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Sam Quinn to attend Silent Basketball

Sam Quinn, a 4-time Deaflympian will be attending the Silent Basketball Challenge on Tuesday 23rd January 2018 as Deaf Basketball Australia and Australian Deaf Games ambassador to the event being held at the Lauren Jackson Sports Centre. Quinn is a role model to many young Deaf basketball players, particularly the Australian Goannas Team.

The Silent Basketball Challenge is a unique deaf awareness event where both deaf and non-deaf players have an opportunity to play in complete silence by using visual cues. Non-deaf participants will be using earplugs so they can experience what it is like playing sports with a hearing loss. The referee will also be Deaf. The sensory experience in a sporting activity will raise awareness on the importance of clear and equal communication in a team sport.

The medal ceremony at Athletics was attended by distinguished guests Cr Henk van de Ven, previous Mayor for AlburyCity and Richard Pearce, Technical Director for Athletics for the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD). Cr van de Ven and Mr Pearce presented medals to winners of each category for athletics. Rebecca Adam, past Deaf Sports Australia President and current ICSD Board Director also presented medals at Swimming.

Deaf Sports Recreation Victoria hosted a successful movie night at The Cube Wodonga with approximately 50 families in attendance. The weather was nothing short of perfect for an accessible outdoor movie experience. The chosen movie *Rock Dog* was enjoyed by everyone.

Today's highlight:

- Games Registration at The Games Hub, Albury Entertainment Centre
- Last day of Games Expo at The Games Hub
- NSW Deaf Sports hosting a Trivia Night at Beer Deluxe, 6.30pm

What sports are on today:

- 9 Sports Competitions: Beach Volleyball, Darts, Eight Ball, Lawn Bowls, Netball, Table Tennis, Tennis, Tenpin Bowling, Touch Footy

Sylvia Gusts, Glenda Smeaton, Trevor George and Robbie Elward are the bowlers to watch at Tenpin Bowling, as they have been bowling for more than 39 years and they have been playing at various Australian Deaf Games since 1979/1980.





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Today's Social Cultural Program:

- Yoga Classes at the Space
- Trivia Night hosted by NSW Deaf Sports
- Daily self-guided accessible tour at LibraryMuseum or MAMA Gallery

What's on tomorrow:

- Deaf Basketball Clinic for kids
- Silent Basketball

Social events on today:

- Three Workshops at the Games Hub
 - Vicdeaf's Pop-Up Auslan Class
 - Vicdeaf's NDIS How To
 - Break the Sound Barrier Open Forum
- Yoga at the Space
- Auslan-interpreted tour at LibraryMuseum

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