



XV Australian Deaf Games  
Gold Coast 2008

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# Announcement

## XV Australian Deaf Games - Changes

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2007

Dear members,

The Games Organising Committee (GOC08) wishes to take this opportunity to announce two major changes to the XV Australian Deaf Games Program after extensive consultation and review with the Board of Deaf Sports Australia (DSA).

**1. The XV Australian Deaf Games will be from 3-10 January 2008.** Two days have been cut from the Games Program.

**2. The Sports Program will consist of the following sports (venues):**

<b>Basketball</b>	Runaway Bay Sports Complex	<b>Lawn Bowls</b>	Southport Lawn Bowls Club
<b>Beach Volleyball</b>	Runaway Bay Sports Super Centre	<b>Netball</b>	Runaway Bay Sports Complex
<b>Cricket</b>	The Southport School	<b>Squash</b>	Labrador Squash Centre
<b>Darts</b>	Southport Lawn Bowls Club	<b>Swimming</b>	Runaway Bay Sports Super Centre
<b>Eight Ball</b>	Nerang Eight Ball Centre	<b>Table Tennis</b>	Runaway Bay Sports Complex
<b>Futsal</b>	Runaway Bay Sports Complex	<b>Tennis</b>	Runaway Bay Sports Complex
<b>Golf</b>	Palm Meadows Golf Club	<b>Tenpin Bowling</b>	Ashmore Bowls Centre

The reasons for the above changes are as follows:

- The high cost of hosting the Games in January in a popular tourist city
- Lack of infrastructure support and expected athletes/teams for the following sports - Athletics, Cycling, Triathlon and Water Polo
- With a limited pool of people to draw from, it was not possible to offer a sports program numbering 20 sports - therefore we have decided to focus our resources on the 14 sports listed above
- To meet the high interest and expectations of the ADG, we had to ensure the Games were financially affordable and run without any financial risk to DSA or its members

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- Cutting two days from the Games Program will ensure a more affordable Games experience for everyone while keeping the rich tradition and unique experience of the Games
- Early calculations had entry fees as high as \$300 per participant which was not acceptable.

**Our priority is to make the Games affordable for everyone.**

As stated at the 2006 Annual General Meeting, DSA will commit to a full review of the Games Program in the lead up to the 2012 Australian Deaf Games.

### **Progress Update**

- 240 beds have been booked at the Runaway Bay Sports Super Centre complex. **Only 120 beds remain - book ASAP!** Contact Deborah Liquorish, an accredited deaf travel agent, at MTA Travel for all your accommodation and travel needs - [dliquorish@mtatravel.com.au](mailto:dliquorish@mtatravel.com.au)
- The official Games website is due to be launched at the end of March - bookmark [www.austdeafgames.org.au](http://www.austdeafgames.org.au) and keep checking for updates!
- Merchandise will be made available on the Games website in April
- The Opening Ceremony will be at the Runaway Bay Sport Super Complex. Caroline Conlon from the Australian Theatre of the Deaf has been appointed Artistic Director

### **Entry Fees**

The Games Budget is in the final stages of review and we anticipate that all fees will be announced in the next two weeks.

See you on the Gold Coast in **287** days' time!

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Chair  
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