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SUPPORTER UPDATE - APRIL 2019

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As the largest grass roots Jewish Sports Organisation in Australia, we are so proud of what we have and continue to accomplish. We know the importance of Maccabi to our Jewish community, the importance of thousands of Jewish Men, Women and Children playing sport every weekend, getting active, connecting-making friends and representing their Jewish identity through sport. We are so pleased that you share this view and choose to show your support by partnering with us.

Today more than ever, Maccabi continues to face a series of demographic and competitive challenges. In particular, increasing assimilation, the increasing lack of engagement by young adults in physical activity due to more time spent on screens and an increase in child obesity and chronic diseases across Australia and our community. In spite of these challenges, the vision for Maccabi Victoria remains clear, to *connect our Jewish community through sport*.

How this plays out year on year changes as the landscape within which we live changes, but at its core Maccabi will continue to hold some of the greatest memories of this community, be the source of the deepest and longest friendships for all of us and continue to be the greatest example of what community really means.

Thank you again. Your generous support impacts on our community in so many ways, here are just a few.



Junior Carnival - Maccabi Victoria sent a large team of kids to Junior Carnival which was held in Sydney during the January school holidays. Participants enjoyed making new friends from across the country and participating in the new carnival structure including the Maccabiah Colour Games and The Maccabi National Club Championships. It was a great success!

Pathways Program – We launched the new Pathways Program and introduced Martin Jona as the program Co-ordinator. Martin has already been busy meeting with the clubs and schools to establish new pathway opportunities to increase participation in Maccabi sports. The Athletics early morning schools' program is still running strong continuing to develop athletes skills. A Maccabi Sport Camp Holiday program was run offering kids an opportunity to engage in sports including soccer, lawn bowls, futsal and basketball. The pathways program has also played a pivotal role in the creation of our first ever Futsal senior team.



Women in Sports (WinS) Program – The WinS program has started to get traction with Caryn Cave the WinS Board member and Simone Grinberg as the new program co-ordinator being appointed. Work on developing a marketing strategy to increase the profile and brand awareness of WinS has already commenced, along with club and association consultations to identify program opportunities to increase participation of women and girls in sport and physical activities. We believe that every girl can!

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Next Gen Leadership Program 2019 - Following the success of the 2018 Maccabi Player Leadership and Future Leadership Programs, Maccabi Victoria has launched the 2019 Next Gen LEAD program. The program sets out to develop our 'future Maccabi Leaders'. By the end of the program, we hope that they will see themselves as one of the many pieces in this fantastic organisation that will ensure its ongoing success.

The program consists of 7 workshops and will include an array of dynamic leaders in their respective fields presenting to the group, followed by engaging and interactive discussion with a panel of Maccabi 'champions', relating these topics to real life everyday case-studies/situations within Maccabi.



All Abilities Program - For 2019 - We want to take the learnings and feedback from our strategic planning session and work towards more personalised pathways to participation. This will be a multi-faceted approach that will include upskilling coaches within All Abilities and the wider Maccabi cohort, and building stronger relationships with both Maccabi clubs and other accessible sporting providers.

The first quarter of the year has seen over 180 attendances at 26 events including swimming, basketball, and schmooze and groove.

The year kicked off with our first ever sailing day. We visited Sailability and members, parents and even staff all had fun getting out on the lake in their own boats. Sailability offers additional support, volunteers and equipment to allow people of all abilities to participate in sailing.

We started our first dance program for the year. We will be partnering with Access Inc and Jewish Care to deliver this 4 week program.



Maccabi Member Protection - Planning is already underway for our 2019 activities. We are looking at how to expand the MPP reach and the perception of MPP, so that we become a more holistic, integral part of everyone's Maccabi journey. We will be working towards connecting with wider-community events and awareness campaigns to improve the wellbeing and safety of everyone in the Maccabi family. We held our working party day with Maccabi MPP reps from all over Australia, where we looked at Maccabi case studies and explored things we need to do &/or change, as well as external presentations from Good Sports and VicSport. It was a productive session for all involved.



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