



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Finals, finals and more finals!

There's still plenty of action at the Games, with numerous finals scheduled for today and tomorrow. Fierce competition between the states sees NSW on a roll at the Games having won Gold in Women's Touch Football final against Queensland. Victoria is currently topping the Games Medal Tally with the most gold medals, while NSW is the State with the most number of overall medals won at the Games. The question remains for the rest of the Games is: will NSW or Victoria win the JML Cup, the prestigious Games trophy awarded to the state with the most points at the Games, or will another state surprise us?

What do you do when it's hot? You hit the beach, and AlburyCity Deputy Mayor Cr Amanda Cohn did just that when she presented the medals at the Beach Volleyball. Competing on the golden sands of the beach volleyball courts in Albury (cnr Hovell and David St), A.C.T. beat Victoria in women's, and the NSW men won their final against A.C.T.

As part of the cultural and social calendar, Wahyu Bali (a Deaf tour guide) presented an interesting local insight about the popular tourist destination and how he started his business giving tours to deaf people visiting Bali.

#### Today's highlight:

- Social Beach Volleyball
- Futsal finals

#### What sports are on today:

- 6 Sports Competitions: Darts, Futsal, Lawn Bowls, Netball, Table Tennis, Tenpin Bowling

#### Medal Tally as of Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018

	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
VIC	32	23	8	63
NSW	23	30	21	74
QLD	8	8	6	22
FIJI	2	0	3	5
ACT	1	3	7	11
SA	1	2	3	6
WA	0	2	0	2
NZ	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>183</b>



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### Today's Social Cultural Program:

- Yoga Classes at the Space
- Barefoot Lawn Bowls
- Auslan Storytime for kids
- LibraryMuseum Auslan-interpreted tour
- Workshop
  - NDIS 101 Session by NDIA
- Deaf Youth Australia Social Night
- Daily self-guided accessible tour at LibraryMuseum or MAMA Gallery

### What's on tomorrow:

- Australia Day:
  - Australia Day Celebration at Noreuil Park, Albury 9.45am to 1pm
  - A Totally Fun Experience for Families, Wodonga 1pm to 5pm – organised by Deaf Children Australia
- AuslanX at Commercial Club, a TedX deaf version experience for all
- LGBTIQA+ Social Night at Beer Deluxe

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