

Newsletter

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 13th - Victor Harbour Sports Roadshow
 13th - Round 3 of TPB Challenge
 24th - CSL World Cup Soccer Day
 25th - CSL Athletics Day

September

12th - CSL Sports Day
 17th - City to Bay
 21st - CSL Football (SSA)

October

12th - BBQ at Bunnings
 14th - Kydx Expo
 14 - 15th - Final Round of TPB Challenge
 26th - Unified Netball Day
 TBC - Bedford Cup - Football

November

3rd - CSL Tennis
 28th - SOAR & ROAR Car Rally
 TBC - Orana Netball For All

December

5th - ISPwD
 TBC - Family Fun Day

Congratulations Team SA Junior Team who competed in the 2017 National Games in Queensland. Fantastic effort everyone with so many amazing highlights and memories made.

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Adelaide Club AGM

On Tuesday 28th March at the Thebarton Community Centre, we had our first AGM as Special Olympics Australia - Adelaide Club.

Commencing at 5:00 pm for light refreshments was a great opportunity to mingle and meet new faces. We had a fantastic turnout with Committee Members, Volunteers, Parents and Athletes.

Our Chair Lea van der Hoek welcomed everyone to the AGM and gave a wonderful chairs report that was supported by a very entertaining PowerPoint presentation explaining the past changes and the exciting goals for our future. Lea looks forward to another year as Chair and reminded everyone that all thoughts and opinions are valuable and would appreciate any suggestions or feedback that will assist with further improvements to the way we do things. She thanked everyone for all their hard work and support with a special mention about the invaluable work Lisa Hester puts in for Special Olympics. Also a special thankyou to our outgoing Deputy Chair Aaron Allen for all the times he has stepped in to help and wish him all the best for his future.

The usual Treasurer's report, Membership Officer's report and Sport's Report was also presented by Lea and Lisa. A special thank you to Igor Negrão who is running several sports programs was also mentioned. Lisa also gave an in-depth talk about our Athlete Leadership Program, the members, and all the amazing things these Athlete Leaders will be doing throughout the year and a wonderful voice for the athletes. The Athlete Leaders also take turns to sit in on the monthly committee meetings to ensure the athletes are heard and supported.

At the Adelaide Club we have a two year term for our Committee members, that meet once a month, and have several positions available and also positions available on the sub-committees. The current members are:

Chair - Lea van der Hoek, Treasurer - David Block, Secretary - Naomi Pugsley, Memberships - Margaret Alexander, General Committee - Kate O'Brien and Sports Support Team - Andrew Richards. The nominations that were put forward and accepted were Financial Support Team - Robyn Blundell, Sports Support Team - Libby Eichner, Fundraising Support Team - Jackie McLeod and General Committee - Sandra Batt.

Finally we have to say a massive thankyou to our guest speaker Sam Paor-Smith from The Growing Space who gave a fantastic presentation with some handy hints about the NDIS. Sam has a wealth of knowledge in this area and we all left with a greater understating of the NDIS and how it works.

Looking forward to a wonderful 2017 and all the great events to come.



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Visit our website www.TheGrowingSpace.com.au
Join our Facebook page "The Growing Space Australia" <https://www.facebook.com/TheGrowingSpaceAustralia>

Special Olympics Australia AGM

Held Saturday 27th May in Sydney and Lea and Lisa attended.

As a state with just 2 registered clubs, we are only eligible for two votes as representation of our members which is given to the Chair of each club.

AGM's by nature are usually quite short and generally a formality and the usual things covered were the appointment of an auditor – in which KPMG was again appointed however it was noted that KPMG indicated this would be their last year and that the board would need to consider a new auditor moving forward.

There were two directors elected to join the board, Ms Ruby Lawlor and Mr David Fenlon to fill vacancies.

The Financial report, Directors report and Auditors report were tabled and there was an open discussion regarding these reports. It was pleasing to hear that the financial recovery process of SOA had achieved what they set out to do from previous AGM. The financial report indicated that majority of cost cutting was made within the central office and mainly around staffing levels.

There were a number of questions from the floor regarding the transparency of the financial reports and the finance director presented supplementary explanation notes to answer these questions and it was recommended that these explanations be included in the report and future reports.

Adoption of the amended constitution for SOA which governs how we operate as an organisation

Another item on the agenda was regarding the the proposed amended constitution would allow for minor changes to the constitution to be made outside the forum of an AGM or calling for a special meeting. It would still have to be passed by members but this resolution would just allow it to be streamlined and completed in a timely manner.

The advantages of the proposed changes were to ensure the constitution reflects the current membership structure and practices of SOA which are working well;

- is in line with the current accreditation requirements of SO;
- clarifies the position of the Clubs as members of SOA and how they are represented in SOA; and
- contains provisions which bring it in line with current corporate governance best practice.

The proposed changes were voted on and passed.

Leanne

Meet the SOA-Board Members on the website : <http://specialolympics.com.au/index.php/about/people>



Follow SO across the country on Facebook: Special Olympics Australia

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Communication

We now have a number of new email addresses for the Adelaide Club to help make it easier to contact with any enquiries. Please add these to your address book!

Adelaide.Chair@specialolympics.com.au - Leanne Van Den Hoek

Adelaide.Secretary@specialolympics.com.au - Naomi Pugsley

Adelaide.Treasurer@specialolympics.com.au - David Block/ Robyn Blundell

Adelaide.Membership@specialolympics.com.au - Margaret Alexander

Adelaide.Sport@specialolympics.com.au - Andrew Richards

Updated Phone App

We are continuing to work on updating our app. Though it is a work in progress, the app will allow us to send information out immediately to people, as well as post results, photos, and more information. We recommend you download the app (and say yes to push notifications!) in order to keep up to date with what is happening in South Australia and SO sports programs.

Our new app will hopefully keep all athletes, parents, supporters, and volunteers up to date with events and results.



DOWNLOAD OUR APP!

Special Olympics South Australia provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults. Our app will keep you in touch with everything you need to know.

Make sure you accept our 'push notifications' when you download so we can get you messages when you most need them!



The graphic features a smartphone on the left showing the app's menu screen with the Special Olympics South Australia logo and the text 'powered by Spc'. To the right, there are three QR codes for downloading the app, each accompanied by a platform icon: an Apple logo for the first, an Android logo for the second, and a circular logo for the third.

Join us keep up with what is happening across Special Olympics Australia and South Australia



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National Volunteer Week

All Special Olympics South Australian athletes thank all of our wonderful volunteers who help them achieve their goals, realise dreams and feel a part of a great community where they experience a real a sense of belonging. SOA-SA featured some of these wonderful volunteers each day during national volunteer week.



**GIVE HAPPY
LIVE HAPPY**
NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK
8-14 MAY 2017

This National Volunteer Week we celebrate and acknowledge the generous contribution of our nation's volunteers. Research shows volunteers live happier and healthier lives. So, enjoy your volunteering and all the benefits that come with it!

Thank you volunteers for helping make Australia the happiest place on earth!
VOLUNTEERINGAUSTRALIA.ORG/NVW

Volunteering AUSTRALIA #GiveHappyLiveHappy



THANK YOU



Thank you



Sports

Tennis at West Beach

Sunday 5th March

Congratulations on attending the Tennis games - doubles and Skills test completed - Singles competition to be advised shortly.

Swimming at Marion Outdoor Pool

Sunday 11th March

A great turn out; so good to see the regulars but some new faces as well.

Everyone competed well and showed their competitive side.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped in all areas like timing, recording, starting, marshalling and cooking the BBQ.

Athletics at Enfield Harriers - Sunday 9th April

What a fantastic day.

Thank you to Enfield Harriers Athletics Club for once again supporting us and the use of your fantastic facilities.

42 athletes attended ; the largest number we had had out for a long time.

It was so exciting to see them all enthusiastic and especially the juniors wanting to try anything.

Thank you to Kirsty, Gill and Terry for your work leading up to the event and all the parents volunteering on the day. Lots of athletes getting their first medals and some proud smiles all round.



Football - Unified Games - Saturday 17th June

Everyone had a great day at the LINK UP SOA - SA 5 a side carnival last weekend at Para Hills East Soccer Club.

Thank you to Para Hills Soccer club for your support throughout the day.

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who umpired, scored, did any odd jobs and made the day so good for everyone.

Thank you to TB photography for your great photos .



Equestrian with RDA at O'Halloran Hill

Sunday 18th June

What an experience to see so many talented riders.

The riders competed in the Events selected as SO events.

Congratulations everyone.



Cricket In Queensland - 4th of May – 7th of May

Great weekend of cricket.

So many highlights including Matt Phillips hitting his first boundary and making 26 runs in an over.

More highlights on Day 2

Day One ended with all teams on a win each and final results hanging on run count.

Day Two the team had skills sessions with Cricket Queensland and then a game of rounders which got everyone involved.

Michael Harris spending a lot of time helping the Papua New Guinea athletes.

Awards ceremony which saw our guys do well in all sections.

They took out second place overall.

Great effort guys. Thanks to SO Queensland for the invite and Collandra cricket club for hosting the event.

Final day saw us have a day at Movie World - a few people going on rides that made them scream but lots of fun was had by all.



Basketball at Starplex Gawler

Sunday 24th June

This event was held for the first time at Starplex Gawler and our thanks to Ricky and his team for helping us get the event organised.

We had a great team of volunteer coaches, umpires and support team who helped to ensure the day was successful.

Our skills challenge competition was a huge success with 24 athletes competing across 3 skills finishing with a game in main stadium.

In the main stadium we had a robust competition going on throughout the day and a great display of skills, sportsmanship and love of the game that is basketball.

Thank you to Andrew and his team of coaches who ensured that all games were played fairly and in the right spirit. Thanks to our umpires who put in a huge effort umpiring continually across the day.



Tenpin Bowling at Elizabeth

Round One of 2017 Interprogram Challenge

Eighty Five players from Northern Strikers, Southern Stars, SO Braves, Hills/Fleurieu Programs gathered at Bowland at Elizabeth and competed across three singles games. The day was a huge success with athletes enjoying catching up for the start of the year.

Competition was lively and all had eyes on the cup at the end of the year.



Tenpin Bowling at Marion

Round Two of Interprogram Challenge also State Games

Held over two days 94 bowlers competed in singles and teams events at Marion Bowland.

Port Pirie athletes came down on the bus for the weekend and all enjoyed dinner at Fresh Choice on Saturday night.

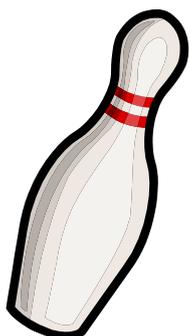


Tenpin Bowling In Pakenham

Wow 42 bowlers climbed on the Crows bus and headed to Pakenham.

The team did an amazing job and brought home a total of 74 medals and Ribbons over two days. What an amazing effort.

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Tenpin Bowling at Murray Bridge

Round Three of Interprogram Challenge

Sunday 13th August

Murray Bridge Bowland

Registration Forms available from the Office or your Bowling Coordinator

C6 Team

The C6 team has two new coaches this year who are testing the players to improve their fitness. The team is joined by one new player and hoping for the return of two of their girls from injury as the year progresses.

One of our coaches, Claire, is a keen netballer having played most of her life and making lifelong friends along the way. She is in her final year of a special education teaching degree. Realising how much she missed netball, and what a huge part it had played in her life, Claire enquired into the 'Special Olympics about netball'. Claire notes: "I am lucky enough to be able to combine two of my passions and become a coach in the C6 division. I am so pleased to say that I coach an awesome group of ladies, who teach me as much as I hope to teach them. I will always support the team and help them achieve their very best, while having fun along the way!"

Our other coach, another Claire, has been playing netball since she was six years old after moving to Adelaide and has continued to play for school and also joined Matrics finishing her netball playing days last year. She says: "To this day. I am still close with most of my old team-mates, many of which I still see regularly. Through school netball, I was able to mentor some younger teams and enjoyed the experience so much that I decided to take up the coaching opportunity with the C6 division team for Matrics."

The girls enjoy many different netball opportunities outside the winter netball season. In February, they played in the Inaugural Special Olympics Netball Carnival and came third. Kim and Joanne have been selected for the 2017 Maree Little Shield Team and Laura and Joanne are joining 15 other girls from across Australia to play netball at the Great Britain National Games in Sheffield in August this year. Good Luck!



Wednesday Night Mixed Sport at Adelaide North Special School

By Terry Ansell

We appear to be growing stronger each week. Our group of athletes are evolving. As some stop coming new ones are arriving. Some of our new athletes are impressive to watch and enjoy their weekly challenges.

I have strong support from many parents. Especially Gill Taylor who not only supports me with the drills, games and behaviour management, but also helps with the administrative tasks. Gill is a good contact and advisor for parents.

We have been blessed by the presence of Wendy Lockyer. She is a Netball coach who came for a one off invite and is now hooked. Wendy is very good at her craft and brings a much need professionalism to the training.

Thankyou Wendy This year we have spent a lot of money on equipment thanks to Jihad and his grant. Also Lisa gave us an opportunity to buy new shirts. From this we officially got the name The Northern Braves.

Last year Gill and I attended the S.O. presentation night. We decided that the next year our athletes will feature a lot in S.O. This is happening.

First we had Holly Taylor compete in the Trans-Tasman game. She did the Northern suburbs proud, along with our other inspirational athletes.

A Few years ago Elizabeth Bowland was the start of an inter-regional games held every school term. The first one for 2017 had a record of 80 athletes attend (mainly from Port Pirie and Marion areas). Our Northern Braves bowling athletes (over 20 bowlers) have been playing with bumpers down this year and this competition was the first with no bumpers. We are exceptionally proud of their efforts. It is so cool to now see many familiar faces from outside our areas that we call friends.

These bowling athletes are becoming one big happy family. We look forward to the next games and especially the final one at Port Pirie. Here most Northern Braves and their families stay at caravan parks and make it a camping holiday also.

Mikala Green was a solo representative at a netball event earlier this year. We also put a team in for Igor's indoor soccer, as well as Bedford soccer competition at Bonython Park.

Currently we have 4 athletes going to the Junior Games on the Gold Coast.

The future for Northern Braves ... Nationals 2018



NEW Venue: New Time

Adelaide Braves Mixed Sport has outgrown it's home base at Adelaide North Special School and Moving

Where: John McVeity Centre

When: Friday's 6pm till 7 pm

Address: 182 Peachey road Smithfield plains 5113

Cost: \$5.00 per athlete

Contact Gill Taylor for more details



SA Members Out and About

Noah Shoumack came home with 2 silver medals for the Judo Nationals. Congratulations.



Amechai Bawden
100 Parkruns
76 times 1st over the line



Orana High Tea

Sunday May 7th

Leanne our Adelaide Club Chair invited some of our Volunteers along to Orana's High Tea at the Adelaide Pavilion. They looked like they enjoyed the afternoon.

Mary, Lachlan and Igor presenting at St Pauls College.



Thank you to all our wonderful sponsors and



Government of South Australia
Office for Recreation and Sport





Thank you
to all the supporters, donations and families who helped run events
to ensure that financially the team had some help.

Thank you doesn't seem enough when thanking Variety.

They awarded sponsorship to 23 of our 25 athletes and this meant that a lot of families could also go and see their children participate but more importantly it ensured that the focus of all other fundraising could go directly to helping ensure all athletes got support as well as supporting costs for Coaches and team Support.

What a marvelous difference this made and we can not thank you for enough.

Thank you for making such a difference

Learn more about their marvelous work: <https://www.variety.org.au/sa>



Another big thank you to all other companies and supporters who helped with donations for events such as Lions and Rotary clubs, Hoi Night, cash donations directly to athletes, hosting fundraising events and helping us organising raffles. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Also, a big thank you to the City of Charles Sturt for making a sizable donation under their Under 18's Sports Program which allowed two of our athletes the opportunity to compete. It's the support of the local councils and communities that makes what we do possible.



Juniors

Congratulations to all the following Twenty Five Athletes who were chosen to represent SA at the games.

Athletes: Aniela Ali, Cameron Bland, Jarrod Blundell, Jack Claridge, Taylah Daly, Isaac Della -Torre, Daniel Eichner, Kane Ertas, Shem Forrest, Nicholas Fulwood, Lachlan Griffiths, Aiden Grigg, Austin Grigg Hayley Harradine-Rankine, Wil Henry, Samuel Lugg, William Mclver, Cameron McLeod, Kyle O'Shea-Borg, Morgan Paynter, Noah Shomack, Joseph Watson, Brodie Williss, Tyler Williss, and Jamin Wilson-Eglinton.

Team Support: Terry Ansell, Sandra Batt, Paul Beinke, Gordon Colmer, Libby Eichner, Sheryn Klose, Lauren Gillis, Andrew Richards, Kirsty Turner, Naomi Williss, Pascal Vendetta, and Brittany Wright.



You all did your very best at all times and we were so very proud of you all.

Facts:

82% athletes first time away from home

74% first time on a plane

6 new support staff

25 athletes brought home 63 medals

Each athlete did their very best



Team SA Camp

What a great weekend getting to know each other and starting to get our teams together.

Always an exciting time when you get to make new friends, meet new coaches and learn some new skills.

The Shores Resort at West Beach were again very welcoming and in a safe environment the team starting the bonding that is so important when embarking on a big adventure.

Thank you to the parents who shared lunch with us on the Saturday - great fun you would agree.



Special Olympics South Australia 2017 Awards Night

On Friday 2nd June, 147 athletes, families, volunteers and supporters came together to for the 2017 Special Olympics South Australia Awards Night.

Special guests at the event included Hon Ms Kelly Vincent MLC, Dignity for Disability, Ms Nicole Swaine, Member of Special Olympics Australia National Board; Mr Chris Lemm, Deputy Chair of Special Olympics Australia Southern Zone Committee, Members of the Law Enforcement Torch Run Committee; Mr Jehad Rasheed, Chairperson of the 2018 National Games Board, Ms Bredette Keon, 2018 Games Director, Ms Vicki Cotis, Representing Mr Nick Mihalaras, CEO of Orana and her guests; Mrs Leanne van der Hoek, Special Olympics Adelaide Club Chair and representatives from Special Olympics South Australia Sports Programs.

Of course, our real guests of honour were the athletes, volunteers and their families who joined us on the night.

A big congratulation to all the nominees, this is a great achievement. To the final winners, congratulations. You should be very proud of your commitment to your chosen sport and Special Olympics.

Congratulations to:

Liam Rankin — Bill Bowden Encouragement Award

Terry Ansell—Coach of the Year Award

Cricket Crew—Taylor Maddeford. Katie Temby & Ty Bullene—Volunteers of the Year Award

Scott Callender —Glenda Edmonds Memorial Trophy

Matthew Phillips —Special Olympics Athlete of the Year Award

Holly Taylor—Female Athlete of the Year Award

Michael Harris —Male Athlete of the Year Award

Thank you to Chris Lemm, Kim Flannigan and Lachlan Woollett for doing a great job as joint MC's on the night, all the athlete leaders on the night for your help, Karina Cook for her photography, the volunteers who helped on the night and the wonderful staff of the Adelaide Pavilion.





Look Who's In the News

A number of our athletes have made the paper or newsletters across the first 6 months. Here are some of their stories



Austin and Aiden made the local paper prior to the Junior National Games. Congratulations.



Portside Messenger 03/07/2017

Jayden, 15, Igor Negrao and Noah, 13, get ready for a game of futsal at LeFevre Community Stadium as part of a new weekly program. PICTURE: BIANCA DE MARCHI

Futsal fever at LeFevre

OSBORNE

Ashleigh Pisani

FUTSAL is changing the lives of young people with disabilities on the LeFevre Peninsula. Inclusive futsal is now being played each Friday night at the LeFevre Community Stadium from 6.30pm to 8pm.

Young people aged over 13 with intellectual disabilities now have an opportunity to hit the court.

The futsal program was started eight weeks ago by Igor Negrao from One Culture

Football, a not-for-profit organisation which aims to promote inclusion through sport.

Mr Negrao received a \$1000 grant from Port Adelaide Enfield council which will allow him to hire the stadium for the rest of the year.

He said inclusive futsal was giving the players a place where they could feel welcome.

"Everyone gets there half an hour early and all the families come," Mr Negrao said.

"There is not much opportunity for people with disabilities to play sport.

"It's not just about learning the game its about making community connections.

"They have obstacles every day but with sport they have a goal."

He said teens such as Jayden, 15 and Noah, 13, were coming together and sharing their experiences.

If you're interested in registering for inclusive futsal contact Igor Negrao on inegrao@oneculturefootball.org

The first try is free and then costs \$7 per session.

Helping is just what the doctor ordered

TORRENS PARK

Antimo Iannella

MISS World Australia national finalist Sophie Ludbrook is not your average pageant queen.

Currently on a gap year after finishing Year 12 at Scotch College, the aspiring doctor and part-time model decided to try her hand at the event for the first time, but only after researching the beauty pageant's credentials.

"It was uncharted waters for me, but I think ultimately it's for a good cause," says Ms Ludbrook, 18, who is also a top junior equestrian showjumper.

"It's got extremely sound morals behind it ... I checked to make sure it wasn't supported by Donald Trump.

"I like the fact it's a pageant which is built on the intellect of women and having ambition and interest in others."

The youngest SA entrant in the competition, Ms Ludbrook, of Mylor, secured her spot in July's national final, and is now busy raising funds for the event's charity, Variety SA, which supports children and their families in need.

That includes Samuel Lugg, 7, of Morphett Vale, who has autism and cerebral palsy.

"Sam is really great," she says. "It's really important to me to get personally involved, to actually meet people and actually help them in any way that I can."

The teenager is taking this year off study to travel after the national final, and is hoping to study medicine next year.



Miss World Australia SA finalist Sophie Ludbrook with Samuel Lugg, 7, at the Hotel Richmond. PICTURE: MATT TURNER

Ready to represent their state

FOOTBALL

Dan Jervis-Bardy

THEY are the pride of Goodwood – and now of South Australia as well.

Five members of Goodwood Saints' C7 team – Con Gouras, Michael Harris, Paul Leikas, Paul Papanikolaou and Toby Sutherland – are on the Gold Coast this week representing SA at the AFL National Inclusion Carnival.

The championships will showcase the nation's best footballers with an intellectual disability in an eight-team tournament. Sutherland, 27, told the *Eastern Courier Messenger* of his pride at being given the honour of pulling on the state's famous red, blue and yellow guernsey.

"It's always exciting to pull on a state jumper because not many AFL players do it," Su-



Goodwood Saints players Paul Papanikolaou, Toby Sutherland, Con Gouras and Michael Harris.

PICTURE: JAMES ELSBY

therland, of Hawthorn, said. SA was runner-up at last year's carnival, but has not lifted the winner's trophy since the competition kicked-off in 2013.

Harris, 32, said it would be "a real honour" to be a part of

the first SA team to win the tournament, while Papanikolaou said victory would be just reward for the hard work the 17-man squad had put in before heading to Queensland.

"We have done some training in the past few weeks and

we have worked so hard to get our energy up," Papanikolaou, 19, said.

Aside from competing in the tournament, the SA team will meet players from the Gold Coast Suns AFL side and hold clinics at local special

schools. Gary Sutherland, Toby's dad and coach of the Saints' C7 side, said the trip was a "wonderful opportunity" for his players.

"To have five players in the squad is a real honour," Mr Sutherland said.



SA claim inaugural title at National Indoor Championships (From SACA Media)

South Australia have claimed their first Lord's Taverners Shield title since the competition's inception in 1993 after a dominant 188-run win over Victoria in Mackay.

A number of Special Olympics athletes were amongst the successful South Australian team who have claimed their first **Lord's Taverners Shield** title since the competition's inception in 1993 after a dominant 188-run win over Victoria in Mackay on Saturday. James Eustace-Smith was named in the Australian all stars team amongst a number of S.A. boys. **Well done everyone**

Bunyip, July 2017

LOCAL junior athletes were greeted to a hero's welcome recently, after returning home with an impressive medal haul from the Special Olympics' Junior National Games held on the Gold Coast.

Six northern suburbs-based athletes living with an intellectual disability represented South Australia in a variety of individual and team sports against more than 200 athletes from around the country at the games, held between July 3-6.

Davoren Park's Noah Shoumack, 13, was the team's torch bearer for the games, and said the whole Special Olympics experience was great to be involved in.

"It was really exciting," he said.

"It made me feel proud having everyone cheer me on during my events."

During the games, athletes competed in sports such as athletics, swimming, basketball and soccer at the Runaway Bay Super Sports Centre – an all purpose facility set to be used in the upcoming 2018 Commonwealth Games.

South Australia's team featured 25 athletes, all aged between eight and 16, who performed extremely well, despite boasting a smaller squad compared to other states.

The team took out 18 gold medals, 15 silver and 27 bronze, while also managing 17 fourth-placed finishes and eight fifth-placed finishes throughout the event.

SA team manager Terry Ansell said seeing the kids excel on a national level was an incredibly moving experience.

"It was really emotional because I'd never seen some of the kids perform the way that they did at the Special Olympics, they just competed so hard and always go a step above themselves," he said.

Noah's mother, Rebecca Shoumack, travelled with the team and said it was so refreshing to see the kids being given an opportunity to shine.

"It was amazing to see all the kids who usually get pushed out of sports have an opportunity to be involved and take part," she said.



Fragile X Australian Newsletter

Passion for Sport



SA Special Olympian of the Year Matt Phillips

Matt Phillips is from Adelaide. He is passionate about cricket, and a skilled batsman. Matt's school newsletter recently reported:

"In May, Matt Phillips proudly represented South Australia in Queensland as part of the SA Special Olympics Field Cricket team. Matt competes as part of the Special Olympic Strikers in the open competition, and remarkably has done since the age of 13.

He also holds claim to fame as a batsman who has never been run out! – a very talented young man. The SA team placed second in Queensland, no doubt in part due to Matt scoring 26 runs, including 3 boundaries in one of the matches. Matt's story is one of great success, perseverance and pride, with Matt claiming he would need to be the last one out of the plane because he had so many medals to carry home." [Suneden Special School newsletter, May 2017]



On 2nd June 2017 at the SA Special Olympics Awards event, Matt Phillips was awarded the high distinction of being named South Australian Special Olympian for his achievements in cricket with The Strikers.

Congratulations Matt!



Double Gold in Bowling for Nicole and Shane

Nicole and Shane Hill are from Gawler in South Australia. They're very keen bowlers, and have been bowling every Friday in the nearby town of Elizabeth for 10 years!

They've also become very involved in Special Olympics bowling, playing for two different teams. Their bowling group in Gawler competes in different locations against 4 teams, in a statewide competition.

In the SA State Games in early June, after two days of very stiff competition, both Nicole's team and Shane's team took home the gold!



Community Sports Link Highlights

Special Olympics Cricket Day



I would like to thank you for your participation in the Special Olympics Cricket Day at Adelaide Oval on Friday, 10th of February. This was the first of a series of 2017 events, part of the Community Sports Link supported by Orana. There were a total of 61 students (boys and girls) from 3 schools: Suneden Special School, Hamilton Secondary College and Cardjin College.

Despite the extreme hot weather, all students showed great energy and enthusiasm. Moving the event indoors for safety reasons was a good idea after all. The South Australian Cricket Association (SACA) did a great job providing an amazing Development Officer, Jackson, who conducted a variety of cricket skills and games! Thanks Jackson, the kids loved you!

For the very first time, we had Dream Cricket and Rotary Club helping us running the event and the kids loved it! Dream Cricket is a not-for-profit organisation that donates cricket equipment to Special Schools around Australia. They run great cricket drills that are adapted to people of all abilities. Thanks Kevin Donaldson for letting us using the Dream Cricket equipment.

We also had the presence of Bumbles the Clown, who put on a show for the kids during the lunch break making hearts out of balloons and some incredible

magic tricks!

Special thanks to all teachers and carers for supporting the students during the games and making sure they were all hydrated. Also, huge thank you to Jehad Rasheed and Brooke Ambler for volunteering on the day and running the extra mile to make the event really successful!



Annual Interschool Swimming Carnival - 3rd March 2017

We saw 120 students gather at Magill University Pool for the first major event on our school calendar.

Rostrevor students kept the day going doing everything from MC, timekeeping and helping the students in the water. Thank you boys always great to see you in action being true Men For Others.....

Thank you to our regular volunteers Mary Lou jumping in to do whatever is necessary.... true champion.

Tracey Tohl who did the marshalling and a special thanks to Jennie from Swim SA who was the official starter and referred.

Thank you to Bredette and Brooke from the National Games team who helped out in various roles across the event.

Our New Aquatics Ambassador, Sally Hunter came out to meet the athletes, helping our young swimmers succeed in the water, she even jumped in and helped them get to the other end.

Thank you to Tina and the team at Magill Uni for the lovely facilities and all your help making sure it was a successful day.

Our biggest thanks goes to our swimmers who all did an amazing job and doing the very best

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Creating Opportunities

Thanks to our sponsor and supporters your ongoing support makes it possible for us to bring sport to these groups of special people who see what they can achieve through sport. A big thank you again to Orana for again being our major sponsor in 2017.

UNIFIED FOOTBALL CUP

Amazing 7-a-side football competition in the West Torrens Council reserve, the Kings Reserve, 200 students, 21 teams!

Main Stream students playing along side Special Class

Students . Team work was great and all learned a lot from the day.

Division 1 Final ended with a PENALTY SHOOTOUT !!!

Thank you SUPREME FOOTBALL for giving us a great experience with the FOOTBALL DART!!



Schools also attended:

- Softball Clinic
- AFL Clinic
- Netball at Priceline Stadium
- Basketball at Pasadena
- Schools Introduction Sports Day at Mount Barker
- Cricket in Mt Gambier

Coming up in Term 3:

Athletics at Nazareth College

World Cup Football Day at Rostrevor

Basketball at The Gardens

Basketball at Port Pirie

Schools introduction Sports Day at Victor Harbour

If you want any further information about upcoming events please contact Igor on 8234 8730 or communitysa@specialolympcis.com.au



Here is a group photo from AFL Clinic at Hewett Primary School - great session conducted by Kris-





Thank You



Thanks to the kind sponsorship from Australian Hotels Association we have been able to:
Fit out 200 athletes with new Polo tops
Purchase 200 new SOSA caps
Assist with transport for Port Pirie athletes to come to Adelaide for competitions
Subsidise buses for schools to attend sports days.
Your sponsorship made a difference!



Fundraising - all monies raised goes back into Sports Programs and to benefit our athletes



Thank you TelethonSA for again helping us access fundraising events to help raise money to support our sports programs and athletes.



TelethonSA Rivergum House and Land Lottery
At Playford Alive

Tickets go on sale from 2nd September.
Keep an eye for notice of Sales Open
We will be able to sell tickets at the Royal Show and at the House so will be looking for volunteers to help with this as well.

FIRST PRIZE: The fabulous "Azure" by Rivergum Homes at Playford Alive including a Taste Furniture package, valued at over \$345,000. Or \$250,000 cash.

SECOND PRIZE ; -Harvey Norman Appliance Package valued at over \$20,000.

THIRD PRIZE - \$10,000 CASH

EARLY BIRD PRIZE: \$10,000 International Travel voucher from Bunnik Tours + \$5,000 cash for tickets purchased before midnight on 27 October

TelethonSA Movie Cards . Great Value at \$20.00 each

They offer:

- Two tickets for \$6 each
- 12 tickets for \$11 each
- 2 Choc tops for \$6 (plain only)
- 150g bag of Menz FruChocs with the last ticket
- Chance to win Wallis Gold Pass
- Valid 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018
- Savings of \$120 based on adult ticket prices

TelethonSA Movie Card can be used at any of the following Wallis Cinemas:
Mitcham Cinemas, Mt Barker Cinemas, Noarlunga Cinemas and Piccadilly Cinemas.

Order through the office or your Sports Program



Just the ticket for a cheap night out.

A graphic for the TelethonSA Movie Card. It shows a movie card with the text "TELETHONSA MOVIE CARD" and a price tag that says "ONLY \$20". Below the graphic is a button that says "click here" with a right-pointing arrow.

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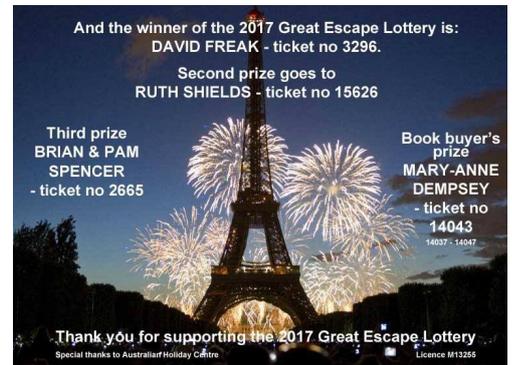
Fundraising

Arthritis SA Ooh la la Paris Lottery

Thank you to all who bought tickets to support this lottery.

We raised \$4,000 plus so great effort everyone. All this will go directly back to the SO Programs and to support athletes.

Thank you Arthritis SA for all your hard work and to the very generous sponsors.



Cost: \$70.00



Special Olympics Australia - SA and Vision Australia are raising funds. In 2017 we raised over \$900 between us ..not bad for our first year.

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20% from every membership sold contributes to supporting our

Up Coming Events

We have a number of fundraising events coming up in the following months.

17th of September, The Sunday Mail are holding their annual **City-to-Bay Fun Run**.

Each year we have a number of athletes and supporters complete the run to raise money for our club. This year is no different, and entry forms have been included in this newsletter! Get excited to either complete a 3km, 6km, or 12km run all with the goal of raising money for Special Olympics South Australia!

12th of October we have another fundraising **BBQ at Bunnings in Mile End**. Requests for volunteers will be sent out closer to the date, so if you're available to help cook some snags, or handle money, please let us know. If you happen to be in the area on that day, why not stop in and grab a sausage and drink! All funds raised will go to our Adelaide Club.

2017 Quiz Night to help raise money for the Adelaide Club is in the planning stages! Though a number of the details, including the date, are yet to be confirmed, keep your eye on our social media sites for more details.

Cadbury Chocolate Sales: stock in the office all the time so come and get a box and sell them - all money goes to SOA-Adelaide Club Fundraising.