posted to you please contact Margaret by email Adelaide.membership@specialolympics.com.au

With such a busy year ahead and future selection for games means you will need to maintain your membership each year to be eligible to be selected.

Thank you and see you in 2019

Margret

Adelaide Club Membership



Sports Vouchers

We're pleased to announce that the Office of Sports and Recreation have decided to increase the monetary value of the Sports Vouchers in 2019! Available to primary school aged children to be used to help pay for participating in sporting programs, the 2019 Sports Vouchers will be up to \$100.

Following changes in our own membership prices, this voucher will now cover the full Special Olympics membership for our younger members! You can find more info at their website <https://www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au/>. Submit voucher with your membership forms and we will claim for you.

Individual Membership - \$75.00 annually

Athletes will have access to all can ALL SO sports training programs, competitions and events within local clubs

Athletes can access SOA Competition Pathways dependent on selection criteria

Athletes will have access to Healthy Athlete and Athlete leadership Programs nationally

What does your membership cover:

- ❖ Overall Insurance for all Special Olympics training and events
- ❖ Quarterly Newsletter
- ❖ Free Sports App for Smartphones
- ❖ First training sessions free for each sport offered
- ❖ Annual Membership Badge
- ❖ Log Book to record all sports activities
- ❖ Access to weekly sports training run by qualified coaches
- ❖ Access to competition pathways offered by Special Olympics
- ❖ Athlete Leadership Program
- ❖ Social and Unique opportunities
e.g. Awards Night, City to Bay Team, Discos,
- ❖ Family Network Opportunity

2019 Upcoming Events



Dates to be confirmed but note:

Tenpin Bowling Challenge: February, May, August and October

Bedford Cop (Cricket) - **March**

Soccer Carnival in Mt Gambier - **30 & 31 March**

SO Victoria Games In Pakenham : **July**

Kanga Cup (Soccer) - **July**

State of Origin Games WA V SA: Adelaide - **August**

(Basketball, Soccer, Swimming, Athletics & Golf)

City To Bay - **September**

Invitational Cricket Games - **October**

Afterschool Cricket Challenge - **Term 4**

Bedford Cup (Soccer) - **November**

Netball Invitational Games - **November**

Orana Netball for All - **November**

Spencer Gulf Introduction Sports Games: Port Pirie, Port Augusta, Whyalla

Selection Games for Junior Games - several events over the year finalising in September

Summer Sets Festival Inclusion Day - Volleyball

6th January 2019

Special Olympics SA has paired with Volleyball South Australia to create an inclusive volleyball day in Glenelg! Held down at Glenelg Beach, the includes both beach and grass volleyball, with the day structured with to learn the rules and the game, followed by a small competition. If you'd like to register your interest, please go to the following link, <https://www.volleyballsouth.com.au/summersetsfestival/inclusion>, and click the 'More Info Here' link next to the Intellectual Disability come and try.



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day
time

Cheerleading Workshops

Over the summer holidays, Cheerleading will start with some come and try sessions. Keep an eye out on Facebook or email.