



March 2019

PARAVIEW

ParaQuad Association of Tasmania Inc.

From The Chairman's Desk

Firstly thanks to all members who responded to the survey we sent out earlier in the month asking whether they supported the ParaQuad Tasmania complaint on the new Parliament Square development access issue. Thirty percent of members responded and all were in favour of the Association pursuing the case. I will keep members informed of the progress of the anti-discrimination case as it proceeds.

The Committee of Management will this month adopt a new Strategic Plan for the Association. The Plan will guide the Committee's decision making into the future and prepare the Association for the changing landscape in the disability sector. The plan will focus of the core mission and principles of the Association to support people with spinal cord injury and physical disability.

As a result of targeted marketing and excellence in presentation, in January Glenn Moore Units recorded their highest occupancy rate since opening in 2009. The Units continue to offer fully accessible accommodation for people with spinal cord injury and physical disability, their families, friends and carers.

The ParaQuad Tasmania 2019 State Boccia Titles are being held at the Elphin Sports Centre in Launceston on Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st March. We have twelve entries for the event including three from interstate. Spectators are welcome, if you in the area please feel free to call in to see the players in action; the standard of play at this annual event is quite amazing.

Kevin Faulkner, ParaQuad Tasmania's Sports Development Coordinator will be in attendance and happy to answer your questions about our extensive state-wide disability sports program.

On behalf of the Association I offer big congratulations to Joe Chivers who has just been selected by Hawthorn Football Club in the draft for the upcoming Victorian Wheelchair Aussie Rules season. Most of you would be aware that the concept of Wheelchair Aussie Rules was the brainchild of our own Kevin Faulkner. The game has really exploded in the AFL states especially Victoria where there are five teams attached to AFL clubs.

ParaQuad Tasmania will not have a representative team at this year's Wheelchair Aussie Rules National Carnival being held in Adelaide due to the unavailability of a number of the regular players, hopefully Tassie will be back bigger and better next year to go one step further than their silver medal in 2018. If you are interested in playing Wheelchair Aussie Rules please contact Kevin - pdst@paraquadtas.org.au.

Finally, in this issue of ParaView, there is information on vacancies on the Premiers Disability Advisory Council. If members or supporters would like to make changes or have ideas for improving services in the disability sector I would urge you to consider applying for one of the four positions available.

Roger Massie



April 3rd: Be alarmed! Change your smoke alarm battery!!
Working smoke alarms provide vital early warning in the event of a fire.

www.changeyourbattery.com.au/index.html



Premier's Disability Advisory Council

Call for members:

If you are a person with disability or a carer, family member or someone with a demonstrated interest in disability issues, you are invited to express interest in becoming a member of the Premier's Disability Advisory Council (PDAC). Up to four positions will be available.

To ensure statewide representation, people from the North and North West are strongly encouraged to apply. PDAC assists the Tasmanian Government to implement Accessible Island: Tasmania's Disability Framework for Action 2018-2021 and provides advice on whole-of-government policy and programs that impact on Tasmanians with disability. The closing date for expressions of interest is 5pm Friday 29 March 2019.

More information and application packs are available from communities.tas.gov.au by emailing disability@communities.tas.gov.au or by calling 03 6232 7183.

North Melbourne Football Club Community Engagement

The clash of wheelchairs could be heard all over Moonah on the 14th of February as the North Melbourne kangaroos football club took on Tassie's best wheelchair Aussie rules players. Participation numbers were high as the game attracted a number of new faces.

The game started and it was full on from the first ball up. The Roos kicked 4 quick goals through silky smooth ball movement. But the Tassie team was up for the challenge, cutting the margin to one goal at the quarter time break. From there, the tempo lifted into top gear. Richard Jones broke through the pack, received a pass on the outside of the right pocket and drilled a goal home over the top of his defender. Kirby Parsons kicked a superb goal from the middle third of the court to electrify the crowd and bring about a huge roar of applause.

For the Kangaroos, Josh Christian provided a stand out performance. The mark and goal of the game was taken by Josh in the same passage of play. After a juggling effort behind the back mark, Josh rolled into goal unopposed to kick his fifth goal and kill any chance of the Tassie team coming away with the win.

The ParaQuad association would like to thank the North Melbourne football club for their time and involvement and we look forward to working with them in the future.



Equal Opportunity Tasmania

To Report discrimination or make a Complaint about discrimination - what's the difference?

The Anti-Discrimination Commissioner of Tasmania through her office, Equal Opportunity Tasmania :

Investigates complaints of discrimination and prohibited conduct (including offensive conduct, sexual harassment, inciting hatred, victimisation, promoting discrimination or knowingly aiding and abetting a breach of the Anti-Discrimination Act (1998)).

Advises and makes recommendation to the Minister on matters related to discrimination and prohibited conduct.

Consults, inquires into and disseminates information about discrimination and prohibited conduct and its effects.

Undertakes research and educational programs to promote attitudes, acts and practices against discrimination and prohibited conduct.

Complaints of discrimination are a core part of the Commissioner's functions and while complaints usually send out a negative feeling, the Commissioner has the view that complaints are important because complaints are the key to a change for the better. The Commissioner, in her 2018 Annual Report encourages people who have witnessed or who have experienced discrimination and prohibited conduct to speak up, to lodge a complaint or even report it anonymously.

The Commissioner understands that complaining can be a daunting and difficult step to take for all sorts of reasons and as a result offers another way for people to provide information about discrimination or prohibited conduct. This is through the 'Report it' form.

The 'Report it' form is a short easy to follow document that is not a complaint, can be lodged anonymously and most importantly tells the Commissioner about incidents of discrimination or prohibited conduct happening in the community.

It is an invaluable tool because 'Report It' forms can indicate trends of discrimination or prohibited conduct in certain geographical areas, in relation to certain personal attributes such as disability and in relation to certain public areas of life, for example at bus stops, on buses, in relation to certain service providers or in employment.

The message the Commissioner hopes readers take away from the above, if they don't want to make a formal complaint, is that they can speak up about discrimination and prohibited conduct, they see or experience, by reporting it to Equal Opportunity Tasmania or by completing a 'Report it' form either online at -

www.equalopportunity.tas.gov.au

or by contacting Equal Opportunity Tasmania on (03) 6165 7515 or 1300 305 062.



Junior Wheelchair Cricket Hits Hobart



JOIN THE FUN

WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST IS AN ALL-INCLUSIVE PROGRAM FOR KIDS WITH A DISABILITY TO LEARN NEW SKILLS AND PLAY AUSTRALIA'S FAVOURITE SPORT.

Saturday 2nd March, 9th March, 16th March, 30th March

10am - 11am @ Moonah Community Centre, 7 Gormanston Rd, Moonah.

Wheelchair cricket for children ages 7-15 with physical disability.

Equipment Supplied. Cost Free. Coaching by Jason Schmidt.

For more information contact jasonschmidt.1983@gmail.com or admin@paraquadtas.org.au



OFFICIAL KIDS
PROGRAM



Tell the government why young people shouldn't be pushed into aged care.

We can help you tell your story to the Royal Commission into Aged Care.

#EveryStoryMatters

Are you younger than 65 years old and...

- live in a nursing home?
- are currently living in hospital or rehab?
- have lived in a nursing home at some stage in the past 5 years?
- at some time in the past 3 years, have been told that you might have to live in a nursing home, but didn't end up having to?

Or do you have a family member or someone you care about in one of these situations?

If so, you have an important story that the Royal Commission into Aged Care needs to hear.

We can help you tell your story

We are holding half-day workshops in many places around Australia. At the workshops, we will help you work out what you want to say, and help you write it for the Royal Commission.

Workshops will be conducted in a one-to-one discussion format with places limited to 6 per workshop. At the end of the workshop, you will have finished a submission for the Royal Commission.

If required, we will pay your travel and support costs. Refreshments will be provided.

WORKSHOP DETAILS

VICTORIA

Melbourne:

4 February, 11 February, 6 March, 29 April

Geelong: 6 February

Bendigo: 14 February, 7 March

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Adelaide: 19 February

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Darwin: Date to be confirmed

NEW SOUTH WALES

Sydney: 26 February, 28 February

Newcastle: 27 February

ACT

Canberra: 4 March

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Perth: 26 March

Bunbury: 27 March

QUEENSLAND

Brisbane: 2 April, 3 April

Cairns: 5 April

TASMANIA

Hobart: 24 April



If you want to come to a workshop and tell your story, please call 1300 626 560 or email info@summerfoundation.org.au

Sailability Wynyard Yacht Club

Sailability provide a safe and friendly environment where people of all abilities are accepted and encouraged to participate in the sport of sailing. We welcome people without regard to age, ability, gender or socio-economic status as sailors or volunteers. If you have a disability, you are especially welcome. We have the boats, facilities, experience and resources to teach you to sail and allow you to broaden your horizons.

Established Jan 2014 Sailability Tasmania's North West arm is based out of the Wynyard Yacht Club and is already providing opportunity's for many participants WYC provide boat and lifejackets. A hoist and sling is available to assist participants into and out of the two Hansa 303 class of yachts. Use the link below to book or for more information contact Neal on 0418 140 000.



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ParaQuad Tasmania 2019 Boccia State Titles

Elphin Sports Centre, Launceston, Tasmania

Come n Try Sessions

11am - 12pm & 2pm - 3pm on Saturday 30th, March

Equipment supplied, Free activity

For more information, please contact Kevin (03) 6272 7513
or via email pdst@paraquadtas.org.au



Freya Fund

The Williamson Family, who loved and cared for Freya for her 21 years have been inspired by their own lived experiences and set about to raise money to provide gifting amounts of \$600 as a relief / financial help / assistance for families with children who have profound disabilities.

The Freya Fund has two one off payments of \$600 per year.

Referral / Nominations are accepted all year round.

tascare.org.au/what-we-do/freya-fund/

Please contact Tascare via email at eo@tascare.org.au for any queries.



WHAT'S ON

Thursday 21st March:

Wheelchair Aussie Rules
Clarence Sports Stadium @6pm

World Harmony Day
www.harmony.gov.au

Saturday 28th March:

Wheelchair Aussie Rules
Clarence Sports Stadium @6pm

Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st March:

ParaQuad Tasmania 2019 Boccia State Titles
Elphin Sports Centre @9am

Junior Wheelchair Cricket
Moonah Community Centre @10am

Wednesday 3rd April:

Be alarmed! Change your smoke alarm battery!!

Thursday 4th April:

Wheelchair Aussie Rules
Clarence Sports Stadium @6pm

Saturday 6th April:

KSport Bowling
Zone Bowling Alley @10am

KSport Bowling Bowling
Devonport 10 Pin Bowl 10am

Thursday 11th April:

Wheelchair Aussie Rules
Clarence Sports Stadium @6pm

The Tolosa St office will be closed for Easter from 19th - 26th April. Glenn Moore Units will operate as normal

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