

Members Update

January 2025
– June 2026



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.

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.

Inclusion and Diversity

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

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.

Fairness and Compassion

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

Person First

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

Sustainability

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



Front Cover Picture - Two of the faces of the Australian Transplant Games, Launceston - Donor Mum Michele Polley and Liver Recipient Bella Dyer.

From the Chair

Another year on and another year of great appreciation for the work of our community to support each other and promote the gift of life.

For an organisation whose membership is voluntary, I am constantly surprised about the level of genuine commitment and passion shown right across Australia amongst our transplant family who strive to better the lives of those with a transplant.

An important area of growth our Board is pursuing is trying to better meet the needs of those awaiting a transplant. There are almost 2,000 people currently on our waiting lists across Australia and, concerningly, that number continues to grow.

Just shy of 100 of those people have registered their membership with Transplant Australia and our strategic plan is to better meet their needs, so we genuinely represent and support people across the full transplant journey.

Waiting for a transplant, as so many of you fully appreciate, is a time of uncertainty, of frustration, of having to navigate the health system, of needing the support of family and friends, and ultimately, of hope.

Within the group of those waiting and more broadly for those who don’t even make the lists, there are real areas of concern of inequity which must be addressed. Women are more likely to donate a living kidney transplant than men. Our First Nations people continue to experience far higher rates of kidney disease than non-Indigenous

Australians but have access to far fewer transplants. Those in rural and regional areas have trouble access transplantation services and those of cultural diversity experience difficulties navigating our health care systems.

This points to a strong role for Transplant Australia in advocacy and representation to governments, the clinical profession and the media. And with our management team and board, this is one of our core strengths.

We are uniquely placed to intersect with government through our Parliamentary Friends groups across Australia and with our relationship with the Organ & Tissue Authority and the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing. We have worked hard to place transplantation at the forefront of government priorities. We remain committed to ensuring the new national strategy for donation and transplantation is properly funded.

We are proud of our heritage but know this does not define who we can and should be. And that is a strong advocate for all those on the transplant journey, an organisation in which gratitude for donors is paramount, and a charity who strives to help people live their best lives.

Thank you to everyone, from the Board, Management, State Committees, the TAFC, the Local Engagement Group for the Games and all other volunteers and supporters who make this is a reality.

Professor Petrina Coventry
Chair, Transplant Australia



From the CEO



Why does Transplant Australia exist?

To support a diverse community of transplant recipients, donors, living donors, carers, professionals and those waiting for a transplant,

by:

providing powerful advocacy, research and education, networks and community through our information and activities,

so that:

they can receive ongoing guidance, connection and advocacy on the transplant journey, for a life lived well.

In this CEO's Report I would like to better describe the DNA of Transplant Australia and why we exist. We are blessed with a brilliant name – Transplant Australia – a strong brand and mark which clearly enunciates who we are and the area we represent.

This gives us a head start in advocacy work and representation to the media, governments and the clinical sector.

Equally our heritage as a stable charity and public benevolent institution registered with the Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission ensures we are respected by corporates and the business sector. We are growing our relationship with the philanthropic sector.

Our recognition by the Australian Sports Commission as a National Sporting Organisation with a Disability provides us with a framework unavailable to other charities in our space. The requirements of Sporting Integrity Australia also ensure we apply the highest governance principles to our conduct and membership.

We are a respected and long-time Member Country of the World Transplant Games Federation which a lineage of representation dating back to the 1980s.

But beyond these foundations there is another factor which sets us apart – we are THE organisation of lived experience in the organ and tissue donation and transplantation sectors. We are not an instrument of government or a corporate entity in the true sense of the word.

We are a membership organisation with more than 4,000 Australians who have signed up to be part of Transplant Australia. For a voluntary organisation, this is an incredible feat.

As the organisation of lived experience, it is important to understand this includes more than 2,000 transplant recipients of all different transplant types, ages, backgrounds and locations. We have just on 600 donor family members, almost 200 living donors and 80 health care professionals. More than 300 supporters are amongst our membership ranks.

Our Board also has direct and unequalled lived experience to help shape our strategic direction. Amongst the board are two liver recipients, a kidney recipient, a board member on the transplant journey, the father of a kidney recipient and a donor family member.

Amongst the staff are two kidney recipients, a corneal recipient, a family carer to heart recipients, a long-term living donor and a donor family member. We also have advisory groups in advocacy, sport and support and education to ensure we are truly representative of our community.

And importantly, at a state level and amongst the Transplant Australia Football Club, we have volunteers with a genuine concern and interest to help others.

Thank you to everyone who has made Transplant Australia what it is today. We have a rich history of volunteerism, and we are thankful so many people are here to help give back and help others. It really is humanity at its finest.

Chris Thomas
Chief Executive Officer

Strategic Plan

Transplant Australia's Strategic Plan 2024-2026 – focuses on three key pillars underpinned by capability.

Objectives

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| 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. |
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Strategic Pillars

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| | Advocacy & Storytelling | | Active Lifestyles | | Transplant Education & Support |
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Capability

The important foundations that underpin our strategic pillars to enable our long term sustainability and success for the benefit of the community.



Advocacy & Storytelling



Transplant Australia remains a leading national community voice advocating for improvements to organ and tissue donation and transplantation, informed by the experiences and priorities of the transplant community.

Over the past year, much of our advocacy focused on significant reforms that could shape the future of donation and transplantation in Australia.

A major priority was our submission to the Australian Law Reform Commission’s Review of Human Tissue Laws. Many of Australia’s human tissue laws are based on model legislation developed almost 50 years ago. Since then, medicine, transplantation and the ways in which donated organs and tissues can be used have changed enormously.

Through this work, we advocated for stronger recognition of the wishes of people who have registered their decision to become organ and tissue donors.

Another important focus was our national campaign to reintegrate donor registration into driver licence systems across Australia. South Australia is currently the only jurisdiction where people can register as organ and tissue donors through the driver licence process, and its experience demonstrates the potential of this simple and accessible approach.

The evidence is compelling. Over 80% families support donation when their loved one was registered, compared with less than 40% when the person was not registered and the family did not know their wishes. Making registration easier, along with encouraging people to discuss their decision with their families, is therefore vital.

We met with health ministers across the country, contributed to a major campaign led by News Corp and used every opportunity to make the case for change.

We also continued to advocate for improvements to living donation and for

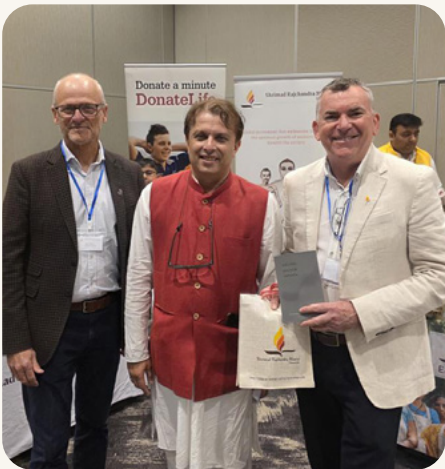
governments to fund and implement the National Strategy for Organ Donation, Retrieval and Transplantation. The Strategy provides an important national framework for strengthening Australia’s donation and transplantation system, and we remain concerned that the funding required to put it into action has not yet been committed, despite agreement by all governments.

At the heart of all this work are people with lived experience. We help bring their perspectives directly into discussions with decision-makers and share their experiences more widely through the media.

The stories of our community - of survival and second chances, the steadfast support of loved ones, and the extraordinary generosity of deceased and living donors - are among our greatest strengths. They bring the impact of donation and transplantation to life and give our advocacy its power and purpose. Our community is what sets Transplant Australia apart.

In action

- Represented our community to governments and health departments on the implementation of the National Strategy of Organ Donation, Retrieval and Transplantation
- Liaison with, and submissions to, the Australian Law Reform Commission’s Review of Human Tissue Laws.
- Continued advocacy following Victoria’s parliamentary inquiry into increasing donor registrations.
- Advocated to governments and health ministers for donor registration through driver licence systems.
- Supported News Corp’s *Count Me In* campaign for easier donor registration.
- Represented the community on the Organ and Tissue Authority’s Transplantation Advisory Group and Community Engagement Group.
- Celebrated *Everywhere*, The Periscope Crew’s World Transplant Games documentary, as a finalist at the Australian Sports Commission Media Awards.
- Provided ongoing media liaison and commentary on donation and transplantation, along with media of athletes’ participation in the World Transplant Games
- Advocated for living donation improvements and promoted Australian Government financial support for living donors.
- Participated in DonateLife clinical and community forums and Kidney Health Australia’s National Summit
- Represented our community on the Australian Sporting Alliance for People with a Disability
- Engaged with the Socceroos, Professional Footballers Association and TAFC on a social media promoting donation.
- Supported member participation in DonateLife Week, along with other key community awareness events and opportunities.
- Hosted Parliamentary Friends events in New South Wales and Victoria to highlight participation in World Transplant Games and support advocacy.



Active Lifestyles



Helping transplant recipients return to active, healthy and connected lives through exercise and sport has always been central to Transplant Australia’s mission.

We are proud of our longstanding involvement with the World Transplant Games Federation, dating back to its formative years and including Australian representation on its Board since the 1980s.

A highlight of the year was supporting a 120-strong Australian delegation to attend the World Transplant Games in Dresden, Germany, in August 2025. The Games brought together recipients, living donors, donor families and supporters to celebrate what is possible through donation and transplantation.

We also began preparations for the 2026 Australian Transplant Games in Launceston, Tasmania, securing

support from Events Tasmania and the City of Launceston, to complement the significant investment provided by the Organ and Tissue Authority. Preparations included a successful launch, establishing a local engagement group, introducing new participant and volunteering systems and assessing venues for the safe delivery of all events.

The Transplant Australia Football Club continued to grow as a pathway for recipients to connect, train and compete. The club foundations of social kickarounds, showcase matches and training camps were complemented with a focus on national team preparations, fundraising, selections for the upcoming 2026 Transplant Football World Cup in Frankfurt. In a major milestone, Australia also prepared to send an invitational team to the first Women’s showcase Tournament within the 2026 Transplant Football World Cup.

We created more opportunities for transplant recipients to participate in dedicated transplant activities, along with established high performance, community and mass-participation events. These opportunities helped participants set goals, build confidence and demonstrate that transplant recipients belong throughout Australian sport. While The national Step into Spring Challenge encouraged recipients and the broader transplant community to build regular movement into their lives, set achievable goals and stay connected through a shared challenge.

Across Australia, State Committees supported camps, sporting events and local activities that brought our community together. These programs are at the heart of Transplant Australia, and we thank the volunteers whose commitment makes them possible.

In action

- Supported a 120-strong Australian delegation at the 2025 World Transplant Games in Dresden.
- Celebrated Team Australia winning 82 medals and finishing fifth overall in Dresden.
- Launched and commenced preparations for the first Australian Transplant Games to be held in Launceston, Tasmania.
- Expanded participation through the ASC-supported Breaking Barriers program and community showcase events.
- Began preparations for the national team and women’s showcase team attending the 2026 Transplant Football World Cup.
- Delivered TAFC social and showcase matches, training sessions and camps.
- Awarded three Matty Hempstalk ‘Live the Dream’ Scholarships to support young recipients’
- Delivered the national Step into Spring Challenge, encouraging regular movement, goal setting and connection.
- Completed the Lotterywest-supported Transplant Active program in Western Australia.
- Delivered 50+ sport and physical activity sessions across Australia
- Maintained Australian Sports Commission recognition as a National Sporting Organisation for People with Disability.
- Implemented State based grants within NSW and QLD, delivering sports development camps, committee governance and compliance training
- Developed Transplant Australia’s Play Well to Heal Well National Participation Plan 2026–2028.
- Continued sport integrity education across Transplant Australia programs.



Education & Support



The need for trusted information, practical guidance and meaningful connection continues throughout the transplant journey - from waiting and transplantation to recovery and living well. Transplant Australia continues to expand its support for recipients, families, carers and living donors.

Our online resources remained central to this work, providing accessible information about health, wellbeing and life after transplant. We complemented these resources with online and in-person forums that connected community members with health professionals and people with lived experience.

Support for children, young adults and families remains an important focus. Tx Parents Connect provides parents and primary carers of young transplant recipients with a confidential

online space to share experiences and connect with people who understand their journey. Dedicated Kids & Family Transplant Camps in NSW and Western Australia brought children, young adults, parents, carers and siblings together for a weekend of peer support, activities and connection.

A significant program was the development and launch of our Living Donor Stories. Created with the Living Donor Steering Committee and informed by living kidney donors, recipients and coordinators across Australia, the series provides honest, first-hand insights into assessment, donation, recovery and life afterwards. It responds to an identified need for consistent, accessible information to help potential donors and their families make informed decisions.

Transplant Australia also delivered the Reignite: From Surgery to Strength

patient forum as part of the 2025 Transplantation Society of Australia and New Zealand Annual Scientific Meeting. The forum brought together clinicians and people with lived experience to explore prehabilitation, rehabilitation and recovery before and after transplant.

Our relationships with the Transplantation Society of Australia and New Zealand, the Transplant Nurses' Association, transplant clinicians and researchers help ensure our information reflects current practice and community needs. These partnerships also create opportunities for lived experience to inform research and improvements in care.

Alongside formal programs, our team continued to respond directly to enquiries and connect people with relevant information, services, and peer connection.

In action

- Launch and promotion of Living Donor Series to help potential donors better understand the value of donation
- Supported the Young Adult Clinic in Brisbane with funding from the Sony Foundation.
- Delivered the patient forum at the 2025 TSANZ Annual Scientific Meeting.
- Consultation and development of paediatric and young adult resources
- Delivered Kids & Family camps in Western Australia and New South Wales
- Continued monthly Tx Parents Connect peer-support sessions for parents and carers of young recipients.
- Delivered webinars and in person transplant education programs
- Conference attendance and presentations to clinical meetings including ANZSN, TSANZ and TNA
- Connected with transplant communities through regional visits across New South Wales
- Delivered transplant education and community events in Townsville, Queensland.



Capability



Capability is the vital foundation of Transplant Australia’s Strategic Plan. It ensures our organisation is sustainable, well governed and equipped to respond to the changing needs of the transplant community while advocating for improvements to donation and transplantation.

This work underpins our responsibilities as a registered charity, company limited by guarantee along with the governance frameworks of the Australian Sports Commission and Sport Integrity Australia. It encompasses governance, financial management, regulatory compliance, workforce development, data and impact measurement, fundraising, and support for our volunteers, advisory groups and State Committees.

Our volunteer State & Territory Committees and advisory groups are central to our national reach. They bring local knowledge and

lived experience into our decision-making, grow community connection and help deliver relevant programs across Australia. Strengthening these groups enables Transplant Australia to remain nationally coordinated while responding to the different needs of communities in each state.

Much of this work takes place behind the scenes, but its impact is felt across every program we deliver. Strong systems, responsible governance, skilled people and sustainable income allow us to manage risk, meet partner expectations and turn new opportunities into lasting outcomes for the transplant community.

During the reporting period, we continued implementing the Australian Sports Commission’s funding for Breaking the Barriers and commenced implementation of the Australian Government’s Play Our Way program to increase participation by women and girls.

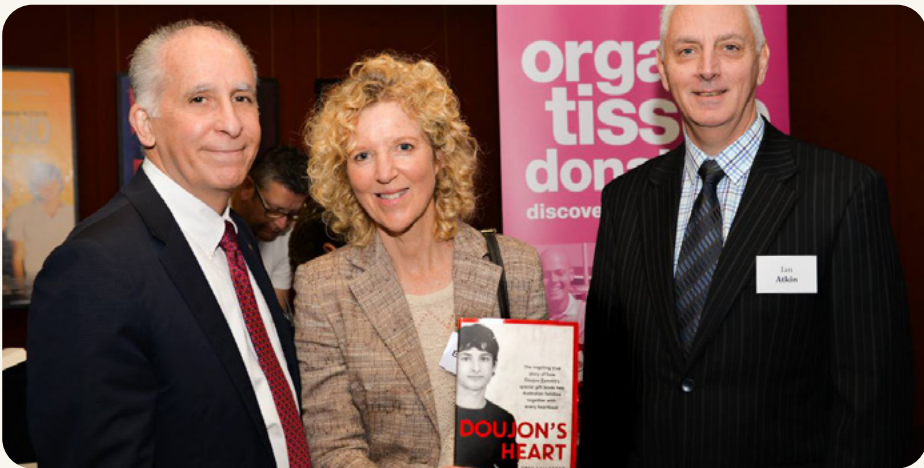
Careful stewardship also helped secure increased support from the Australian Sports Commission, the New South Wales Government and Channel 7 Telethon in Western Australia, together with targeted funding from the Queensland Government. This investment strengthened both national initiatives and locally delivered programs.

We strengthened our financial foundations following the retirement of long-serving Finance Manager Ian Atkin, transitioning to a new financial management model with Sports Accounting Australia.

Charitable giving remains critical to help us achieve our mission. Our income was strengthened through regular donors, corporate partnerships, community fundraising and major events. We are deeply grateful to the individuals, businesses, service organisations and community champions whose generosity sustains our work and helps extend its reach.

In action

- Maintained compliance as a registered charity and company limited by guarantee.
- Continued implementing sport integrity, safeguarding and compliance requirements.
- Maintained Australian Sports Commission recognition as a National Sporting Organisation for People with Disability.
- Implementation of significant grant programs from Australian Sports Commission Play Well and Australian Government’s Play Our Way programs
- Secured increased and diversified support from the Australian Sports Commission, New South Wales Government, QLD Government and Channel 7 Telethon.
- Strengthened State Committees and advisory groups to support national and local delivery.
- Continuation of state-based charity licences on behalf of state committees
- Developed new membership and Games registration platform
- Adopted significant changes to Transplant Australia’s finance and operating model and the appointment of Sporting Accounting Australia.
- Staff development in ASC Participation and Leadership Forums
- Barton Commercial Property championed our work by hosting the Second Chance Charity Cup.
- University of Wollongong Medical and Health Society students supported Transplant Australia through their annual ball.
- Service organisations such as Inner Wheel raised funds in support of our community.
- Community champions staged dedicated fundraising events, including the Orange Ball and Body Buddies Gala.
- The Macquarie Group Foundation supported our work through corporate philanthropy and matched giving.
- Individuals supported our mission through regular donations and their own inspiring activities.



In 2025, Finance Manager Ian Atkin (pictured left) retired from Transplant Australia, after many years of outstanding service. Ian was a dedicated and trusted advisor, valued by the Board, staff and members.



Spotlight on

2025 World Transplant Games



A 120-strong Australian delegation travelled to Dresden, Germany, in August 2025 for the World Transplant Games - joining more than 2,500 participants from 55 countries in a celebration of life, achievement and the impact of transplantation.

Team Australia included 67 athletes, supported by living donors, donor family members, families, team managers and volunteers. Participants ranged from six-year-old liver recipient Anthony Schiller to 82-year-old liver recipient Esther Scott, demonstrating that the benefits of transplantation and active living can span generations.

Australia delivered an outstanding performance, winning 82 medals - 29 gold, 30 silver and 23 bronze - and finishing fifth on the overall medal table. Beyond medals, participants achieved personal bests, formed lifelong friendships and proudly honoured the donors who made their second chances possible.

A special highlight was the induction of lung recipient Mick Kennedy into the World Transplant Games Hall of Fame. Mick competed at his 11th Games, an extraordinary 31 years after his transplant.

The Games also provided a powerful international platform to promote organ and tissue donation. Through media interviews and personal storytelling, Team Australia showed audiences at home and abroad what is possible when donation transforms a life with national print and TV coverage of the team.

Transplant Australia thanks the athletes, families, team managers, volunteers and supporters who made Australia's participation possible, together with the valued support of DonatLife and the Australian Sports Commission.

"As a member of the Australian Team, I was immensely proud to represent my country, my donor and my donor family. But the Games are about far more than sport. They are a celebration of the global transplant community - a unique opportunity to share experiences, stories and friendships with people from around the world.

My heartfelt thanks go to Transplant Australia for making this incredible experience possible. I encourage the Australian transplant community to embrace the spirit of the Games and look forward to joining together again at the next World Transplant Games in Leuven, Belgium, in 2027."

Geoff Jessup, NSW



Meet the team

as at August 2026

Board & Staff List

Board	Staff
Petrina Coventry – Chair	Angela Cairns – Support & Education Manager
Allison Chandler	Julie Edwards – Fundraising & Community Engagement Liaison
Dr Rohit D’Costa	Dan Grant – Marketing and Communications Coordinator
Lisa Gavin – Secretary	Vivienne Lee – Administration
Brianna Harvey	Jo O’Farrell – Head, Partnerships & Communications
Geoff Jessup	Purity Maina – Social Worker WA Families
Colin Liebmann	Emmy O’Neill – Membership & Participation Manager
Chris Thomas – CEO	Matt Rossi – Community Marketing Project Specialist
Dr Angela Webster	Chris Thomas – CEO
	Holly Tyrrell – Head, Operations & Community

Advisory Groups

Support and Education Advisory Group	Sports Advisory Group	Advocacy Advisory Group
Patricia Scheetz – Chair	Michelle Daley - Chair	Roger Bylett
Matthew Heyburgh – Secretary	Andrew Veigel	Allison Chandler
Annie Gilberthorpe	Isabelle McMullen	Scott Clouder
Wendy Hawks	Adam Gerrie	Clare Dixon
Taryn Vassallo	Troy Scudds	Christine Gilchrist
Peter Scalzo	Aaron Lee	Tessa Keegel
Daniella Dickson	Perry Judd	Mark Oksanen
George Veginis	Kerrin Litchfield	Rudy Opteynde
Rob Dixon	Michelle Wilmot	
Gordon Rutty	Emma Wilmot	
Melissa Lewry	Kate Phillips	
	Christie Sheather	

Transplant Australia Football Club

Co-Chairs – Ante Kelic and Kate Clark
Vice Chair, Secretary and Memberships – Nick King
Treasurer – Liam Woods
Social Media – Rebekah Lord
Stakeholder and State Relations – Brendan Ryland

Thank you

Transplant Australia thanks all the many volunteers, champions and advocates who have helped our community.

State Committees

Australian Capital Territory	Tasmania
Co-Chairs – Maree O’Brien and Kate Rea	Chair – Ken Fletcher
Secretary – John Lafferty	Treasurer – Mark Brewer
Treasurer – Paul Templeton	Committee Members – Craig Bassett, Janet Fletcher, Ailsa Brewer, Sarah Barrett, James Barrett, Nicole Bassett, Alison Bassett, Umi Quor, Andrew Grubert, Anna McGovern, Linda Saltmarsh, Rick Smith
Committee Members – Taryn Vassallo, Julia Piccoli, Michael Kennedy	
New South Wales	Victoria
Chair – Andrew Veigel	Chair – Peter Wain
Vice-Chair – Michael Kennedy	Vice Chair – Kaitlyn Steavenson
Treasurer – Margaret Hill	Treasurer – Greg Vawdrey
Secretary – Susan Robson	Events – Dan Ussher
Welfare Officer – Heather Edgell	Committee – Sam Ira and Rick Chapman
Social Media Communications – Jessica McCourt	
Social Committee – Donna Beer, Irene Margaret and JulieAnne Anderson	
Committee – Andrew Beer	
Northern Territory	Western Australia
Glen Scholz	Chair – Troy Scudds
	Vice Chair – Glenda Rayment
	Secretary – Michelle Wilmot
	Treasurer – Anne Brady
	Community Engagement – Wendy Hawks
	Social Media – Deonne Walsh
	Newsletter – Julie Scudds
	Fundraising – Anne Brady
	Events – Julie Scudds and Chesney Maloney
	Sports – Marnie Butler
	Donor Families Rep – Shareenah Virahsawmy and Sandra Hampton
	Young Adults Rep – Sam Low
	Junior Members Rep – Alana Prince
	Northwest Area Rep – Kirsty Hill
	Southwest Area Rep – Kim Crotty
Queensland	
Chair – Perry Judd	
Interim Vice Chair / Secretary – Holly Wakelin	
Treasurer – Lidija Judd	
Living Donor Rep – Linda Hindom	
Committee – Will Bassett, Amy Morgan, Lyn and Glenn Williams, Alison Beythien, Aaron Williams	
South Australia	
Chair – Theresa Tucker	
Secretary – Julie Black	
Treasurer – Peter Black	
Fundraising and Volunteer Coordinator – Sandra Peters	
Membership Coordinator – Penny Geue	
Committee – Vicki and Keith Pike, Ben Foo and Shil Kaul	

Our Environment

Transplant Australia is proud to be a DonateLife Supporting Partner; recognised as a National Sporting Organisation with a Disability by the Australian Sports Commission; and one of eight members of the Australian Sporting Alliance for People with a Disability.



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



The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) continues to drive Australian sport forward, helping it grow and deliver lasting benefits for communities across the nation.

From grassroots participation and community sport to high performance, we work alongside the sector to create positive environments where everyone can succeed.

We are committed to ensuring sport is safe, fair, inclusive and accessible, with every athlete supported to realise their full potential.

As we look ahead, we remain focused on ensuring Australians can access quality sporting experiences and that our sporting system empowers people to develop, achieve and perform at their best, both on and off the field.

This includes investing in athletes, coaches, officials and organisations through our grant programs, and helping young Australians experience sport for the first time through initiatives like our Sporting Schools program.

Through the Play Well and Win Well national sport strategies, we continue to build a stronger, more connected sporting system that expands opportunities for participation while supporting athletes to deliver elite performances in exceptional environments.

Our performances at the Milano Cortina Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games and Glasgow Commonwealth Games reflected the dedication of athletes, coaches, support staff and sporting organisations across the country, and demonstrated our collective commitment to win well.

Looking to the future, those same values will guide Australian sport through Los Angeles 2028, the French Alps 2030, the Amdavad Commonwealth Games and Brisbane 2032.

Supported by the Australian Government’s recent \$513 million investment in sport, we are helping athletes pursue success at the highest level while strengthening the systems, people and infrastructure

that will support Australian sport for years to come.

This includes continued investment in the Para Uplift, creating greater opportunities and support for Para athletes across the country.

The AIS Podium Project is now underway, transforming the AIS campus through its most significant redevelopment since opening more than four decades ago. Backed by a \$249.7 million Australian Government investment, the project will deliver contemporary facilities and support services that strengthen the AIS as Australia’s home of high performance sport. This includes a new world-class Testing and Training Centre, a 24/7 Indoor Sports Dome and Australia’s most accessible athlete accommodation.

I am confident that our collective commitment to Australian sport will continue to strengthen communities, inspire achievement and create positive outcomes for generations to come.



ASAPD Yearly Review



As Chair of ASAPD, I am pleased to reflect on another significant year for our Alliance. Throughout 2025–26, we have continued to strengthen our role as a national voice for disability sport, while turning collaboration into practical initiatives that create greater opportunity, accessibility and inclusion across Australian sport.

A major milestone was the inaugural ASAPD Sport and Disability Forum, held in Sydney in March. Bringing together leaders, researchers, athletes, advocates and partners from across the sector, the Forum demonstrated the value of bringing our collective expertise and lived experience together under one national platform. Its success has provided a strong foundation for the 2027 Forum and for deeper collaboration across our sector.

We have continued to invest in practical resources that can drive lasting change. Our Community Facility Guidelines for Indoor Venues were launched during the year, with further volumes covering outdoor and aquatic facilities progressing. Alongside our Disability Inclusion Resource Guide and Easy English integrity resources, this work is helping sporting organisations, governments, facility managers and communities translate inclusion from aspiration into action.

Supporting the capability and sustainability of our members has remained a priority. Our shared services program provided marketing and communications, finance and

audit, human resources, travel and conference support and grant writing. We have also progressed the ASAPD Volunteer Hub, working with Rosterfy and our members towards a nationally connected volunteer ecosystem that will make it easier for people to contribute their skills across disability sport.

Integrity and good governance remain fundamental to everything we do. ASAPD has continued its collaboration with Sport Integrity Australia and member organisations, including work to develop contemporary risk registers and strengthen safeguarding capability. The appointment of Ross Ashcroft to the World Boccia Safeguarding Committee is also recognition of the expertise being developed within our Alliance and its growing international standing.

Our partnerships have broadened across sport, disability and the community. We joined the Australian Federation of Disability Organisations, renewed our strategic legal partnership with Dentons Australia and developed relationships with organisations including Kismet, Rosterfy and the Freedom Sports Foundation. Our engagement with several Australian universities, National Sporting Organisations, disability organisations and community networks is extending the reach of our work and creating new opportunities for participation.

Importantly, we have continued to be present where sport happens. From boccia and adaptive surfing to community events and national

conferences, our team has worked alongside members, athletes, volunteers and officials to promote their achievements and ensure the experiences of people with disability remain central to conversations about the future of Australian sport.

None of this progress happens in isolation. It is the product of the commitment of our member organisations, our partners, the Australian Sports Commission, the ASAPD Board and staff and the many athletes, volunteers, families and advocates who contribute to disability sport every day.

As we look to 2026–27, our focus is on building on these foundations: strengthening our members, expanding partnerships, developing the national volunteer network, continuing our leadership in integrity and accessibility and ensuring that more Australians with disability have genuine opportunities to participate, compete, volunteer, lead and belong through sport.

On behalf of the Board, I thank everyone who has contributed to another year of progress for ASAPD. Together, we are building a stronger and more connected disability sport sector and helping create an Australian sporting system in which inclusion is embedded at every level.

Sincerely,

John Croll AM
Chair, ASAPD



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



The Organ and Tissue Authority (OTA) is proud to continue our long-standing partnership with Transplant Australia. An organisation that plays an important role in celebrating the gift of life and promoting the importance of organ and tissue donation across Australia.

For those reading this, you know the life-changing impact of an organ or tissue transplant. Events such as the Australian Transplant Games and the World Transplant Games showcase these outcomes and highlight the profound impact of donation and transplantation.

The OTA supports Transplant Australia in hosting the Australian Transplant Games, and supports the Australian team attending the World Transplant Games. These events are much more

than sporting competitions. They provide an opportunity for people to come together, celebrate their journey, connect with others and shine a spotlight on the life-changing benefits of transplantation.

To all organ and tissue donors, and their families, thank you. Your generosity gives others a second chance at a full life, and your legacy lives on in those who have received the gift of life every day.

To all those who have received a transplant, their families, volunteers and supporters, thank you. Your courage, commitment and advocacy continue to inspire us all.



To every donor, donor family
and living donor: we honour
your generosity and the lives
transformed through the gift of life.

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