



## Special Olympics Brisbane Club

### Message From the Committee

Hi Everyone,

Happy New Year and a warm welcome back for everyone joining us in 2023. We look forward to all that this year has to bring for our athletes, coaches and volunteers!

As we start the new year, we'd like to once again say thank you to our athletes, coaches, volunteers and supporters for your continued enthusiasm and support during another year. It looks to be an exciting year of sport and competition including this year's Special Olympics World Summer Games held in Berlin being held in June.

We'd like to congratulate all 64 athletes who made it onto team Australia, but we'd like to specifically call out the seven athletes who are a part of the Brisbane Club. These include Oliver King (equestrian), Rebecca Allison (Tennis), Alex. Baker (Tennis), Jonathan Mischczak (Swimming), Stuart Gorton (Bocce), Caitlin Kerby (Swimming) and Dylan Price (Golf). This is such a huge achievement to be selected and we are all proud of what they are achieving!

In Committee news, we'd like to share there have been a few changes through the committee in 2022. Nan Bahr, our Club Chair has recently resigned and we are still on the look out for our new Chair. We want to express our thanks towards Nan for everything she brought into our club and wish her well for the future. We have advertised this role with no luck at filling this currently and are calling out to coaches, family members or friends of athletes who would like to step up to the opportunity. If there is anyone interested in stepping in to provide further support to the athletes and organisation, please don't hesitate to reach out to Emily White at [Brisbane.Secretary@specialolympics.com.au](mailto:Brisbane.Secretary@specialolympics.com.au). In the interim, our new Vice Chair, Adrian Duncan will be stepping in as Acting Chair. Further updates on the committee have been shared in this newsletter on Page 4.

We look forward to supporting you all in what looks to be an amazing 2023!

Best Wishes,

**Brisbane Club Committee**



## Meet the Team from Brisbane heading to Berlin!

We're excited to introduce you to the athletes from the Brisbane Club who have made it to the Special Olympics World Games in Berlin in June! You can find their athlete profile through clicking on the link provided [HERE](#) (on the Special Olympics Website) and search for their name. We've also included links to their personal profiles by clicking on their name. Each athlete has the goal to raise \$9,000 to support their dream to head over.

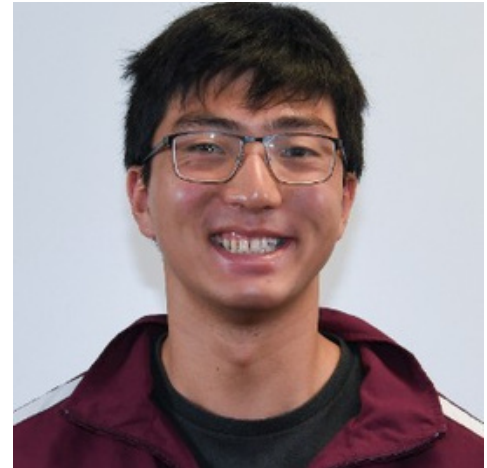
Should you have any fundraising ideas or would like support from the committee, please don't hesitate to reach out to our new Fundraising Coordinator, Emily Wilderbeek at [Brisbane.Fundraising@specialolympics.com.au](mailto:Brisbane.Fundraising@specialolympics.com.au).



**ALEX BAKER,**  
Competing in Tennis



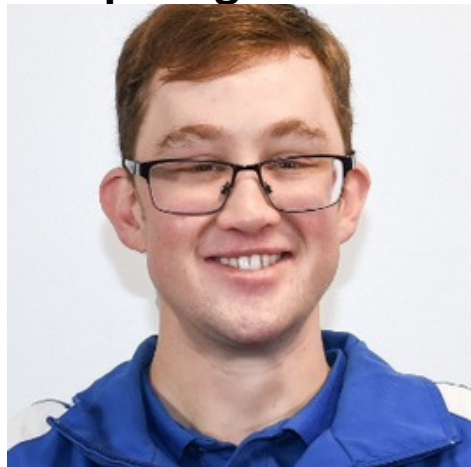
**REBECCA ALLISON,**  
Competing in Tennis



**JONATHAN MISZCZAK,**  
Competing in Swimming



**STUART GORTON,**  
Competing in Bocce



**DYLAN PRICE,**  
Competing in Golf



**CAITLIN KERBY,**  
Competing in Swimming



**OLIVER KING,**  
Competing in Equestrian



## Athlete Highlight | David Stuart



David Stewart, is a swimmer with the Special Olympics Brisbane team and is training to be a certified coach. Special Olympics Volunteer, Desleigh Jones and AUSSwim Disability and Inclusion lead, Matt Haanapel have been strong advocates in making this possible!



## Club Uniforms

### ***Special Olympics uniforms are available!***

For those that order a hat, Polo and a Jacket at the same time, there will be a discount of \$20 on your order. Use the form link below to request a uniform or chat to Dan, our sports Coordinator for more details.

### **Uniform Order Form**

### ***Uniform Prices***

Coach Polo (White) - Cost covered by the club

Support Polo (Blue & White) - \$30

Polo Shirt (Athlete) - \$30

Hat/Cap - \$10

Bucket Hat - \$12

Jacket - \$50



## Brisbane Club Committee Updates

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2022 saw a few changes occur within the Brisbane Committee. Please see below the current committee who aims to support our athletes, coaches and volunteers.

Adrian Duncan, our Vice Chair is also assisting with Acting Chair responsibilities. For those that email the chair, he will be able to respond to any of your queries.

Club Chair	Vacant	<a href="mailto:Brisbane.chair@specialolympics.com.au">Brisbane.chair@specialolympics.com.au</a>
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Fundraising Coordinator	Emily Wilderbeek	<a href="mailto:Brisbane.Fundraising@specialolympics.com.au">Brisbane.Fundraising@specialolympics.com.au</a>

## 2023 Annual General Meeting

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Our Annual General Meeting of Special Olympics Brisbane is going to be held on Saturday 25th March 2023 at Melbourne Residences, South Brisbane (111 Melbourne Street, South Brisbane QLD 4101) from 9:00am.

All registered athletes and volunteers in the club are eligible to attend and vote.

Members may submit any items of business to include on the agenda. Items must be submitted to the secretary by Saturday 18th March, 2023

For those that are unable to attend in person but would like to attend virtually, please message Emily at [brisbane.secretary@specialolympics.com.au](mailto:brisbane.secretary@specialolympics.com.au) and she will provide you the Teams Meeting link to connect.

Please join us at the meeting to find out what's going on and give your support to Special Olympics Brisbane, For those that would like to attend, please RSVP to [brisbane.secretary@specialolympics.com.au](mailto:brisbane.secretary@specialolympics.com.au) by Saturday 18th March, 2023.

## Fundraising and Social Events Updates

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*As a not-for-profit organisation our fundraising efforts continue throughout the year in order to provide more opportunities for our athletes. We will keep you all updated on our fundraising activities and invite you to support our athletes by volunteering at our events*

## Need to Update your Details?

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For all our athletes and volunteers, it's essential we have your most up to date information, not only from a compliance perspective but to ensure we are able to keep you up to date on all upcoming, events, initiatives and updates coming through.

Have you recently updated your personal details? Do you think you may be missing out on regular updates from Special Olympics? Please reach out to Nidhi, our Membership Coordinator to assist you with updating your details. Email: [Brisbane.Membership@specialolympics.com.au](mailto:Brisbane.Membership@specialolympics.com.au)

## Volunteer Needed | Soccer Coordinator

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Our Football coach, Eric is looking for a volunteer to step in and provide some support as their admin coordinator. In this role, you will provide administrative support to the coach and ensure attendance is marked and saved in accordance with Special Olympics requirements.

Additional support may be required at training and at events the football athletes would like to attend.

If you have any questions about the role or would like to put your hand up, please reach out to Emily at [Brisbane.Secretary@specialolympics.com.au](mailto:Brisbane.Secretary@specialolympics.com.au)

## Containers for Change

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Help us fundraise for the Club all year by taking your eligible containers to a registered Containers for Change recycling centre and entering the Special Olympics Brisbane Club ID: C10054053. Every container counts!



## Next Newsletter and Social Media Content

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We always welcome additional content for our Social Media platforms and in our newsletters. If you have any photos from training or competitions please send them through to Emily White at [brisbane.secretary@specialolympics.com.au](mailto:brisbane.secretary@specialolympics.com.au). Make sure to provide the names of the athletes in the pictures, as well as a short explanation so we can share with the Club.

Remember, we are now on Facebook (Special Olympics Brisbane) and Instagram (@specialolympicsbrisbane) - follow us to stay up to date on news and events!

If you have any queries regarding the content or distribution of this newsletter or would like to contribute content, please contact the Secretary.