



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### 2018 ADG kicks off at AEC!

Today's the day! The 18<sup>th</sup> Australian Deaf Games kicks off with the Opening Ceremony at 6.00pm at Albury Entertainment Centre. MC's Shirley Liu and Michael Parremore will host the ceremony, which also includes the National Anthem translated by Auslan Stage Left and signed by the 1<sup>st</sup> Wodonga Scout Group, a special dance performance by Anna Seymour and Amanda Lever, Mobile Love Duets, and much more.

Member for Albury Greg Aplin who will attend tonight's Opening Ceremony said the NSW Government is proud to have secured the Australian Deaf Games via its tourism and major events agency, Destination NSW.

"The Australian Deaf Games is a wonderful community event, providing a unique opportunity for the deaf and hard of hearing community to compete at an elite level, while showcasing all that Albury has to offer," Mr Aplin said.

Debra Swann - Ceremonies and Social Program Coordinator says "The 2018 Australian Deaf Games Opening Ceremony has been curated to ensure the spirit of the Games shines through from day one, and reflects the dedication of the athletes, volunteers and their families. It's been an honour to put together such an auspicious event."

#### Today's highlight:

- Games Registration at The Games Hub, Albury Entertainment Centre
- Games Expo at The Games Hub
- Swimming General Meeting – 10.00am to 1.00pm at Commercial Club
- Deaf Sports Australia's AGM – 1.00pm at The Games Hub
- Opening Ceremony – 6.00pm at Main Auditorium, Albury Entertainment Centre
- Kickoff Party at QEII Square from 7.30pm

#### What sports are on today:

- Athletics at Alexandra Park Athletics Stadium from 1.00pm to 4.00pm  
**[POSTPONED TO SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2018 – 10AM-12PM]**

Jamie Howell, a Deaflympian who came 9<sup>th</sup> in the world for Long Jump at the 2017 Deaflympic Games is an athlete to watch. Olivia Ford, a promising future Deaflympian is another athlete to





keep an eye on. Olivia is also sponsored by CleanEars, a product of BioRevive – one of our sponsors for the Games. Samira Cox and Liam Wyatt are two other athletes to watch.

#### **What's on tomorrow:**

- Lawn Bowls Opening Ceremony
- Swimming Competition
- Canadian Foursomes Golf
- Delegate's Meeting for: Darts, Eight Ball, Futsal, Lawn Bowls and Touch Footy
- Mountain Bike Social Ride
- Sunday Service in Auslan
- Deaf Women Victoria's Get Together – all women welcomed
- Family Night Movie at The Cube, 8PM
- Daily self-guided accessible tour at LibraryMuseum or MAMA Gallery

Day passes are available for spectators, and can be purchased at the Games Hub and other Games venues. Passes are \$25 for adults, \$20 for concession and students, \$15 for youth (13-17 years), \$65 for family of four, or \$42 for family of three. Kids under 12 are can get their Day Pass at no cost. With a Day Pass, you can enter all official Games venues on the day.

#### **Our sponsors**

The Games would not be possible without the support of the NSW Government's tourism and major events agency, Destination NSW, Sports Recreation Victoria, both AlburyCity and Wodonga Council; and our sponsors Australian Hearing, our official Games "Superfan", Ai-Media, Vicdeaf, The Deaf Society, BeerDeluxe Albury, LaTrobe University, Commercial Club Albury, Conexu Foundation, JobCentre Australia, BioRevive, and Oceania Australia Foundation. With their support, deaf and hard of hearing athletes are able to participate, succeed and enjoy sports on many different levels at the Games.

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