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the national charity for organ
donation and transplantation



Members Update

January 2023 – June 2024

Intended Impact

To support all those on the transplant journey to have the best chance of a healthy life while encouraging all Australians to embrace organ and tissue donation.

Vision

All people, all transplants, making the most of life.

Values and Behaviours

Celebrate

We engage positively to celebrate and champion the journeys, stories and achievements of our community to help promote the gift of life.

Fairness and Compassion

We value the demonstration of empathy, honesty and integrity in all our engagements.

Inclusion and Diversity

We embrace diversity, respect people's differences and seek to help all people realise their full potential.

Person First

We are committed to helping empower and educate recipients, living donors, donor families and carers.

Collaborate

We work respectfully and positively with our membership, the organ and tissue donation and transplant sectors using an evidence and research-based approach to achieve our shared goals.

Sustainability

We strive for a healthy and resilient body, mind, community, system and organisation.



From the Chair

Our Board has a firm belief that our strength relies heavily on the contributions from the community we support, our members and the many committed volunteers that ensure the organisation delivers on its promise and purpose. That purpose is to support transplant recipients and their families; people on waiting lists, donor families, living donors, healthcare professionals and all those impacted by organ and tissue donation.

As Chair, I am pleased to be able to oversee the governance and strategy that will allow us to deliver on that purpose and continue to improve the lives of those who rely on critical organ and tissue donations.

To ensure we continue to deliver, it is important that we remain focussed on fully understanding the needs of the community we support, our partner organisations and critical sponsors; and that requires that we listen and enhance the services we provide.

We have many members, volunteers and employees who bring valuable lived experience to our organisation. They represent a strong and informed voice to ensure we stay focussed on what is important. It is pleasing we have added yet another valuable voice to the Board in the last year. Medical Director, Dr Georgie Irish, is eminently qualified and follows on from a long line of healthcare professionals who have advised our Board over many years.

Our grassroots strategy has continued to strengthen through the refreshment of state-based committees. These groups provide critical reach and support across the nation. Again, these committees

have been led by volunteers, many of which share that crucial factor of lived experience.

The Australian Transplant Games remain a critical aspect of our program. The 2024 Games will be held this year in Canberra with the support of the Organ & Tissue Authority as well as the Australian Institute of Sport. In a year where we have all been able to experience the joys of an Olympic Games, it is a great reminder to us of the outstanding joy, celebration and pride in athletes and their families and support groups who invest valuable time, effort, and discipline into their chosen sport. It is a timely reminder of the impact sport, health and wellbeing can have not only on the individual but on the community as a whole. Our athletes not only succeed but do so with the knowledge that they have overcome great odds. A remarkable and honourable feat that cannot be dismissed. A proud achievement.

Providing valuable community services will continue to be our priority. Services such as the travel insurance program have continued to be welcomed by our members, and we remain committed in our strategic plan to identify other services that will provide practical support for those that might be impacted by the need for transplantation.

As a Board we recognise our need to enhance our skills and engage with government bodies not only in the area of fundraising but to increase the awareness around research, innovation and education beyond traditional models of transplantation. This is necessary if we are to meet the increasing needs of our community for life-saving

transplants.

In the last year we have continued to work with and support government efforts to increase donation rates. It was pleasing to see a 13 per cent increase in the number of deceased donors which led to a 14 per cent increase in the number of Australians receiving a transplant.

The Donatelife network, headed by the Organ & Tissue Authority, has been actively educating and promoting community need and awareness around donations. They are to be applauded.

Consent rates continue to be an issue but with effort results can be achieved. The key must be increasing the numbers on the Australian Organ Donor Register (AODR). Only one in two families provide consent when their loved one has not registered. This increases to between 80 and 90 per cent when the loved one has decided to leave a legacy of organ and tissue donation by registering on the AODR. That difference surely proves the importance of registration.

In closing it is important to reflect that organ and tissue donations remain the key factor in addressing a critical community need. Thank you to my fellow directors for their service. We remain inspired by all those who commit their time to assist us achieve our vision. Our volunteers and staff are an honourable cohort of which we are incredibly proud.

Petrina Coventry
Chair



CEO's Report

This is the first Members Update compiled since the new Strategic Plan which was announced in December 2023. The Plan, which centres on the pillars of Advocacy and Storytelling, Active Lifestyles and Education and Support, was the result of extensive consultation with the membership and sector leaders. We are indebted to the two Directors last year who led the review – Colin Liebmann and Holly Tyrrell.

A new plan was a necessary step into our future following the COVID Pandemic and the staging of the World Transplant Games in Perth in April 2023. Those Games, and navigating through the pandemic, took much of our effort and it was vital we refreshed the organisation and set sights on a new set of objectives.

Our Board is incredibly proud of our staff and volunteer achievements in delivering the Games and much of that success was reported in the last Members Update. If there was one thing we could have focused more on, that was celebrating this achievement and smelling the roses a little more. I can never say it enough. Thank you to everyone who helped Australia shine at the World Transplant Games. It is a huge responsibility being entrusted to deliver such an event. It was magnificent from start to finish.

In fact, as you will see from this Update it is hard to know when to draw a line through the Games and declare them actually closed. Here I am not referring to the six days of competition but to the footprint the Games has left well beyond what was a stunning week in Perth.

The legacy of the Games continues to this day. The *Second Chance Champions* documentary screened

internationally on Ch 10 and Paramount + came a good six months after the Games. The *Everywhere* documentary, following the journey of a unique group of young Australians filming the Games, will premiere in October 2024 – 18 months after the Games. Never in the history of a World Games has such impact been felt so long after the event. It just shows the power of the gift of life to continue to inspire.

And so, to more recent activities.... The transition of Transplant Australia to a support organisation of all those on the transplant journey is now in full swing with the new Strategic Plan.

Advocacy and Storytelling remains important and is detailed further elsewhere. Submissions and presentations to both inquiries into organ and tissue donation in Western Australia and Victoria delivered reports which essentially mirrored our recommendations.

Advocacy is more than just talking to government. We are a trusted partner of both the Transplantation Society of Australia and New Zealand and the Transplant Nurses Association. We continue to have a strong presence at their annual scientific meetings.

We continue to focus on the inspirational stories of those saved by donation and the generosity of donors and their families. Our greatest asset will always be the willingness of our community to share their stories to inspire others.

The second area of our Strategic Plan – Active Lifestyles – received a significant boost with an Australia Sports Commission Playwell grant. This will see a partnership with all transplant units to encourage

sport and physical activity post-transplant. Our Transplant Games activities continue under this pillar.

The new area for Transplant Australia has been the pillar of Education and Support and it's an area of significant need and potential. Key activities have included refreshing our Living with a Transplant program, building support networks for parents and carers, implementing new living donor education resources.

The final pillar – capability – makes it all happen and this is an area which requires constant attention. Driving new sources of income and working closely with governments at all levels is essential if we are to achieve what is set out for us in the Strategic Plan.

We are fortunate to have a refreshed Board of Directors, committed staff and state committee volunteers to execute this plan. It is really pleasing to see our volunteer committees flourish in each state.

I am fortunate to work with the most amazing group of staff committed to helping our community. Every member should be proud of what they achieve every day.




Finally, I would like to thank three Directors who retired over the past 12 months. Professor Richard Allen was extremely committed as our Medical Director and stood down after 10 years of service. Holly Tyrrell left the Board for family reasons. And finally, Jason Ryan stood down after 10 years, nine as Chair, Jason led our Board brilliantly over that period and we are indebted to his contribution. Thank you.

Chris Thomas
Chief Executive Officer



Strategic Plan

Transplant Australia's Strategic Plan focuses on three pillars underpinned by capability.

OBJECTIVE		
1 Contribute to the increase of organ and tissue donation rates	2 Activate our community to maximise participation for long-term health outcomes	3 Empower our community to manage their health and live their best lives
STRATEGIC PILLAR		
 Advocacy & Storytelling	 Active Lifestyles	 Transplant Education & Support
CAPABILITY		
The important foundations that underpin our strategic pillars to enable our long term sustainability and success for the benefit of the community		

The Strategic Plan was compiled following extensive consultation with the membership and sector leaders.

The value of membership continues to increase as benchmarked against previous member surveys. The three key priorities highlighted by members are promotion of organ and tissue donation; supporting people on their transplant journey; and advocacy to government and health authorities. To read the Strategic Plan 2024 - 2026 visit, www.transplant.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/TA-Strategic-Plan-2024.pdf



Spotlight on the World Transplant Games



The World Transplant Games in Perth in April 2023 spanned both last year's Members Update and, because of our calendar financial reporting year, this current Members Update.

It is now possible to reflect more on the overall success of the World Transplant Games and the legacy it left behind.

It was just the third time the World Transplant Games had been staged in Australia and we now stand second to the United Kingdom for the country having staged the greatest number of Games.

A total of 1520 registered participants representing 45 countries came together to compete and celebrate life. In addition, 532 dedicated volunteers lent their support to the Games. Together with public participation, more than 4,000 people interacted with the Games during the month of April.

The 2023 Games featured several firsts, including the use of a Games App with 1800 downloads, live streaming of key events to engage the global transplant community, the inaugural Transplant Triathlon, and the creation of the enduring Gift of Life Baton.

Australia fielded its largest team to date, with 342 registered participants, including 50 juniors. Thank you to Margaret Hill and Julie Moloney for team management and to the Perth Local Organising Committee

The Australian Government, through the Office of Sport and the Organ & Tissue Authority, and the West Australian Government provided major sponsorship to enable the Games to take place. This was an incredible achievement considering the Games was one of the first international events to take place in Australia following the COVID Pandemic.

The footprint of the Games extended for a total period of two years around the Games. This began with a launch at the Olympic House in the presence of IOC President, Thomas Bach, and extended through the media and promotion of the Games in April 2023. From there the *Second Chance Champions* documentary received national screening in November 2023. The *Everywhere* documentary, focused on the experience of a special group of Australians who undertook filming for the Games, is being released in October 2024.

Transplant Australia is also pleased the Gift of Life Baton, a gift to the world from the Perth Games, continues to provide an important link between the World Games.

But beyond the media attention and the promotion of the Games, the real legacy lies in the friendships and connections made from Perth. The impact of the Games upon the people it is staged to serve, that is what counts. That's why we can all be proud of what was achieved in Perth in April 2023.





Advocacy & Storytelling

Transplant Australia continues to advocate for best practice policy to improve the health outcomes for recipients and those waiting for a transplant.

Post-pandemic, we have strengthened relationships with State and Federal elected and departmental government representatives, as well as the professional donation and transplantation sector.

In recent years, Australia has experienced stalled donation rates, a decrease in family consent rates, rising demand for transplants and inequity in access to transplantation around the country.

Improving access to registration and highlighting the need for people to register as a donor, consult their loved ones and maximise every available organ and tissue are key

issues. Higher donor registration leads to higher family consent which in turn saves more lives.

In 2023, this was highlighted in two inquiries in the Victorian and Western Australian parliaments. Transplant Australia was pleased to provide a submission and be invited to speak at both inquiries. It is promising to see that the key recommendations from both inquiries, including the re-instating of the option to register as an organ and tissue donor on the State driver's licence, broadly reflect Transplant Australia's submission.

Transplant Australia also continued to build its relationship with the Federal Government through both the offices of the Health Minister, The Hon. Mark Butler and the Assistant Health Minister, The Hon. Ged Kearney. Prior to the

last election our CEO briefed Mark Butler when he was in opposition on a range of matters concerning organ donation in Australia including improvements to the organ donation register and harmonisation of the Human Tissue Acts.

Equally, Transplant Australia seeks to capture and motivate the hearts and minds of the public through inspiring, engaging, and emotive stories and a respected community media voice providing professional commentary. Sharing the lived experience of transplantation and donation of our members resonates with the public and creates a human connection and tangible reason to support our cause.

Advocacy & Storytelling in Action

- Submissions and presentations to parliamentary inquiries in Victoria and Western Australia
- Representing members in sector forums and advisory groups including the Organ and Tissue Authority's Transplant Advisory Group and Community Engagement Group; and the NSW Implementation Advisory Group.
- Media coverage of the World Transplant Games resulted in 800 media articles published in Australia promoting organ and tissue donation
- *Second Chance Champions*, produced by Dentsu, broadcast on Channel 10/Ten Play and international release through Paramount+
- *Everywhere* documentary, produced by The Periscope Crew, for release in 2024.
- Presentations on organ and tissue donation to community groups throughout Australia



Returning donor registration to drivers licences is a key advocacy priority.





Active Lifestyles

Active Lifestyles spans the Transplant Games, including the Australian Games and participation in world winter and summer games, our Transplant Active program and sporting pathways that help recipients back into physical activity and sport.

Our Transplant Active programs have expanded throughout the country supported by our wonderful State Committees. In 2024, Transplant Australia received funding from the NSW Government and the Queensland Government to facilitate sports development days and training camps. The Australian Sports Commission's Play Well Participation Grant will expand our Transplant Active programs ensuring every transplant recipient has a place in sport.

The 2023 World Transplant Games in Perth is highlighted elsewhere. In

April 2023, Kate Clark was appointed as a Trustee of the World Transplant Games Federation (WTGF) as Chris Thomas stood down as President following 8 years of leadership. Glenda Rayment became the Australian Country Representative, following on from Marg Martin's long service.

Early in 2024, Australia fielded a small team at the World Transplant Winter Games. Australia's Lisa Cuthbertson was inducted into the WTGF Hall of Fame joining athlete Heather Edgell and CEO Chris Thomas.

Transplant Australia's Sports Advisory Group, which represents a variety of transplant recipients, geographical locations and sports, meets three times a year and helps provide advice and recommendations.

Further work was undertaken for the planning of the 17th Australian

Transplant Games in Canberra from October 1 to 6 2024.

And finally, our work continued on developing sporting pathways with sports including Athletics Australia, Swimming Australia, Cycling Australia and Triathlon Australia. We also developed a simpler process for multi class classification.



Active Lifestyles in Action

- World Transplant Games Perth** - 342 Australians, including 50 juniors
- World Transplant Winter Games - 6 Australians
- Community Triathlons** - Caloundra, Busselton
- RoadNats Cycling** - First dedicated transplant classification in Ballarat
- Seminars and Information Days** - 5 events in Western Australia
- Training Camps** - Focused on WA, QLD and NSW
- Training Days** - Focused on WA, Victoria and NSW





Spotlight on Transplant Australia Football Club



The Transplant Australia Football Club (TAFC) experienced tremendous growth over the past 18 months, receiving over 45 expressions of interest in the club, many of which are new members to the transplant community. Over the past 12 months our club has grown to a record 57 members.

The TAFC has been in existence since 2015 to celebrate the gift of life through a love of football. Like many things, the TAFC stalled during the Covid pandemic, with games either postponed or suspended and players unable to travel. The sudden passing of founding Chairman, Matty Hempstalk, was a significant loss.

Despite these setbacks we have now surpassed our pre-covid membership numbers and under the guidance of Chair Ante Kelic, with support from Matt Zoppos, we are committed to fostering growth in the club and giving footballers of all abilities the opportunity to play under the TAFC.

Transplant Football World Cup

Following postponement in 2020, the inaugural Transplant Football World Cup will be held later this year in Cervia, Italy.

The Cup was the brainchild of the late Matty Hempstalk and CEO of Transplant Australia, Chris Thomas. The event is designed to showcase the living proof of transplantation, increase sport participation post transplantation and help raise awareness for organ and tissue donation both within Australia and around the World.

In March, a successful trial and training camp was held at Valentine Park, the home of Football NSW. This event was made possible thanks to the NSW Government following a successful grant application by Transplant Australia. A total 24 players from NSW, QLD, ACT, SA and VIC attended

the training camp and over half of these also attended the selection trial for the National Team.

In April, a second trial was held on the central coast of NSW. This was organised by TAFC players Ante Kelic and Matt Zoppos to accommodate players who were unable to attend the trial at Valentine Park. Approximately 12 players attended this trial.

Following both trials, National Team Head Coach, Josh Rose, made his team selection. Josh is an Australian professional footballer and Central Coast Mariners Under 20 head coach. The national team also welcomed Camryn Milne as assistant coach, Monty Summers as strength and conditioning coach, and Kate Clark as team manager.

With Josh being promoted to Assistant Head Coach to the Premiership winning team - Central Coast Mariners, the national team needed to appoint a new head coach and were lucky to have Camryn enthusiastically accept the challenge. We thank all of them for donating their time and expertise, and Josh for his expertise and guidance throughout the last few years.

The players have undergone rigorous training sessions, combining tactical drills, physical conditioning, and team-building activities. The enthusiasm and camaraderie among the team members is palpable. The positive and supportive environment that we have been able to create has led to

the formation of a formidable team that is ready to compete on the world stage.

Ante Kelic, TAFC Chair, and Matt Zoppos, committee member, developed a successful sponsorship proposal to help fund the team's journey to the Transplant Football World Cup. Thanks to their hard work, the national team is proudly sponsored by Professional Footballers Australia and Weet-Bix.

As the countdown to the Transplant Football World Cup continues, the excitement is building not just within the team but also among the wider transplant community and supporters. This event is more than just a competition; it is a celebration of life, resilience, and the incredible gift of organ and tissue donation.

The gift of life meets the beautiful game.



Education and Support

A new area of activity for Transplant Australia has been formalising our education and support programs to meet the needs of our community on their journey. Under the Strategic Plan the objective is to transition into a support organisation for those waiting, recipients, living donors and donor families.

Our commitment to the community was demonstrated by the appointment of Angela Cairns to the position of Education and Support Manager. Angela has four family members who have all received heart transplants and she had already positioned herself as someone who could provide peer support prior to her joining Transplant Australia.

Work centres around updating the Living with Your Transplant resource, building a new resource for those waiting, tailoring these programs for paediatric patients and their families, and connecting families through the new Tx Parents Connect online support program.

The Living with Your Transplant

resource had new information compiled covering mental health and immunisation and travel tips.

A huge body of work has also gone into managing the Living Donor Program with collaboration with units across the nation to create new Living Donor Program videos and resources. The committee has engaged with more than 20 renal transplant units. The LKDP Steering Committee consists of four living donor units represented by Donor Coordinators/Nephrologists, two carers of recipients, four living donors along with Angela Cairns. Of the surveys returned by 30 people, 100% expressed their desire to include Transplant Australia's patient story videos in their education to living donors.

Transplant Australia continued working with the Sony Foundation and a number of transplant units to provide a groundbreaking program helping young adults in their transplant journey. The bi-monthly program provides a Transplant Australia youth worker to facilitate connections and host activities at the Adolescent and Young Adult

Renal Clinic in Brisbane. This innovative approach to young adult care is designed to help young transplant recipients transition from the paediatric system to the adult system. The young adult clinic in Brisbane continues to grow and go from strength to strength.

Transplant Australia is also building its network with the transplant professional community. We continued the Mark Cocks Research Scholarship in 2024 while we hosted a Patient Forum at the TSANZ Annual Scientific Meetings in Brisbane and Melbourne.

Both in South Australia and Western Australia education sessions were held to support our community. In Adelaide approximately 80 people attended a seminar on infectious diseases. In WA a series of education seminars on SunSmart, travel, mental health and writing to your donor family were held.

Education and Support in Action

Tx Parents Connect peer support - Bimonthly webinars

TSANZ Patient Forum - Two forums in 2023 and 2024

Transplant Nurses Association Conference - Transplant Australia display and presentation

Renal Society Conference - Presentation on Education and Active Lifestyles

Education Seminars - Western Australia and South Australia

Living Kidney Donor Program - Development of resources

Young Adult program - Transition program

Spotlight on Community Connections

A key component of the Strategic Plan is the building of networks to support the transplant community.

During 2024 State Committees were revitalised with new Committees formed in SA, Vic and Qld. Further work is being undertaken to update the committees in NSW, ACT and Tas.

By far the most active committee has been in WA, principally due to the passion of the local community supported by the largest ever grant achieved from Lotterywest. Grants were also achieved in NSW and Qld to support local activities.

Western Australia held a series of success community events including a Family Support Camp in Dwellingup with more than 100 members of the community in attendance. It also had a Children's Camp along with a series of educational seminars and sports activities through the year.

NSW had a series of sports development days both in 2023 and 2024. Queensland held a training camp in 2023 in the lead up to the World Transplant Games.

The Victorian and South Australian Committees were also reactivated with a number of member events.

The Queensland Committee sadly lost its Chair, Richard Hayes in early 2024 and Transplant Australia thanks Richard and Anne Hayes for their dedication to the Queensland community for so many years.



Our goal is to help at every stage of the transplant journey.





Capability

Underpinning the Strategic Pillars is the important work of capability which covers governance and risk, people and leadership, and financial strength and systems.

Under governance four new directors were appointed to the Transplant Australia board increasing connections with the transplant community and expanding our skills in governance, marketing, medical and not-for-profit education and support. A new Chair was identified and appointed following the retirement of Chair Jason Ryan.

Transplant Australia maintained its recognition with the Australian Sports Commission and entered into a new Sponsorship Agreement with the Organ & Tissue Authority.

Funding applications were successful to Lotterywest for a Transplant Active program in

Western Australia, the Australian Sports Commission for a Transplant Active program nationally, the NSW and QLD Governments for sport development camps.

Major fundraising activities:

- **Walk To End the Wait**, an annual walk by Gordon Rutty
- **The Orange Ball**, Queensland
- **Light a Life Fundraising Ball**, with BodyBuddies
- **Second Chance Golf Day** by Brett Barton

Under People and Leadership three new appointments were made to the staff of Transplant Australia – Emmy

O'Neill and Kate Clark in Sport Manager positions and Angela Cairns as Education and Support Manager. Transplant Australia continues to take its commitment to human resources seriously and engages an external consultant to ensure best practice in all matters.



Meet the team

Transplant Australia thanks all the many volunteers who have helped our community in 2023 and 2024.

Board Staff

Board	Staff
Prof Richard Allen (retired 2023)	Ian Atkin - Finance Manager
Petrina Coventry - Chair	Lily Brown - Communications Coordinator
Michelle Daley	Angela Cairns - Support and Education Manager
Dr Rohit D'Costa	Kate Clark - Sport and Physical Activity Manager
Lisa Gavin - Secretary	Julie Edwards - Membership and Donor Support Manager
Dr Georgina Irish	Vivienne Lee - Administration
Colin Liebmann	Jo O'Farrell - Stakeholder Engagement Manager
Heidi Monsour	Emmy O'Neill - Sport and Physical Activity Manager
Jason Ryan (retired 2023)	Julie Scudds - Transplant Active Event Coordinator
Chris Thomas - CEO	Chris Thomas - CEO
Holly Tyrrell (retired 2023)	

State Committees

NSW	Queensland	Victoria
Chair - Mitchell Hill	Chair - Perry Judd	Chair - Peter Wain
Vice-Chair - Michael Kennedy	Vice Chair - Kate Phillips	Vice Chair - Kaitlyn Steavenson
Treasurer - Margaret Hill	Secretary - Sarah Bonar	Treasurer - Greg Vawdrey
Secretary - Heather Edgell		Events - Dan Ussher
Western Australia	South Australia	ACT
Chair - Troy Scudds	Chair - Chris Sweeney	Chair - Vicki Bellingham
Vice Chair - Glenda Rayment	Secretary - Julie Black	Tasmania
Secretary - Jane Bartlett	Treasurer - Peter Black	Chair - Ken Fletcher
Treasurer - Tara Lowther		

Support and Education Advisory Group Sports Advisory Group Advocacy Advisory Group

Patricia Scheetz – Chair	Michelle Daley - Chair	Heidi Monsour - Chair
Daniella Dickson	Molly Brew	Roger Bylett
Rob Dixon	Adam Gerrie	Allison Chandler
Annie Gilberthorpe	Perry Judd	Scott Clouder
Wendy Hawks	Brad Langmack	Clare Dixon
Matthew Heyburgh	Aaron Lee	Christine Gilchrist
Melissa Lewry	Kirrin Litchfield	Tessa Keegel
Gordon Rutty	Kate Phillips	Mark Oksanen
Peter Scalzo	Troy Scudds	Rudy Optenyde
Christopher Teese	Christie Sheather	Transplant Australia Football Club
Taryn Vassallo	Ron Spriggs	Ante Kelic - Chair
George Veginis	Peter Thornton	Matt Zoppos
	Andrew Veigel	
	Florence Witton	





A message from the Chair of the Australian Sports Commission - Kate Jenkins AO

I am delighted to have recently commenced as Chair of the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) and I look forward to continuing the legacy of those that have led the organisation before me.

I know the joy and pride that sport can bring us all, and the opportunities it provides. On the eve of the Paris 2024 Olympics and Paralympics, and eight years out from Brisbane 2032, my vision is for sport to be safe, fair, accessible and inclusive for everyone, with every athlete supported to reach their full potential.

We want to bring out the best in everyone involved in sport because that's how we will become the world's best – by working together and bound by a common purpose.

We encourage and help Australians of all backgrounds, ages and abilities to get involved in sport and we advocate for sport and the positive influence it has on the nation.

Our grant programs support athletes, coaches, officials and organisations, while our Sporting Schools program is helping more children access free and fun sporting opportunities than ever before. More than 9,200 schools are registered with the program and our goal is to reach 32 million participants by Brisbane 2032.

We're now 18 months into Australia's High Performance 2032+ Sport Strategy which is a united commitment from our Olympic, Paralympic and

Commonwealth Games sports to 'Win Well' and build sustainable success towards Brisbane 2032 and beyond.

Australia's high performance sport system is more united than ever, working together to deliver the Horizon 1 Win Well Projects which included the landmark Connection to Country Action Plan.

Likewise, work continues to help Australians to 'Play Well' as part of the nation's first codesigned Sport Participation Strategy with a Play Well Leadership Group assembled that will oversee the implementation of the strategy and deliver on its vision that 'everyone has a place in sport'.

We are proud that our Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) Campus has been the home of sport in Australia for over 42 years and welcome the \$249.7 million investment announced in the FY2024-25 Federal Budget to upgrade our high performance facilities to ensure they are once again world-leading.

The funding will ensure our athletes have access to the best testing and training facilities available and includes a new multi-story and

para-accessible accommodation building and Testing and Training Centre to provide state-of-the-art equipment and support for our athletes' development. An indoor Sport Dome will also provide 24/7 all-weather training facilities for our track and field sports.

I know success will be greatest when every part of the system is able to perform their role at their best, and I look forward to leading the ASC, including in its work towards ensuring there is a lasting legacy for all Australian sports and the community from this green and gold decade - when the eyes of the world will be on Australian athletes, Australian sport and Australian venues.

Our Sporting Connections

Transplant Australia is proudly recognised as a National Sporting Organisation with a Disability by the Australian Sports Commission, and one of nine members of the Australian Sporting Alliance for People with a Disability.



ASAPD Yearly Review - Overview Report 2022 -2023

Dear Members, Stakeholders, and Friends of the ASAPD,

As Chair of the Australian Sporting Alliance for People with Disabilities (ASAPD), I am pleased to present our annual report for the year ending June 30th, 2024. This year has been a period of significant progress, as we have worked diligently to advance our mission of enabling full participation in sport and physical activity for all Australians with disabilities, impairments, or limitations.

In September 2023, we hired the inaugural CEO of the ASAPD, Dr. Phil Hamdorf, to lead the alliance. Phil has done an excellent job working with the Board, and members to set a clear path for the alliance and to deliver on the key initiatives of the strategic plan.

The ASAPD Strategic Plan has the following key elements.

- Support and enable our members to create welcoming and inclusive environments.
- Unlock the financial potential of the alliance to help our members deliver.

- Help our members across planning, engagement and operational efficiency

- Foster coordination and collaboration across the alliance to maximise our potential.

We have strengthened our position as the representative alliance for all people with disabilities in Australia's sporting landscape. Our foundations members include a broad range of organisations and individuals, ensuring diverse voices and experiences are represented.

The ASAPD and its members are very thankful to the Australian Sports Commission for its continued investment in funding and opportunities.

As we reflect on the achievements of the past year, it is clear that ASAPD is making meaningful progress toward our vision of a fully inclusive sports sector in Australia. However, there is still much work to be done. As we look ahead to the coming year, we remain committed to driving further change, building on the strong foundation we have established, and continuing

to advocate for the rights of all Australians to participate in sport and physical activity without barriers.

Thank you to our members, partners, and supporters for your unwavering commitment to our mission. Together, we are creating a more inclusive future for Australian sport.

Sincerely,

John Croll AM

Chair, Australian Sporting Alliance for People with Disabilities (ASAPD)

June 30th, 2024



A message from the **Chief Executive Officer of the Organ and Tissue Authority** – Lucinda Barry AM



Collaboration with partners is critical to the success of the DonateLife program. We work with state and territory governments, the organ donation and transplantation sectors, eye and tissue sectors, hospitals, and community organisations such as Transplant Australia, to help raise awareness to increase donation and transplantation in Australia.

The Organ and Tissue Authority's (OTA) 5-year strategy (2022-2027) clearly outlines 3 goals:

- build support so more people say yes to donation
- optimise opportunities so donation and transplantation services deliver the best outcomes
- enhance systems to enable quality outcomes through information, technology and resources.

Working with community partners is key to building support and raising awareness with the Australian public. As a part of our community engagement and awareness program, the OTA supports the work of Transplant Australia through sponsorship of the Australian Transplant Games and World Transplant Games.


Last year I had the pleasure of attending the World Transplant Games in Perth. It was a life-affirming event with athletes from around the world, celebrating the gift of life they had been given along with commemorating donors and their families who said yes to donation. It was such an

inspirational few days seeing and hearing first-hand about how life changing a transplant had been.

We are excited to hear about Transplant Australia's plans for the 2024 Australian Transplant Games held in Canberra this October and wish everyone involved the best of luck.



Transplant Australia thanks donors, their families and living donors for helping to make the gift of life come true.



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conjunction with the 2023
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available at:

transplant.org.au/annual-report-agm

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