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Locals are smashing Games records!

A huge day in the pool on Sunday 21st January 2018 saw 12 Games Records broken. This fabulous result was helped along by Albury-Wodonga local, deaf swimmer Brooke King, who took home 5 gold and 1 silver for under 13 swimming events, 1 silver for open, and 3 Games Records. Brooke was awarded U13 Girl Swimmer of the Games and Female Swimmer of the Games, which is an incredible honour.

Brooke is not the only local on a winning streak, with Albury-Wodonga local, Declan Campion breaking the U18 & U20 Games Record for high jump at the Athletics.

It is amazing seeing locals from Albury-Wodonga breaking Games Records at home!

For the first time in 15 years, NSW won the women's netball final against Victoria yesterday afternoon. It was an emotional win for the NSW team, and also very well deserved with a final score of 31 to 24. Netball will return on Wednesday with the mixed competition.

The Games aren't all just serious sports, with last night's Trivia Night at Beer Deluxe seeing us stretch our mind muscles. Tomorrow night has an exciting buzz of social events, including Deaf Youth Australia's Laser Tag event for under 18s, and Theatre Night, hosted by *The Other Theatre Company* both proving to be very popular events. The community continues to support the Games, with much buzz about of locals signing and supporting events.

Today's highlight:

- Deaf Basketball Clinic for kids – 9-10am at Lauren Jackson Sports Centre
- Silent Basketball from 10am until 12pm at Lauren Jackson Sports Centre

What sports are on today:

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



Today's Social Cultural Program:

- Three Workshops at the Games Hub – Albury Entertainment Centre
 - Vicdeaf's Pop-Up Auslan Class
 - Vicdeaf's NDIS How To
 - Break the Sound Barrier Open Forum
- Yoga Classes at the Space, taught by a Deaf yoga teacher Karli Dettman
- Auslan-interpreted tour at LibraryMuseum
- Daily self-guided accessible tour at LibraryMuseum or MAMA Gallery

What's on tomorrow:

- Yoga at The Space, taught by a Deaf yoga teacher Karli Dettman
- Auslan Storytime for kids at the LibraryMuseum
- Deaf Youth Australia's Under 18 Laser Tag event
- Two Workshops at the Games Hub:
 - Vicdeaf's Pop-Up Auslan Class
 - Bali Deaf Guide
- Auslan Interpreted Theatre Night by The Other Theatre Company – a first for Albury-Wodonga!

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