



A PROUD INITIATIVE OF:

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VICTORIA  
connecting our Jewish  
community through sport



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Sports Foundation

**'EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL'**

The Henry Jolson Pathways Program has been established as an initiative of Maccabi Victoria and the Maccabi Victoria Sports Foundation. The Program was launched at the Maccabi 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Function in December 2015. It has been named in the memory of Henry Jolson, in recognition of his passion and dedication in this field, and his family's significant contribution to the program's funding.

### **Background to the Program**

- Maccabi is the leading Jewish sports organisation in our community.
- It is also the largest active member-based organization in Australia.
- It is made up primarily of volunteers.
- We provide an environment for members of our community to connect with each other and enhance Jewish continuity
- Developing the talents of our members and the professionalism of our clubs will bring tangible benefits to not only the individuals but also to their respective clubs.
- Providing a culture of excellence at our clubs is the key factor in ensuring we are the sporting organisation of choice for our community.
- We have a responsibility as good citizens and as Jews to look after those in our clubs, those in our local community and those in the wider community who are in need or who simply need a hand to help them realize their full potential.

### **Why we Need this Program**

We need this program to keep Maccabi relevant to our members and to ensure that we do not lose them to mainstream clubs or that they drop out of sport altogether.

The Pathways Program will make a difference:

- It will ensure we attract Jewish kids and retain them within the Maccabi framework.
- It will improve the standard of coaching and administration in our clubs.

- It will provide opportunities to all Jewish kids, athletes, administrators and others in our community to develop their full potential and become more active.
- It will provide a positive environment for all levels of ability and competitiveness.
- It will assist many in our community to be more active and engaged with others.
- It will significantly enhance the Maccabi brand so that it is positively recognised in the community.

The **Henry Jolson Pathways Program** has four key objectives. They are to provide benefits to:

**1. Our Athletes**

It will provide support for all Jewish athletes of all standards (including elite and those with disabilities) and all those in financial need so they can realize their full potential.

**2. Our Clubs**

It will help raise the level of professionalism of our clubs and develop our coaches and administrators so as to attract and retain kids in our clubs.

**3. Our Community**

It will provide pathways to sporting and recreational activity for those members of our community who do not engage in such activities and who would not otherwise have the opportunity to participate.

**4. The Wider Community**

It will provide support for multicultural programs and activities both locally and internationally (for example such as by means of the Peace Team) that will provide a pathway for improved relationships with other religious and ethnic groups in our community. It will also provide support for other worthy charitable matters affecting the general community as they arise from time to time.

**Other Associated Objectives**

- To increase the opportunities for ongoing participation in sport for all Jewish sportsmen and women, whatever their sporting ability.
- To significantly enhance the overall level of administration and the standard of coaching within the Maccabi organisation.

- To ensure that costs are not a barrier to players, administrators and coaches capitalising on their potential and developing their skills and capabilities.
- To assist all Maccabi clubs to aim for the highest possible grade of play for all of their teams.
- To ensure that the best possible facilities, equipment and other assistance is provided to all Maccabi Victoria clubs and those who require assistance under this Program.
- To increase sporting and recreational opportunities for our community so that they become more active with associated benefits of better health outcomes for all concerned, increased self esteem and improved social connectedness.

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