

2017 Annual Report



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Australia



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Team Australia World Winter Games athletes Amanda Kozik (left) and Olivia Sayers (right) at the Welcome Home Reception at Admiralty House on 27 March 2017.

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FROM THE BACKYARD TO THE GLOBAL STAGE

Special Olympics owes its existence to the vision of Eunice Kennedy Shriver, who in 1962 invited a group of young people with intellectual disabilities to a summer camp in her backyard. In July 1968, the first International Special Olympics Games were held in Chicago, Illinois, USA.

Eunice Kennedy Shriver, whose sister Rosemary had an intellectual disability, believed that if people with intellectual disabilities were given the same opportunities and experiences as everyone else, they could accomplish far more than anyone ever thought possible.

Today Special Olympics is a global movement with 4.9 million athletes in 172 countries, hosting over 100,000 competitions in 32 sports.

Special Olympics Australia was founded in 1976.

Did you know?

In February 1988, the International Olympic Committee signed a historic agreement with Sargent and Eunice Kennedy Shriver officially endorsing and recognising Special Olympics as promoting sporting activities for individuals with an intellectual disability.



Photos: Eunicekennedyshriver.org

Our Story

Using the power of sport, Special Olympics Australia supports people with an intellectual disability, Australia's most marginalised community, to come out of the shadows and experience a better life. Our athletes are lighting the way, showing us how to celebrate our differences, while embracing our shared humanity.

Come with us and be part of the Inclusion Revolution!

Through a dedicated network of volunteers, Special Olympics Australia creates accessible sports training, coaching and competition opportunities that allow people with an intellectual disability to reach their personal best – in sport and in life.

We provide:

- Weekly grassroots sporting, recreational, social and health activities taking place in local communities around Australia.
- An environment where people with an intellectual disability can develop physical fitness, build self-esteem, demonstrate courage and make friends.
- Competition pathways ranging from weekly club events, to regional, state and national games, culminating in the Special Olympics World Games in both Summer and Winter.



ABOUT INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY

- There are over 600,000 Australians with an intellectual disability¹, forming the largest disability population. Every two hours a child is diagnosed with an intellectual disability².
- They are the most marginalised community and face low expectations³. Children, young people and adults with an intellectual disability often do not fit into mainstream sport and so don't get the chance to participate in sport and experience all the benefits it brings.
- Special Olympics Australia removes these barriers, makes sports participation possible, reduces social isolation and builds a sense of the 'can' rather than the 'can not'.



1. Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2012

2. PwC, Disability Expectations, 2011

3. The Lancet Vol 4, May 2016

OUR ECONOMIC IMPACT

According to a study conducted by PwC, Special Olympics Australia provides benefits worth \$13.8 million to the Australian community every year. Participants can gain economic benefits of up to \$1,400 each year through a reduction in health costs, improved work opportunities and a strong social network. In addition, parents, carers and siblings of participants receive benefits estimated at \$3,200 each year. Other findings include:

- \$4.5 million in better health outcomes generated each year by the program.
- Increased employment opportunities generated by the program valued at \$1.8 million each year.
- Estimated value of the reduction in carer time of \$5.3 million each year.
- Benefits of social outings provide \$2.2 million for athletes, participants and their families.



Messages

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It is my pleasure to serve as Chairman of Special Olympics Australia – an organisation with a rich history and big plans for the future.

Our Special Olympics program has continued to strengthen and enjoyed a successful and productive year.

Some sporting highlights for the year included the 4th Special Olympics Australia Junior National Games and the Special Olympics World Winter Games.

Our Junior National Games saw a lot of firsts for the athletes; the first time many of them were away from home, the first time they experienced the thrill of representing their home state, and the first time they were given the opportunity to showcase their abilities on such a large scale. Congratulations to

all of our young athletes who took part – you are the future of this organisation.

The Special Olympics World Winter Games were also a highlight. Twelve Special Olympics Australia athletes donned the green and gold and represented our country on the world stage. Our athletes brought home an impressive 10 medals and 14 place ribbons.

Our World Games athletes got to test their skills against the best in the world, meet new people, make new friends, and along the way do themselves, their family and their country proud. On their return home they were greeted with a reception hosted by the Governor-General, His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd), at

his residence in Sydney to celebrate our returning Australian champions.

While we are proud to celebrate these achievements, the heart of this organisation lies in the weekly training and coaching that takes place year-round, right across Australia. Our strength lies in the support systems that are built from that and relationships that are made.

From Club activities, right through to World Games, we are an organisation that focuses on changing attitudes and showcasing all kinds of ability. From Board level down we are committed to growing opportunities for people with an intellectual disability and we are working hard to further this goal.



Cameron Brownjohn
Chairman
Special Olympics Australia

FROM THE CEO

Thank you to everyone in the Special Olympics Australia community for helping us deliver another successful year of quality sport and programs. To our athletes, coaches, volunteers and supporters – thank you from the bottom of my heart for joining me on this continued journey.

This year was a year of planning for the future. We took stock of where we were and laid the groundwork for where we want to be. We consulted widely with our volunteers and

supporters to consolidate and come together as an organisation.

It was a year for embedding systems and processes, such as our code of conduct and policy manual, and for effectively preparing ourselves for a new chapter. It was also a year where planning for our 2018 National Games took a heavy focus.

All that is not to say that we didn't have a lot of fun along the way. The joy of Special Olympics was ever present throughout the year and we

drew learnings from our athletes on how to be 'brave in the attempt' in everything we did.

Our athletes are our great teachers – and will sit at the forefront of our 'Inclusion Revolution' to "inspire people to action to eliminate the isolation, injustice, and barriers facing people with intellectual disabilities throughout the world."

I am excited to champion the 'Inclusion Revolution' and invite you all to join me!



Corene Strauss
Chief Executive Officer
Special Olympics Australia

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL PARTNER

The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) thanks all of our partner national sporting organisations (NSOs) for your continued hard work and commitment to excellence. All of you understand innately the importance of sport in Australian life. It's much more than a source of national identity and pride, it's the fabric that binds us together - a common language for all, with multiplier benefits in health, education, social cohesion and the economy.

There were many great sporting events to celebrate during the course of last year – the launch of both the AFL Women's competition and the National Netball League with prime-time TV coverage, our most successful winter sports season ever on the world stage, and fairytale victories against the odds for Cronulla in the NRL and the Western Bulldogs in the AFL.

Last year's Olympic and Paralympic Games underscored the challenge however for Australia in retaining its status as one of the world's pre-eminent sporting nations, given rising competition from developed and developing nations alike. We must keep innovating, being bold and willing to change both on and

off the field if we are to succeed, not just in Olympic and Paralympic sports but across the sporting spectrum.

We appreciate the willingness of NSOs to embrace this challenge. We commend athletes for their dedicated commitment to training ahead of the PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games, the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games and, further ahead, the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

One of the most important long-term challenges for our country is to help our children be physically active, to participate in sport and enjoy its lifelong benefits.

The ASC's Sporting Schools program has now reached more than 5,600 primary schools around Australia and has already begun a targeted program for high schools. It is vital to ensure physical education is re-emphasised in the national school curriculum. To this end, the ASC has been doing ground-breaking work on physical literacy for children and youth and we look forward to rolling this out nationally in the year ahead.

As the national leadership organisation for sport in Australia, the ASC was delighted when our

new Minister for Sport the Hon. Greg Hunt recently proposed a National Sports Plan, the preparation of which will be led by the ASC. This will create, for the first time, a comprehensive blueprint for Australian sport. It's an outstanding initiative and we thank the Minister for his leadership and vision. We hope all NSOs take the opportunity to contribute their views to the plan.

Most of you will know that this year the ASC welcomed a new CEO Kate Palmer, a talented sports leader, who has quickly built excellent relationships with sports and is embracing the challenges ahead with an inspiring enthusiasm.

Finally, I say a big thank you to the army of volunteers – parents, coaches, officials and administrators - who contribute their time and services for the good of Australian sport. You bring community strength, passion and great value to the identity, productivity, cohesion and health of our nation.

The ASC wishes you every success in the year ahead. We look forward to working closely with you for the common good of Australian sport.



John Wylie AM
Chair
Australian Sports Commission



Australian Government
Australian Sports Commission



2017 ATHLETE SNAPSHOT

8,302

PARTICIPANTS

3,393

REGISTERED ATHLETES

17

SPORTS

89%

SATISFIED WITH THEIR EXPERIENCE

91%

LIKELY TO CONTINUE

Hi, my name is Ruby and I am proud to be an athlete, an athlete leader and the athlete representative on the Board of Special Olympics Australia. I joined the Board in late 2016 and was a little nervous – but I was also excited to represent all of the athletes across the country and talk about what was important to us on the Board.

Special Olympics Australia is all about the athletes and so we need to listen to what they have to say. We have ideas and thoughts that can help the organisation become better. We can also help make our communities better by teaching about tolerance and inclusion.

Special Olympics Australia provides athletes like me with opportunities

Ruby Lawler
Board Member &
Athlete Ambassador
Special Olympics Australia

to build skills and feel valued. We make new friends and try things we didn't think we could do.

I'm so proud of what I have accomplished. I love playing sport and I love helping Special Olympics Australia on the Board.

Myself, and my fellow athletes could not have achieved what we have without the support of our local club and volunteers. Thank you to all of you who contribute to making this wonderful organisation what it is and allow us to shine.

I want everyone to support Special Olympics Australia so that more athletes like me can be included.



Volunteer Voice

Twenty-five years ago, when we joined our son in Special Olympics at the age of 12, I never would have projected that my life and my family's lives would be so enriched by being involved in this worldwide volunteer organisation.

I have managed a family and a working career as well as a Special Olympics volunteer career over these years. With Special Olympics I have applied myself to administration roles both locally and at State level; obtained coach accreditation in three sports so I could teach athletes the basics to build on, learn and improve, whilst enjoying themselves participating and mixing with others; travelled with teams in numerous roles for my local Club, NSW and Australia; was a member of the Special Olympics International Rules Committee for 10 years meeting in a different country every 2 years; and am still an active long term member of the International Bocce Rules

Mary Greig
2017 Volunteer of the Year
Special Olympics Australia



Resource Team: all for the benefit of Special Olympics athletes, so that they can enjoy a richer and more rewarding sporting experience and a happier life.

I encourage all parents and carers of our athletes to share the enjoyment of Special Olympics and what it offers by volunteering as I have done. The experiences and knowledge that I have gained and shared have been enormous. Seeing athletes thrive because of the combined efforts of the volunteers is an amazing feature of Special Olympics and one that I am proud to be associated with.

I have never sought personal recognition for anything that I do as I am continually rewarded by working for and with the athletes who far exceed any material reward. They are my driving force, however, I am humbled and honoured to be recognised as the 2017 Volunteer of the Year.

2017

**VOLUNTEER
SNAPSHOT**

1,539
VOLUNTEERS

334
COACHES

48
CLUBS

88%
**SATISFIED
WITH THEIR
EXPERIENCE**

86%
**LIKELY TO
CONTINUE**

Our Community

OUR VOLUNTEERS

In 2017, we had the generous support of 1,539 volunteers helping out in a range of roles across the country. Without the commitment of volunteers across the organisation we just wouldn't be able to deliver on the programs that enable athletes with an intellectual disability to participate.

VOLUNTEER SATISFACTION

In our annual survey, 88% of volunteers that responded said they were satisfied with their volunteering and 86% said they are likely to continue volunteering with Special Olympics Australia.

EUNICE KENNEDY SHRIVER AWARD

Open to all Special Olympics Australia athletes, the EKS Award is presented annually to an athlete who has shown great leadership skills, both on and off the sporting field.

The 2017 Eunice Kennedy Shriver Award was won by Miles Fisher from Moreton North in Queensland.

Miles has been training and competing in football and athletics with Special Olympics Australia for over eight years. He has been to a National Games, Trans Tasman Tournament and Asia Pacific Games.

In September 2016, Miles led a group of community supporters in an inaugural fundraising event called Miles4Miles to raise money for local athletes selected for the Trans Tasman Tournament.

2017 Nominees: Martin Bankier (VIC), Will Brunsdon (NSW), Carley Chapman (NSW), Keiran Corry (NSW), Sam Fogarty (ACT), Hayden Grant (VIC), Stuart Sutton (VIC), Kie Wilson-McNaught (QLD).

NATIONAL AWARDS

In their second year, the Special Olympics Australia National Awards recognise the many people that make the Special Olympics Australia community rich, rewarding and welcoming. The 2017 winners were:

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Stuart Sutton
Melbourne Inner East, VIC

YOUNG ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Lachlan Bond
Bundaberg, QLD

COACH OF THE YEAR

Brendan Barnes
North Coast, NSW

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Mary Greig
Flinders, NSW

Our 2017 Award Winners (left to right): Lachlan Bond (Young athlete of the year), Miles Fisher (EKS Award Winner), Stuart Sutton (Athlete of the year). Photo: Peter Muhlbock.



CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERS

It is always pleasing to see volunteers being recognised for their contribution and tireless efforts. In 2017, a number of volunteers were nominated for a range of state volunteering awards.

- Sandra Lovell (Barwon, VIC) was recognised in the 2017 Premier's Volunteer Champions Award for the category of service.
- Alana Baldi (Melbourne West, VIC) was named Volunteer of the Year at the Victorian Disability Sport and Recreation awards.
- Phil Crofts (North Coast, NSW) was awarded Citizen of the Year in the Coffs Harbour City Council Australia Day awards.
- Liz Ewen (Brisbane, QLD) was recognised by Lord Mayor of Brisbane - Graham Quirk at the 2017 Lord Mayor's Australia Day Awards. Liz was awarded the Australia Day Sports Award in recognition of her swimming coaching and contribution to Special Olympics over the past 22 years.

- Several volunteers from around the country participated in legs of the Queens Baton relay for the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

There are many deserving volunteers across the organisation and we thank those who have supported the nominations of volunteers for awards.

ERIC JONES OAM

In February 2017, Special Olympics Australia was saddened to hear of the passing of Hall of Fame member Eric Jones OAM.

Eric was the inaugural secretary and a driving force behind the creation of the Ovens & Murray club in Victoria. He held numerous coaching and management positions with Victorian and Australian teams.

In 2004 Eric was awarded an Order of Australia medal and in 2007 the Special Olympics Australia Hall of Fame.

OUR CLUBS

Adelaide, SA
Ballarat, VIC
Barwon, VIC
Bendigo, VIC
Blue Mountains, NSW
Brisbane, QLD
Bundaberg, QLD
Canberra, ACT
Central Coast, NSW
Central West, NSW
Dandenong Valley, VIC
Echuca Campaspe, VIC
Flinders, NSW
Gladstone, QLD
Gold Coast, QLD
Gympie, QLD
Hunter Valley, NSW
Illawarra, NSW
Ipswich Lockyer Valley, QLD
Logan, QLD
Macarthur, NSW
Mackay, QLD
Melbourne Eastern Ranges, VIC
Melbourne Inner East, VIC
Melbourne North, VIC
Melbourne Southern, VIC
Melbourne West, VIC
Mid North Coast, NSW
Moreton North, QLD
North Coast, NSW
North West New England, NSW
North West Tasmania, TAS
Northern Tasmania, TAS
Ovens & Murray, VIC
Perth Metro, WA
Redlands, QLD
South Coast, NSW
Southern Tasmania, TAS
Sunshine Coast, QLD
Sydney East, NSW
Sydney Hills, NSW
Sydney Inner West, NSW
Sydney Northern Beaches, NSW
Sydney South, NSW
Sydney Upper North Shore, NSW
Sydney West, NSW
Westernport, VIC



Special Olympics Australia Awards Honour Roll

EKS Award

2017 | Miles Fisher (QLD)
2016 | Martin Smith (QLD)
Nicole Bartley (QLD)
2015 | Liam O'Donnell (ACT)
2014 | Joshua Frost (NSW)
2013 | Mel Eustace (NSW)
2012 | Steven White (VIC)
Russell Nelligan (WA)
2011 | Andrew Williams (VIC)
2010 | John Faulkner (QLD)
2009 | Saxon Graham (NSW)
2008 | Gabrielle Clark (NSW)
Kelly Wren (NSW)
2007 | Christopher Farmer (SA)

Hall of Fame

Moira Ryde (VIC)
Albert Green, OAM (ACT)
Norm Maroney APM, OAM (NSW)
Robyn Cook OAM (VIC)
Susan Grealy (QLD)
Rex Langthorne AM (NSW)
Alan Burke (VIC)
Eric Jones OAM (VIC)
Kurt Kraushofer OAM (VIC)
Barry Easy OAM (NSW)
Marian York (QLD)
Robyn Hanson OAM (TAS)
Anna-Louise Kassulke (QLD)
Jan Sharp OAM (VIC)
Leon Burwell OAM (NSW)
Carol Tanner OAM (TAS)
Des Renford MBE, OHC (NSW)

Sports Development

OUR SPORTS

Special Olympics Australia offers weekly sports training for people with an intellectual disability in:

Athletics	Sailing
Basketball	Softball
Bocce	Swimming
Bowling	Table Tennis
Cricket	Tennis
Equestrian	Winter sports
Football	(Alpine
Golf	skiing, figure
Gymnastics	skating and
Netball	snowboarding).

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

In 2017 Special Olympics Australia saw a dramatic increase in school participation from 542 students in 2016 to 3,550 in 2017. The 555% increase of school-based participation sets a strong foundation for our focus on growing our footprint through school membership. This process will continue to be improved with new projects focused on coach development and product design centred on improving our delivery of sport and physical activity in schools.

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

Special Olympics Australia (SOA) continued to identify opportunities to increase its reach and quality of sports programs through the development of partnerships at National and State level. These include:

- Developing an innovative membership model with Tenpin Bowling Australia (TBA) that recognised local competition pathways. The membership structure encourages bowlers to explore choice in their local environment, breaking down barriers that exclude and continue to strengthen ties between SOA and TBA.
- Formalising an agreement with the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) to adapt world-class resources to improve the delivery of sport to people with an intellectual disability. The new SOA Activity Cards have used the ASC's Playing for Life resource to design 60 new games that focus on inclusion and access.
- In December, on the eve of International Day of People with a Disability, Golf Australia, PGA of Australia and Special

Olympics Australia launched a new offering from MyGolf – MyGolf All Abilities. The program uses the same flexible curriculum as the MyGolf Program, but is delivered specifically for kids with a disability. The program is about providing choice for kids and families and how they choose to participate in sport.

- Special Olympics Australia entered into an agreement with Gymnastics Australia to deliver co-sanctioned workshops at each of their State's Coach Congress. These are a compulsory weekend event where all clubs and coaches attend to upskill and develop. The workshops focus on developing coaches to run inclusive programs and on club administration to develop the financial and sustainable side of the programs.

GYMNASTICS PROGRAM RECOGNITION

In November Special Olympics Australia and Gymnastics Victoria were recognised for their contribution to inclusive sport in the inaugural Australian Sports Commission Participation Awards.

Gymnastics Victoria received the Play by the Rules award for its partnership

RUNNING WITH THE FLAME OF HOPE

Special Olympics Australia athlete Andrew Negrelli participated in the Final Leg of the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) for the 2017 World Winter Games.

The Flame of Hope was carried through cities, towns and communities across Austria before arriving in Schladming for the Opening Ceremony of the Games on 18 March 2017.

Alongside LETR members from Australia and around the world, Andrew was a proud ambassador for Special Olympics Australia, giving a rousing speech in St Anton and delivering the flame into the stadium for the lighting of the cauldron.

Andrew Negrelli with the Flame of Hope in Austria for the Law Enforcement Torch Run Final Leg. Photo: LETR International.



TAKING IT TO THE EXTREME

In January, Team Australia snowboarder Craig Muhlbock hit the slopes of Aspen, Colorado as part of the the X Games Special Olympics Unified Snowboarding event.

Craig teamed up with his Unified partner, three-time Australian Olympic snowboarder Scotty James, to take out bronze. The event saw eight Special Olympics athletes from around the world team up with X Games competitors.

Craig Muhlbock (left) and Scotty James at the Winter X Games in Aspen.
Photo: Peter Muhlbock.



with Special Olympics Australia to create systemic inclusive change within gymnastics and open up pathways for people with intellectual disabilities.

The award, which was presented at the Our Sporting Future Conference on the Gold Coast, recognises an initiative that has made a difference in sport to make it more inclusive, safe, and fair.

In addition, in June, 15 Special Olympics athletes competed alongside their mainstream counterparts at the Victorian Gymnastics Championships.

The partnership with Gymnastics Victoria works towards removing limitations that exist for people with disabilities in the sport by creating meaningful programs for people of all abilities and ages.

NATIONAL SELECTION COMMITTEE

The National Selection Committee is responsible for conducting athlete and officials selections for international competition in line with Special Olympics Australia selection policies and the fundamental principles of Special Olympics, Inc.. Members of the committee are made up of volunteers representing a range of skills and expertise with sound knowledge of Special Olympics philosophy, structure, rules and conventions.

In 2017, Tony Moore was appointed as Chair of the National Selection Committee, replacing Geoff Vickers who served the maximum term.

Tony brings considerable experience and knowledge to the position, having served in a number of positions within Special Olympics Australia, including secretary of the Sydney South club as well as roles on the Sports Advisory Committee and National Selection committee over the past few years.

NETBALL OPPORTUNITIES

Working with Netball Australia and State Associations, there are now 114 netball programs running across New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia.

In February, Adelaide hosted a Netball Invitational Games with 46 players from New South Wales, South Australia, Victoria and Western Australia attending.

In August, 18 athletes represented Australia in Netball at the Special Olympics Great Britain National Games in Sheffield.

Two teams participated, with one taking out fourth place and the other coming first. Therese Jackson (NSW) and Laura Hester (SA) won the umpires award for sportsmanship.

Around 2,600 athletes of all ages and abilities competed across 4 days of competition at the Games.

UPCOMING NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS



Special Olympics Australia National Summer Games
16-20 April 2018
Adelaide, South Australia

Special Olympics World Summer Games
14-21 March 2019
Abu Dhabi, UAE

Special Olympics Australia National Winter Games
2019
Venue TBC

Special Olympics Australia Junior National Games
2020
Venue TBC

Special Olympics Trans Tasman Tournament
2020
Venue TBC





JUNIOR NATIONAL GAMES

From 3-6 July 2017, 130 young athletes with an intellectual disability competed on the Gold Coast in the 4th Special Olympics Australia Junior National Games.

Athletes aged 8-15 participated across four sports; athletics, basketball, football and swimming at Runaway Bay Sports Super Centre. For most of them, this was their first taste of national competition and being part of a travelling team. The Games were supported by 70 volunteers.

There was one moment at the Games that no one in attendance at the

athletics will forget. As competitors in the mens 200m came down the home straight, Sai Aman Ramadani was struggling and ready to give up. Luckily his mate Lachlan Bond was there to help. Lachlan halted his run to assist Sai Aman and help him get to the line. Both received medals for the race.

It's fitting the actions happened in an arena named after Australian athletics legend Ron Clarke. In 1956, at the Australian titles, John Landy famously stopped during the mile, to attend to a fallen Clarke, and then resumed running to win the race.



For Games photos & videos visit specialolympics.com.au/juniorgames2017



Special Olympics Australia
Junior National Games
Gold Coast 2017



Left, South Australia athletes Jamin Wilson-Eglinton, Noah Shoumack and Cameron McLeod celebrate at the Junior National Games on the Gold Coast.
Photo: Terry Ansell.

Below, the moment Lachlan Bond helped his teammate, Sai Aman Ramadani at the Games.
Photo: Special Olympics Australia.





SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD WINTER GAMES

From 18-25 March 2017 twelve athletes with an intellectual disability represented Australia at the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Austria. Competing in Alpine skiing and Snowboarding, the team brought home 10 medals, 14 place ribbons and memories that will last a lifetime.

The world's largest sports and humanitarian event in 2017, the Special Olympics World Winter Games featured 2,700 athletes with an intellectual disability from 105 nations competing across nine wintersports disciplines. The Opening Ceremony and selected sporting events were broadcast globally via ESPN.

The team was supported by five volunteer officials. This is only the second time that Australian athletes have competed in snowsports at a World Winter Games.

Our stars of the slopes were:

Alpine Skiing

1. Alex Cherny (VIC)
2. Kristian Sandercoe (ACT)
3. Amanda Kozik (VIC)
4. Luke Forster (QLD)
5. Ben Pearce (VIC)
6. Olivia Sayers (VIC)
7. Brenton Heslehurst (QLD)
8. Perrin Richardson (VIC)
9. Sara Molloy (VIC)
10. Shaun McKee (QLD)

Snowboarding

11. Craig Muhlbock (NSW)
12. David Champion (ACT)

Right, Team Australia's Sara Molloy competes in Alpine skiing at the World Winter Games in Australia. Above, Team Australia athletes who competed at the Games.
Photos: Peter Muhlbock.



For Games photos & videos visit
specialolympics.com.au/teamaustralia2017



SPECIAL OLYMPICS
WORLD WINTER GAMES
AUSTRIA 2017

Graz | Schladming | Ramsau | Styria

National Games 2018

The XI Special Olympics Australia National Games will be held from 16-20 April 2018 in Adelaide, South Australia, with almost 1,000 athletes competing, supported by 900 volunteers.

NAB SUPPORT

On 8 December, NAB was named as the Presenting Partner for the 2018 Special Olympics Australia National Games.

NAB Chief Executive Officer Andrew Thorburn said the bank is committed to creating an inclusive society that enables people with disabilities to realise their full potential.

"We're proud to be working with Special Olympics Australia to be at the forefront of this unique movement that celebrates social inclusion, inspiration and acceptance in all the lives it touches," Mr Thorburn said.

"The partnership gives us a unique opportunity to change the conversation and attitudes towards acceptance and social inclusion in Australia, which is important to our customers, our staff and the communities in which we operate.

"We are looking forward to getting our staff involved in the event as we seek to double the number of volunteer days our people contribute each year," Mr Thorburn said.

This partnership between NAB and Special Olympics Australia highlights the change in the Australian community, with businesses large and small, coming together to challenge attitudes, educate and foster wider acceptance in the community.

ATHLETE SELECTIONS

In the second half of 2017 almost 1,000 Special Olympics Australia athletes were selected to represent their state at the 2018 National Games to be held in Adelaide.

Athletes received their letter of selection from Special Olympics Australia CEO Corene Strauss. They will compete across 11 sports at the Games.

Each athlete was also given a fundraising toolkit and online donation page to help raise funds in their local communities.

Training camps for each state and territory were also held.

AUSTRALIA POST & COLES CONTRIBUTIONS

Two other iconic Australian organisations were welcomed as Major Sponsors for the Games.

Australia Post provided a \$100,000 grant to assist all Special Olympics Australia National Games athletes with their travel to Adelaide.

In addition, Coles were welcomed on board as supporters.

SAMMY THE SEA LION

In December, Sammy the Sea Lion was announced as the official mascot of the 2018 National Games.

A large, graceful sea mammal, sea lions are one of the rarest species in the world with more than 70 per cent living off the south-west coast of Australia.



Below, representatives of Special Olympics Australia, NAB and LETR Victoria with Victorian athletes at the launch of NAB as Presenting Partner of the National Games in December 2017 in Melbourne. Photo: Julie at Image Play.



AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION

The Australian Sports Commission (ASC), on behalf of the Australian Government, plays a central leadership role in the development and operation of the Australian sports system, administering and funding innovative sport programs like Special Olympics Australia. It is focused on supporting national sporting organisations to deliver sport in Australia and increase sports participation.

We are proud to say that the ASC are our principle partner and recognises Special Olympics Australia as a National Sporting Organisation for Disability (NSOD). Throughout the year Special Olympics Australia inputted into the ASC by participating in the 2017 Sport Sector Partner Survey and attending the following key forums;

- Future Directions - Disability Sport
- National Sports Plan Consultation
- Board & CEO Forum

POLICY REVIEW

The Special Olympics Australia Policy and Procedures Manual project that began in late 2016 culminated in the manual being approved and distributed to clubs at the end of 2017. It was a significant undertaking to simplify, standardise and centralise the policies and procedures of Special Olympics Australia. We extend our thanks again to the working group (Jillene Delahunty (Barwon, VIC), Annette Dundas (North Western Zone), Naomi Pugsley (Adelaide, SA), Moira Ryde (Southern Zone), Geoff Vickers (Sydney South, NSW) and everyone that contributed to this project. We will continue to welcome feedback that will enable the structured refinement of these policies and procedures over time.

GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Throughout 2016 and 2017 Special Olympics Australia undertook an independent governance review of the organisation, funded by the ASC. One of the key outputs of that review was the drafting and subsequent adoption of a new constitution. This new constitution is now in operation and will stand the organisation in good stead in the coming years.

STRATEGY

The management of Special Olympics Australia undertakes a strategy and business planning cycle to identify the focus and priorities for the years to come. A strategy map and business plan were created and are now driving the decision-making of the organisation.

When we looked at our strategy for the coming years we were very mindful of what the NDIS will do to our landscape. At this stage we are gathering all of the information we can on the NDIS to ascertain our place in this new environment.

OUR NEW HOME

Thanks to the very generous support of Goodman Australia and Goodman Foundation, Special Olympics Australia was able to secure a 3 year lease at one of their properties in North Ryde, NSW for the national office.

This is the first time since 2014 that the office has had a permanent home.

Below, His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) and Lady Cosgrove with members of Team Australia 2013 World Winter Games at Admiralty House in Sydney. Photo: Ian Abbott.

OUR PATRON

Special Olympics Australia Patron, His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, continues to be a strong supporter and advocate for the organisation.

In March, His Excellency and Lady Cosgrove hosted a welcome home reception for our World Winter Games team at Admiralty House in Sydney.

"You have all done so very well. You have been part of a Games and movement which changes lives and reminds us that people are the same."



IGA CAMPAIGN

In August Special Olympics Australia was the beneficiary of IGA's Community Chest campaign – where a percentage of profits raised by the sale of certain products in IGA stores over a 3 week period came to Special Olympics Australia.

Many Special Olympics Australia Clubs took part in the campaign by holding fundraising and awareness activities at their local IGA stores.

The campaign raised an incredible \$206,861.54, a percentage of which was distributed back to clubs.

This was the 25th year of our partnership with IGA. Find out more about our history with IGA on page 21.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Special Olympics Australia host a large number of premium corporate networking and fundraising events around Australia to help raise funds and awareness. In 2017, 22 events were held in five cities around Australia. Some highlights include:

- The 12th annual Signature Dinner, themed "I've Got the Music in Me" was hosted by long-term friend and Ambassador John Foreman AM. The night hosted 500 guests with entertainment including; Isaiah

Firebrace, Tim Campbell, Trevor Ashley, The Rat Pack Reloaded and our very own Special Olympics Dance Performance Group.

- Ambassador Paula Duncan AM continues to raise funds for Special Olympics Australia and in 2017 hosted three outstanding events; the Up Close and Personal Dinner at The Quay Restaurant with special guest performer Paulini; Opening Night of VIVID with guest performers Boys in the Band and the annual Christmas Cruise on board the Clearview Glass Boat.
- The annual Inspirational Women's Breakfast series in Sydney, Brisbane & Perth were once again a huge success with some of Australia's most outstanding and inspirational women taking part including; Cath Norman, Managing Director at FAR Limited; Erin Molan, Host of the NRL Footy Show; Lindsay Rogers, Co Founder & Director of Chello; Krista McMeeken, Human Rights and Reconciliation Advocate; Dr Nicky Howe, CEO Southcare; Priya Cooper OAM, Paralympic Gold Medal Swimmer; Tracy Carr, Lawyer Broadley Rees Hogan; Francesca Webster, Founder & CEO Brazilian Beauty.

Through these corporate events, Special Olympics Australia have reached in excess of 2000 organisations. We would like to thank the many sponsors, guests speakers and performers who gave their time to help raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics Australia.

MAKING A SPLASH

In September the fourth annual Special Olympics Splash event was held at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre.

The Special Olympics Splash is a fun and competitive swimming relay where corporates compete against each other in the pool and in fundraising. In 2017, 13 teams competed, raising almost \$70,000.

One of the highlights of the event was the freestyle team challenge between Special Olympics Swimmers and Olympic Swimmer Chris Fydlar and Water Polo representatives Deb Watson, Nicola Zagame, Johnno Cotterill, Taryn Woods and Keesja Gofers.

CHAIRMAN'S CHALLENGE

On Saturday 3rd June Special Olympics Australia Chairman, Cameron Brownjohn, took on the grueling Hawaiian Ironman 70.3 to raise funds for Special Olympics Australia.

The course involved a 1.9km ocean swim, a 90km bike course and a 21.1km run. Cameron completed the course in 6 hours and 43 minutes and raised a phenomenal \$80,700 for Special Olympics Australia.

Special Olympics Australia Chairman Cameron Brownjohn competes in the cycle leg of the Hawaiian Ironman 70.3. Photo: Hawaiian Ironman.



METLIFE MINI OLYMPICS

In May, around 100 Special Olympics Australia athletes participated in a mini Olympics event in Sydney alongside Metlife staff from around the world.

Athletes represented their local club, taking part in a variety of fun sports skills and competitions.

Approximately 80 Metlife staff were part of the event, with the organisation donating money as well as sports kits to some Special Olympics Australia clubs.

Special Olympics Australia athletes and Metlife staff gather at the mini Olympics in Sydney. Photo: Special Olympics Australia.



LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN

The highest global fundraiser for Special Olympics, the impact of the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) in Australia continues to grow. Here are some highlights:

- In March, representatives of LETR programs from across Australia participated in the Final Leg of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Austria.
- LETR Victoria's Michael Olsen was appointed to the position of LETR Regional Coordinator for Region XIV (Oceania) during formalities at the LETR

International Conference in Nashville Tennessee.

- LETR Western Australia were recognised for the highest percentage growth award at the LETR International Conference.
- In April, LETR Victoria and Special Olympics Victoria conducted a series of events in regional Victorian towns. These included sports 'come and try' clinics and a torch run, where local community members had the opportunity to run with the Flame of Hope.
- LETR New South Wales funded the medals and ribbons at all state competitions.

- LETR New South Wales contributed to the uniform cost for team NSW & ACT for the 2018 National Games
- LETR Queensland conducted the Torch Run for the 2017 Junior National Games on the Gold Coast, which included law enforcement representatives from Queensland, South Australia, Victoria and the Australian Federal Police.
- Alongside Tasmania Police, LETR Victoria supported the first 3 on 3 basketball competition held in Tasmania.

Members of LETR Victoria carry the Flame of Hope with local athletes in Horsham, Victoria in April 2017. Photo: Peter Blakeman.





SOAR & ROAR FESTIVAL

On the 26 November 2017 Sydney Motorsport Park was the centre of inclusive activity when Special Olympics Australia held its Soar and Roar Festival (formerly Dream Ride Australia).

Almost 200 athletes with an intellectual disability received a Dream Ride in a luxury car, many taking part in rides from iconic locations throughout Sydney.

Throughout the afternoon athletes, families and supporters were entertained with a variety of activities including games, sports demonstrations, helicopter rides and stage performances from Justice Crew, Isaiah Firebrace and Amber Lawrence.

The event raised over \$150,000 through bike and car fundraising and was a major celebration of

International Day of People with a Disability.

The Soar & Roar Festival was the winner of the 2017 event of the year at the Blacktown City Council Australia Day Awards.

Above Special Olympics Australia athlete Sean Bender receives a Dream Ride in a Morgan car at the 2017 Soar & Roar Festival.
Photo: Peter Muhlbock.

The 2017 Soar & Roar Festival featured:

460 DREAM RIDES

1,300 LAPS OF
SYDNEY MOTORSPORT PARK

140 LUXURY & CLASSIC CARS

3,000 ATTENDEES

OVER \$150,000 RAISED



Thanks IGA!

For 25 years, IGA have supported Special Olympics Australia to improve the lives of people with an intellectual disability by helping us to provide them with opportunities to participate in regular sport, quality competition and lifestyle programs in local communities across Australia.

We couldn't have achieved what we have over this time without their amazing support. Thanks IGA!

Here are just a few highlights of the partnership.

1992: IGA stores in NSW, Victoria, Queensland and Tasmania launch a series of weekly product promotions to raise funds for athletes to compete at the fourth Special Olympics Australia National Games in Brisbane.

1995: IGA support Team Australia to compete at the Special Olympics World Summer Games in New Haven, USA. They would continue to support our World Games teams in 1999, 2003, 2007 and 2011

1996: The first IGA Sports Lunch in Sydney raises over \$40,000.

1997: IGA support the first Australian team to compete at a Special Olympics World Winter Games in Toronto, Canada.

2001: Special Olympics and IGA sign an official partnership agreement giving IGA the status of Gold Partner. Special Olympics Australia exhibit at the annual IGA Expo for the first time.

2002: IGA supports athletes to compete at the Special Olympics Australia National Games (Sydney, NSW), as well as providing funds to host the competition.

2006: Together we launch our first 111- store awareness campaign to drive sales of Special Olympics Australia branded products and support athletes to attend the Special Olympics Australia National Games (Gold Coast, Queensland).

2008: First IGA Awareness Day to promote our partnership.

2012: Launched the Future Champions campaign, our first multi-platform national advertising campaign with a full four-week window of activity.

2013: Together we promote over 330 co-branded IGA Signature products that help raise funds to offer sport to people with an intellectual disability.

2016-2017: IGA and Special Olympics Australia campaigns run nationally, with the support of local stores and Special Olympics clubs.



Above, some of the IGA campaign promotional material used throughout the relationship. Below, Special Olympics Australia clubs engaging with local IGA stores and employees.



Around Australia



- Special Olympics ACT and New South Wales saw over 60 sports competitions were held with an average of over 40 athletes participating in each event.
- School programs grew with almost 600 students participating across 19 schools. There were 479 sport sessions delivered, with an average of 360 students participating each term.
- First official equestrian competition was run.
- Had three athletes compete at the World Winter Games: Craig Muhlbock (NSW, snowboarding), David Campion (ACT, snowboarding) and Kristian Sandercoc (ACT, alpine skiing).
- 40 NSW athletes attended the 2017 Junior National Games, returning home with plenty of medals and personal bests.

- In 2017 Special Olympics Queensland had 729 registered athletes and 95 participants.
- A highly successful State Games was held on the Sunshine Coast over two weekends from 28 April to 7 May. The Games featured almost 500 athletes competing in 14 sports.
- A team from Papua New Guinea was invited to compete at the State Games on the Gold Coast, with athletes competing in athletics and football and taking home 15 medals between them. This was the first time they had competed in a team sport at an international competition.
- A team of 39 young athletes competed in athletics, basketball, football and swimming at the Junior National Games on the Gold Coast.
- Brenton Heslehurst, Luke Forster and Shuan McKee represented Australia at the World Winter Games in Austria.

- Special Olympics South Australia had over 500 students participate in a minimum of 3 sporting events as part of their schools program. Four new schools were introduced to the program.
- 940 competitions were held. Strong links with State Sporting Organisations allowed for more diversity in delivery of schools sports and competitions.
- There were 243 registered members, with 76 new athletes, 42 of whom came from the schools program.
- Female participation grew again, with 7 netball programs running and a cheerleading team being successful at the National Championships.
- Continued to receive support from Office of Sport and Recreation and Orana.
- Biggest team ever sent to the Junior National Games on the Gold Coast, including attracting new coaches and support staff.

Athletes compete at the NSW State Bocce competition at Charlestown Bowling Club in September 2017. Photo: Peter Muhlbock.





- In November, Tasmania hosted Special Olympics Australia's first ever 3-on-3 basketball tournament, with over 50 basketballers participating, including 3 teams that travelled from Victoria.
- A series of schools events were organised that saw over 600 students with an intellectual disability participate in sport and physical activity. Delivered at sports facilities across the state, the events were delivered in partnership with State Sporting Organisations.
- A team of 25 athletes was selected to represent Tasmania at the 2018 National Games in Adelaide.



- Special Olympics Victoria saw over 600 athletes compete in two State Games, supported by 200 volunteers, across 7 venues.
- For the first time the Gymnastics State Games was fully incorporated into Gymnastics Victoria's State Championships, with 14 gymnasts participating in all apparatus at the same time as mainstream gymnasts.
- Worked closely with Tennis Victoria to develop inclusive hubs across metropolitan Melbourne. Four clubs were selected to be part of the project that began with coach education and resulted in partnerships with 6 specialist schools and 4 disability service providers and over 200 people with an intellectual disability regularly playing tennis.
- Hit the road with Victoria Police to promote inclusion across Victoria with the Law Enforcement Torch Run. With events in 10 regional centres across western and north-western Victoria saw over 2000 people with an intellectual disability participate in local activity.



- Special Olympics Western Australia held a very successful State Games for the first time since 2013 within the City of Canning local government area. There were 8 sports on offer at the games with 85 athletes in attendance.
- Sports competitions were held across nine sports throughout the year.
- Six athletes were sent to the Junior National Games on the Gold Coast with three athletes coming from the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Region of WA.
- Golf was formed as a new sport for the first time in WA.
- Athletes from the Bunbury area attended the Queensland state games in both bocce and golf.
- A new athletics programs was started in Perth's southern suburbs for the first time.

Above, athletes represent their clubs at the 2017 Special Olympics Queensland State Games on the Sunshine Coast.
Photo: Special Olympics Australia

Board of Directors

Special Olympics Australia board members are powerful advocates for people with an intellectual disability and bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the organisation.

1. Cameron Brownjohn (Chairman)

Cameron is a career investment banker and is currently Division Director of Macquarie Capital's Principal Investments division.



Prior to joining the corporate world, Cameron was competitive at a state and national level across a range of sports. In addition to combining his passions for sport & the community, Cameron brings his business acumen, corporate knowledge and fiscal skills to the Board.

2. Michael Hogan (Vice Chairman)

Michael Hogan is a retired public affairs consultant.

He is a wise counsel. He is a passionate believer in the work of Special Olympics Australia with over thirty years of



exposure as the parent of a Down Syndrome son who has been a long-term athlete. Michael believes Special Olympics is the gateway for families, athletes and carers to a more inclusive lifestyle. "When you consider that our athletes exceed the national ID average in terms of employability SO is doing something right. It's all part of the big journey we're on as we continue to pioneer new territory for everyone associated with intellectual disability".

3. Ben Haack

As a Special Olympics athlete, coach, volunteer and leader, Ben brings vast experience to his role on the Board.



He has played sport at all levels and completed athlete leadership training. Ben is a member of the Special Olympics Asia Pacific (SOAP) Leadership Council and Co-Chair of the Athlete Input Council. He is a Special Olympics International (SOI) Board Director, a member of the SOI International Advisory Committee as well as the Research and Public Policy Committee.

4. Irena Reiss

Irena is a practicing lawyer with an extensive career in the area of commercial dispute resolution, having acted for clients



across the corporate, private and public sectors. As a parent of a Special Olympics athlete, Irena's experience at a regional committee level brings a demonstrated understanding of the grass roots of the organisation. Irena's passion for Special Olympics is driven by a longstanding commitment to human rights, corporate social responsibility and inclusion.

5. Shaun Fraser

Shaun is a Chartered Accountant with over 26 years' experience including over 14 years with one of the Big 4 accounting firms. Shaun was



a founding partner of boutique advisory firm McGrathNicol in 2004 where he is currently a Partner and leads the firm's Corporate Advisory business. Shaun has spent the majority of his career assisting companies, boards and stakeholders through difficult situations and he has been involved in some of Australia's largest and most complex insolvency and restructuring assignments.

6. Anna-Louise Kassulke

Anna-Louise is the CEO of Gold Coast Recreation and Sport Inc. She has worked in the sport and disability sector for 30 years and has



experience in project development and leadership. Anna-Louise was instrumental in establishing Special Olympics Australia in Queensland and has served Special Olympics Australia in a variety of capacities since 1988, including State Director of Sport and Training and Head of Delegation for the Australian team at the 2007 World Games in Shanghai, 2011 World Games in Athens and 2015 World Games in Los Angeles.

7. Allison O'Shea

Allison has an extensive and diverse professional background with over 25 years in the Finance, Law, Insurance,



Tourism Technology, Health and Sports industries and Philanthropy. Currently she runs her own leadership and wellbeing consultancy business. Previously she held senior management and executive roles and has been integral in managing stakeholder and client relationships as well as business development and team leadership and performance.

8. Nicole Swaine

Nicole has over 10 years' experience in the disability sector including over four years as the CEO of Spastic Centres of South Australia



where she oversaw programs that included sport participation for adults with severe and multiple disabilities. Nicole is a member of AICD and has sat on numerous sporting and disability Boards.

9. Megan Lavender

Megan has three decades' experience as a public company director and government board member, and currently serves as a non-executive director on fifteen boards. A transformational leader of organisations – with a focus on stakeholder engagement – she is a university dean and college director, and has previously served as Chief Executive Officer in the health industry, national head of corporate affairs, ministerial advisor to the Australian minister for sport and the Sydney 2000 Games, and as an elected city councillor.



10. Ruby Lawler

Ruby is an active member of Special Olympics Gladstone and her local swim club. She regularly volunteers at the RSPCA and is committed to investing in her local community as a Youth Ambassador with Gladstone Community Linking Agency. Of her appointment, Ruby said, "I am excited to work alongside Ben to represent Special Olympics athletes, to have an opportunity to share ideas, good news stories and opinions that are important to all of us."



11. Dave Fenlon

Dave Fenlon is a CEO/Senior executive with extensive experience across Europe and Oceania in private equity, public and privately held retail, supply, manufacturing and client facing businesses. Dave has exceptional leadership capabilities and change management skills with a strong emphasis on delivering strong operational results through superior financial and strategic capabilities. Dave has an emphasis on building strong organisational foundations.



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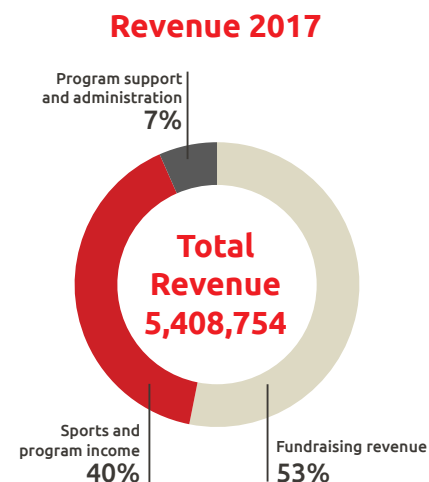
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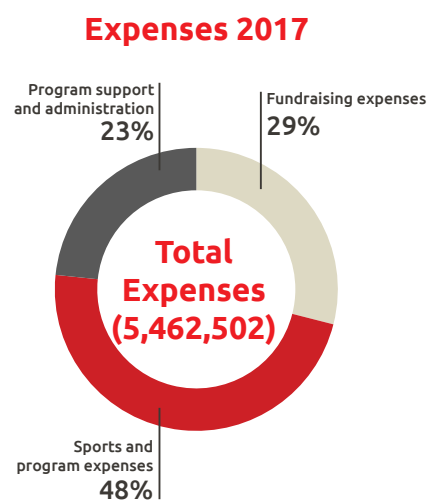
Statement of Comprehensive Income

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Revenue		
Fundraising Revenue	2,873,453	2,954,048
Sports and program income	2,178,095	2,359,309
Programs support and administration	357,206	299,594
	5,408,754	5,612,951
Expenses		
Fundraising expenses	(1,583,048)	(1,593,652)
Sports and program expenses	(2,602,936)	(2,679,061)
Programs support and administration	(1,276,518)	(1,393,487)
Reversal of 2013 Asia Pacific Games' trade creditors	0	179,509
	(5,462,502)	(5,486,691)
(Deficit)/Surplus before tax	(53,748)	126,260
Tax (expenses)/Revenue	(1,821)	(1,466)
(Deficit)/Surplus for the Year	(55,569)	124,794
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	(55,569)	124,794



Statement of Financial Position

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalent	3,422,418	2,718,423
Receivables	495,049	94,132
Other assets	11,284	6,336
Prepayments	1,119,306	106,153
Total current assets	5,048,057	2,925,044
Property, plant and equipment	44,783	67,125
Prepayments	-	146,021
Total non-current assets	44,783	213,146
Total assets	5,092,840	3,138,190
Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	363,876	202,406
Unearned income	2,795,208	936,111
Employee benefits	130,726	104,751
Total current liabilities	3,289,810	1,243,268
Employee benefits	47,840	34,163
Unearned income	-	50,000
Total non-current liabilities	47,840	84,163
Total liabilities	3,337,650	1,327,431
Net assets	1,755,190	1,810,759
Members Fund	1,755,190	1,810,759





Special Olympics is family!

Team Australia skier Alex Chery with mum Anne at the 2017 World Winter Games in Austria. Inset, Alex (centre) mum Anne, dad Stephen, sister Andrea and brother Tom (left). Photos: Peter Muhlbock.



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