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WELCOME!

Welcome to the October edition of ParaView! We are once again delivering you the latest news in a monthly online format. This month will feature an AGM report, a message from the new Chairman as well as an exciting report from our Sports Development Co-ordinator Kevin, detailing his trip to China for the World Para-Archery Championships. Read on for other great articles.

If you would still like to receive your copy of ParaView in printed format, you need only email or call the office.

We welcome articles of interest from members and subscribers, please forward to Georgia admin@paraquadtas.org.au or via post to PO Box 1528 Glenorchy, Tas 7010.

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE - ROGER MASSIE

At the Paraquad Annual General Meeting held last month our members elected me chairman of the Management Committee for the next 12 months. I feel excited with the prospect of leading the organisation during this period as there are some new challenges awaiting us in the near future as well as the prospect of opportunities to both stabilize and grow our organisation.

My recipe for the Committee of Management (C.O.M.) will be fairly simple in that I will strive to provide leadership by example, surround myself with good people and try and create a family culture among both staff and members. Our organisation is far reaching in the services we provide in our retail business of PQ Healthcare, Physical disABILITY Sports, advocacy, access auditing, counselling, provision of respite and holiday accommodation for persons and family of persons with a disability as well as youth education. We will continue to build on a strong team to provide quality and professionalism in all these areas which are a vital part of the service to the general community as well as our members.

Despite our commitments to serve the community ultimately it is you the members that are our main priority and I will ensure that remains the focus of the C.O.M. If you have not already engaged with the organisation in some way I would urge you to do so. Your input and feedback and ideas are most welcome at all times so if you wish to contact us please do so by phone, email or by calling into our Tolosa Street office.

I am in the Paraquad office frequently during the week so if you would like to meet with me personally please call our office on 62 728816 to make an appointment.

In closing I would like to thank both Bevan Williams, Malcom McDonald and David Cawthorn who have retired from the Committee of Management after providing valuable contributions over the past few years.

AGM NEWS

Our Annual General Meeting for 2016-2017 was held on Wednesday the 27th of September at the Glenorchy RSL. We had a fantastic turnout, with 22 people present on the day. Former Chairman David Cawthorn, Treasurer Jim Busby and Association Coordinator Carmel Clark all gave their respective reports for last financial year which each contained impressive figures and exciting prospects for the Association's future.

After an extensive term serving as Chairman of the ParaQuad board, David Cawthorn stepped down as Chairman with Roger Massie being elected as Chairman for 2017/2018. The Association extends a sincere thank you to David for his many years of service as Chairman of ParaQuad Tasmania and look forward to his participation in our future activities.

Your 2017-2018 Committee of Management and their roles are:

Chairman: [Roger Massie](#)

Vice Chairman: [Tim Marks](#)

Treasurer: [Jim Busby](#)

Secretary: Position Vacant

Committee Members: [Dave Carpenter](#) and [Harold Brown](#)

We welcome Harold Brown to his new position on the committee.

KEITH KNOX MEMORIAL AWARD

Matthew Bugg has been announced as the 2016 winner of the Keith Knox Memorial Trophy for outstanding performance in sport.

Matthew started sailing in 1993 and first represented Australia in 2010. After a successful early career he won a bronze medal in the 2.4m class at the 2015 IFDS World Championships in Melbourne. In January 2016 he won the silver medal at the International 2.4mR World Championships in his home town of Hobart. Matthew went on to win a bronze medal in the 2.4m Norlin at the 2016 World Championships held in Medemblik, Netherlands. At the RIO Paralympics, Matthew won the silver medal in 2.4, Norlin. Matthew was named Tasmanian Athlete of the Year in 2016.

ParaQuad Tasmania congratulates Matthew on his achievements to date and wishes him well in future endeavours.



Our beloved Kerrie departed our offices as an employee of the Association for the last time on Thursday 28th of September, but not before one last surprise! Current and former staff members of the ParaQuad Association and PQ Healthcare supplies gathered for a surprise afternoon tea to say goodbye and celebrate Kerrie's fantastic achievements over the last 10 years.

Kerrie commenced volunteering for ParaQuad in 2007 and moved into an administration role with the Association in 2008. Kerrie has become a friend to many and synonymous with ParaQuad, the taxi drivers know her name and guests from the Glenn Moore Units keep in touch long after their stays.

Always a cheerful and empathetic voice, members and guests have been greeted with a smile no matter what time of the day or night they call.

We wish Kerrie all the best as she enters retirement and hope she has many happy and fun-filled years with her family and friends. However members and friends can also be assured this will not be the last we see of Kerrie, who will stay on board as a volunteer and be a frequent and most welcome visitor to our offices.



WORLD PARA ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Kevin Faulkner, ParaQuad employee, competed in his second World Para Archery Championships in Beijing China after competing in 2015 in Donaueschingen Germany. He played wheelchair basketball in the Australian league for 15 years before deciding to switch to recurve archery. He saw a basketball friend win a gold medal in sailing at the Paralympics in London – and was inspired. He is now able to combine sport with his job, it's his mission to introduce people to the opportunities in para sport.

Kevin works as a sports development officer for ParaQuad and in time away from the archery field, developed Wheelchair Australian Rules Football for athletes in wheelchairs. "People that have had accidents need more opportunities to do something in archery, or in other sports, they need to know there are options out there."

Kevin's focus is now training for the 2018 National Para Archery Championship and making the team for the 2019 World Para Archery Championships in the Netherlands.

If you are interested in trying any para sports please contact Kevin on 6272 7513 or sports@pd-stasmania.org



Kevin with team mascot, Archie.

PHYSICAL disABILITY SPORTS TASMANIA

FEATURE SPORT: WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

Without doubt the most exciting Wheelchair Sport is basketball. Very similar to able-bodied basketball, there are minor variances on the rules. It is played with the same size basketballs and same height baskets. In local and regional competitions, able-bodied people are allowed to play, but any national or international competition requires players to have a disability to play.

Players are classified between 1.0 points to 4.5 points, and each team is allowed 14 points on the court at once. The rules are much the same as basketball, with some slight differences allowing for wheelchairs.

The main difference to the rules is that players are only allowed to push the wheel(s) twice before having to dribble. They can then place the ball on their lap or bounce the ball then take two more pushes before having to dribble again.

Our local Wheelchair Basketball competition provides a lot of excitement for spectators and players alike and is a great way to meet new friends and keep fit. On an even playing field we have able bodied players, competing with and against athletes with a disability.

Wheelchair Basketball is held in the South, North and North West of the state. For further information, please contact Kevin Faulkner on (03) 6272 7513 or email sports@paraquadtas.org.au.



Vale Joan Hume

In 1971, 23 year old school teacher Joan Hume, was left paralysed and quadriplegic after a car accident.

After some time in rehabilitation she returned home, where with the support of her family and friends she was able to begin piece back together her former life. She bought a home, began to lie independently and returned to the classroom to teach.

Hume was the first woman in a wheelchair to teach in a classroom, where her brilliant intellect, knowledge, wit and love of literature, archeology and history won the respect of her students. When people told her she was inspirational, she really disliked it. She'd say, "I am just doing what I was trained to do".

Joan was a tireless advocate for equal rights and was instrumental in the disability rights movement in Australia through her long involvement with the Australian Quadriplegic Association as both board member and chair person, a founding member of Women With Disabilities Australia (WWDA), she also served on numerous government and community committees.

Later in life, Joan also worked for the NSW IYDP Secretariat, in equal employment opportunity and as a Senior Policy Advisor on physical disability with the NSW Department of Health.

When the United Nations declared 1981 International Year of Disabled Persons (IYDP) Hume worked voluntarily with the government secretariat on programmes to break down the barriers between people with disability and the community. Joan was awarded an O.A.M. for her services to people with disability in 1982 and received a Human Rights Award for her writing in 1991. In 2015 the University of Sydney awarded her the prestigious Alumni in Community Achievement for her lifelong advocacy for the rights of people with disability. She was also one of nine leaders in Disability Rights in Australia portrayed in the Australian Museum of Democracy.

The ParaQuad Association of Tasmania sends our condolences to Joan's family and friends, a woman who in the face of adversity, lived a life of courage, humility and love.

THE GEARING UP EXPOS

The 2017 Disability Expo Tasmania - Gearing Up for Choice & Control (previously Gearing Up Expo) was managed and delivered by Speak Out Advocacy.

The Expo connected service providers and specialist businesses with consumers and their families, case-workers, teachers and carers as well as members of the general public.

ParaQuad Tasmania participated at both Hobart (Wrest Point 14/09/2017) and Launceston (Tail-Race Centre 26/09/2017) Expo's.

The Association showcased the many facets of the organisation including PQ Tasmania Healthcare Supplies, Physical disABILITY Sports, BodySafe Education Program.

Expo delegates talked to ParaQuad staff and volunteers about the wide variety of services on offer from the Association. With the ongoing rollout of the NDIS and the interest it is generating the Expo served as a platform to disseminate information relating to ParaQuad.



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