



2018 Annual Report



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Australia

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Front Cover

Tim Gould (left) and Bryce Monaghan (right) embrace in celebration during 2018 National Games presented by NAB.




Photo: Richard Strever

Our Story

Combining the transformative power of sport and a holistic approach to athlete well-being enables Special Olympics Australia to support a better life for people with an intellectual disability.

Special Olympics Australia strives to ensure that everyone living with an intellectual disability has the opportunity to participate in sport. Our dedicated network of volunteers create accessible sports training, coaching and competition opportunities that allow people with an intellectual disability to reach their personal best – in sport and in life.

We provide:

-  Weekly grassroots sporting, recreational, social and health activities in local communities around Australia.
-  An environment where people with an intellectual disability can develop physical fitness, build self-esteem, demonstrate courage and make friends.
-  Competition pathways ranging from weekly club events, to regional, state and national games, culminating in the Special Olympics World Games in both Summer and Winter.

FROM THE BACKYARD TO THE GLOBAL STAGE

Special Olympics owes its existence to the vision of Eunice Kennedy Shriver, who in 1962 invited a group of young people with intellectual disabilities to a summer camp in her backyard. In July 1968, the first International Special Olympics Games were held in Chicago, Illinois, USA.



Read our history
specialolympics.com.au/40years/

From the Chairman

It is my great honour to serve as the Chairman of Special Olympics Australia. I'm proud of the role we're playing as part of our global inclusion movement using sport, health, education and leadership programs to end discrimination against and empower people with intellectual disabilities.

Our mission, and those at the centre of our mission, shouldn't be forgotten. People with an intellectual disability are among the most marginalised groups, are routinely excluded from ongoing sports programs that stress fitness, skill development and quality coaching and competition - compounding the social isolation and chronic health issues they face.

For people with an intellectual disability who may not fit into mainstream clubs Special Olympics Australia offers a welcoming environment where they can meet people of similar ability and develop skills at their own pace.

Athletes get fit, have fun and make friends, which improves their ability to succeed in all walks of life. Families gain a network of support, are better able to understand their child or sibling's capabilities and can see hope for the future.

This is the strength of our movement. Inclusive, supportive systems and strong relationships. No matter the challenges we face as an organisation and movement, we are here to fight for a better future for people with intellectual disabilities and their families and carers.

On behalf of the National Board, I thank you for being part of our movement and helping to change the lives of people within our movement and attitudes of those outside.

Please join us in 2019 to help us achieve this goal.

Cameron Brownjohn
Chairman
Special Olympics Australia

Cameron Brownjohn with World Winter Games athletes
Photo: Ian Abbott



From the CEO

Thank you to everyone from the Special Olympics Australia community for helping us deliver sport programs and encourage inclusion in society for people with intellectual disabilities throughout 2018.

The year saw significant moments including a visit from Dr Timothy Shriver, 2018 National Games, celebrating 50 years of Special Olympics and world-first moment with Light up for Inclusion.

It's a long way from Washington to Australia, but Dr Timothy Shriver's whirlwind visit was a productive one. After meeting various ministers representing Health, Sport, Disability and Education, Dr Shriver attended a 50th anniversary reception hosted by the Governor General of Australia and meet with athletes. Rounding off his trip were engagements with the US Consulate and industry leaders at the American Chamber of Commerce.

Lighting the Sydney Opera House and Melbourne Cricket Ground were a historic moment for Special Olympics Australia. Light up for Inclusion send a strong and urgent message to Australians around the country to end discrimination against people with intellectual disability.

For the first time ever, Australian sites joined more than 200 landmarks across the world in lighting up red to mark both our 50th anniversary of Special Olympics and the Global Day of Inclusion.

From 16 – 20 April we celebrated sporting inclusion with our 2018 National Games presented by NAB in Adelaide. With 1,000 athletes, 800 volunteers, more than 300 events, 11 sports and 8 states and territories the games showcased the talents, skills, dedication and achievements of athletes.

They created wonderful memories of bravery, accomplishment and inclusion which will forever stay with athletes, families and volunteers.

Thank you for being a part of our inclusion revolution in 2018 and we hope you'll stay with us in our journey throughout 2019.

Corene Strauss
Chief Executive Officer
Special Olympics Australia



Corene Strauss at 2018 National Games
Opening Ceremony
Photo: Peter Muhlbock

Who we are



7,000+
participants



1,500
volunteers

48



grassroots clubs



16
sports



7 states &
territories
around
Australia



1332
sessions in
87 schools



711,000
Australians with ID



Nearly DOUBLE
Special Olympics athletes
employed above national
average of people with ID



4.5

extra hours each week
of physical activity by
Special Olympics athletes



\$5,800
Each new
athlete benefits
to economy



2 HOURS
New child
diagnosed with ID



**Largest disability
population in Australia**

2018 National Games
Closing Ceremony
Photo: Peter Muhlbock

Community

Eunice Kennedy Shriver Award

Open to all Special Olympics Australia athletes, the EKS Award is presented annually to an athlete who has shown great leadership skills both on and off the sporting field.

Special Olympics Australia EKS Award Honour Roll

2017 Miles Fisher (QLD)	2011 Andrew Williams (VIC)
2016 Martin Smith (QLD) Nicole Bartley (QLD)	2010 John Faulkner (QLD)
2015 Liam O'Donnell (ACT)	2009 Saxon Graham (NSW)
2014 Joshua Frost (NSW)	2008 Gabrielle Clark (NSW) Kelly Wren (NSW)
2013 Mel Eustace (NSW)	2007 Christopher Farmer (SA)
2012 Steven White (VIC) Russell Nelligan (WA)	



2018 EKS Award Winner:

Allister Peek,
Greater Canberra, ACT

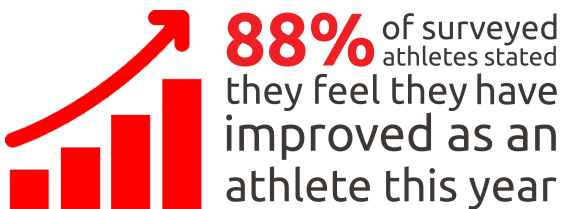
Allister undertakes many promotional speaking engagements and represents Special Olympics in a distinguished manner. He is heavily involved in our ALP's course, and attends many of the ALP's sessions, including running ice breaking sessions and teaching participants some sailing knot tying skills. He also assists the trainer with providing practical demonstrations and works with the athletes and mentors to encourage active participation.



Meet all our National Award winners at specialolympics.com.au/awards

Top responses from athletes about why they participate in Special Olympics:

2018 Athlete Survey



2018 Volunteer Survey

Top responses from volunteers about why they participate in Special Olympics:



87% of volunteers were satisfied with the overall volunteer experience in 2018

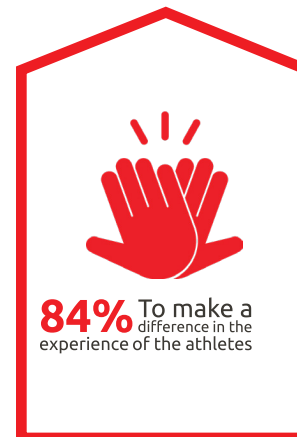


75% of volunteers have a family member or friend with an intellectual disability



90% of volunteers from 2018 are likely or certain to volunteer again with Special Olympics

Top two reasons people volunteered with Special Olympics during 2018:



2018 National Games



Special Olympics Australia
National Games
Adelaide 2018



Few sporting events can match the social and emotional impact of the Special Olympics Australia National Games. 2018 saw athletes with an intellectual disability from all over Australia demonstrate their skills and sportsmanship at the Special Olympics Australia National Games in Adelaide.

The event saw the use of the first inclusive Games logo demonstrating the texture, colour and vibrancy of South Australia and Special Olympics Australia's commitment to inclusion.

 **1,000**
athletes

 **11**
sports

 **300+**
events

 **800**
volunteer

 **8** states and
territories



More 2018 National Games news
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Team South Australia celebrate at
2018 National Games
Photo: Richard Strever

Supporters

NATIONAL PARTNERS

Principal Partner



Major Partners



Supporters



2018 NATIONAL GAMES PARTNERS

Presenting Partner



Premier Partner



Major Partners



The Advertiser



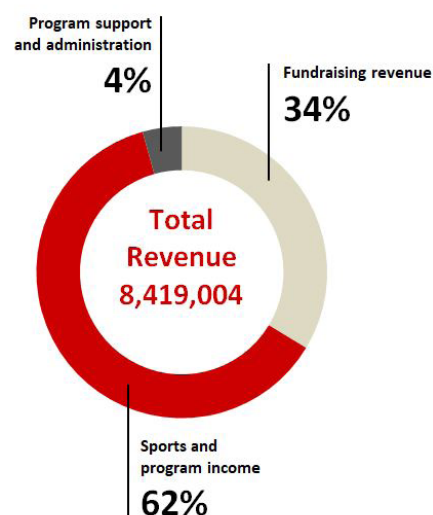
2018 National Games Partners
specialolympics.com.au/nationalgames2018

Financials

Statement of Comprehensive Income

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Revenue		
Fundraising Revenue	2,834,909	2,873,453
Sports and program income	5,217,490	2,178,095
Programs support and administration	366,605	357,206
	8,419,004	5,408,754
Expenses		
Fundraising expenses	(1,438,187)	(1,583,048)
Sports and program expenses	(5,682,637)	(2,602,936)
Programs support and administration	(1,346,947)	(1,276,518)
	(8,467,771)	(5,462,502)
Deficit before tax	(48,767)	(53,748)
Tax (expenses)/Revenue	(1,682)	(1,821)
Deficit for the Year	(50,449)	(55,569)
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	(50,449)	(55,569)

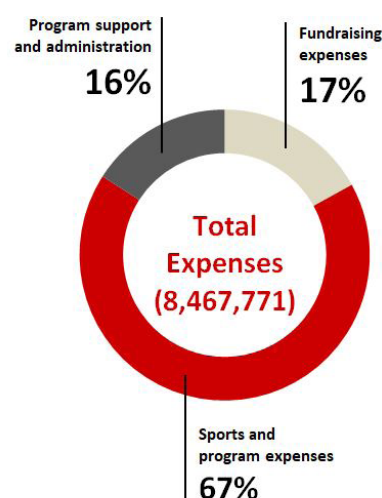
Revenue 2018



Statement of Financial Position

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalent	2,780,895	3,422,418
Receivables	97,389	495,049
Other assets	7,408	11,284
Prepayments	264,229	1,119,306
Total current assets	3,149,921	5,048,057
Property, plant and equipment	33,451	44,783
Total non-current assets	33,451	44,783
Total assets	3,183,372	5,092,840
Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	224,813	363,876
Unearned income	1,123,881	2,795,208
Employee benefits	94,205	130,726
Total current liabilities	1,442,899	3,289,810
Employee benefits	35,732	47,840
Total non-current liabilities	35,732	47,840
Total liabilities	1,478,631	3,337,650
Net assets	1,704,741	1,755,190
Members Fund	1,704,741	1,755,190

Expenses 2018



Our People

Special Olympics Australia board members are strong advocates for people with intellectual disabilities and bring a wealth of experience, knowledge and compassion to the organisation.



Cameron Brownjohn
Chairman



Michael Hogan



Ben Haack



Irena Reiss



Shaun Fraser



Anna-Louise Kassulke



Allison O'Shea



Nicole Swain



Megan Lavender



Ruby Lawler



Dave Fenlon



Ross Smith



Corene Strauss
Chief Executive Officer

Ben Haack at Special Olympics Asia Pacific leadership conference
Photo: Special Olympics Asia Pacific



Meet our people
specialolympics.com.au/about/people

SOAR & ROAR

Australia's Most Inclusive Motoring Festival

220 LUXURY & CLASSIC CARS



230+ BIKES

500 HEALTH SCREENINGS



64 AUSTRALIAN RECORD DANCERS



100 HELICOPTER RIDES



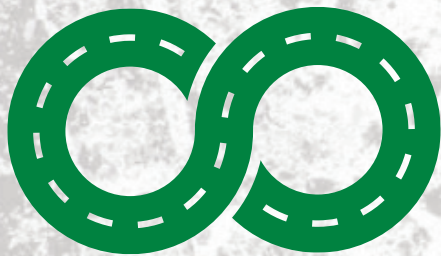
420 DREAM RIDES



5 BILLY CARTS



\$265,000 FUNDS RAISED



1260+ LAPS AROUND SYDNEY MOTORSPORT PARK



3,000 ATTENDEES



ENDLESS JOY

A FULL THROTTLE ACCELERATION



2018 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR
BLACKTOWN CITY COUNCIL

2018 AUSTRALIA EVENT AWARDS

BEST CHARITY OR CAUSE-RELATED EVENT
NATIONAL FINALIST





WWE Superstar Buddy Murphy with Special Olympics athletes at unified tennis event
Photo: WWE

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