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Deaf Sports Activity Book





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WHAT IS ... ?

Deaf



- Deaf means the loss of hearing – a deaf person may have some hearing or none.
- Deaf people can communicate using lipreading, sign language (Auslan), speech and gestures.
- In Australia, many Deaf people use Auslan!

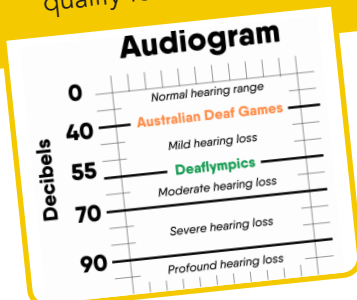
Auslan



- Auslan is short for Australian Sign Language.
- It's the main language that is used by the Deaf community in Australia.

dB

- dB means decibels, which is the measurement of how loud a sound is. It's demonstrated on what we call an audiogram.
- An audiogram is a graph showing a measurement of a person's hearing loss.
- If your audiogram shows a hearing loss in better ear of at least 55dB, then you qualify for the Deaflympics!



Australian Deaf Games



- It's a large sports event for Deaf people, officials and visitors in Australia!
- It all began in 1964, and it's been ongoing since!
- It is held every 2 years.
- It's run by Deaf Sports Australia.
- The winning state receives a trophy called the "John Lovett Cup", which was named after the late Deaf Sports Australia president.
- It now has 19 sports, and over 1000 Deaf athletes, officials, volunteers and visitors from all over Australia and even some from Pacific countries!

Deaflympics



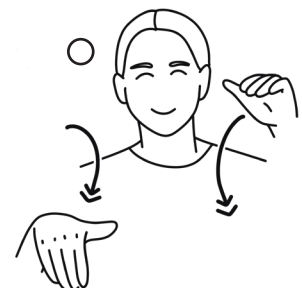
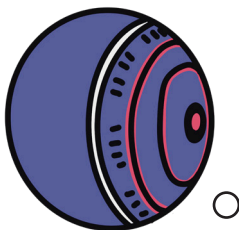
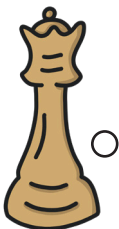
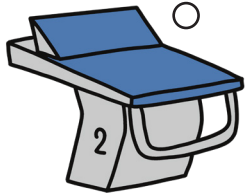
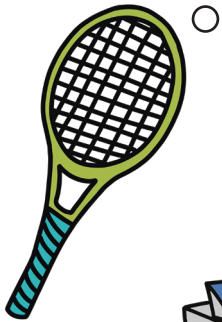
- Deaflympics is the Olympics for Deaf people with a hearing loss of at least 55 dB in the better ear.
- The International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) is responsible for organising these games. It has been functioning since 1924.



Know what? Lacrosse was a very popular sport in the Deaf community back in the early 20th Century (1900-1950)!

MATCH THEM UP

Match the sports equipment with the Auslan sign of their sport.



Joke Time! Why was the football field always cold?

Answer: Because all the fans were there!

FUN FACTS!

Things to tell your friends & family about Deaf Sports in Australia

-  The very first Deaf sport club formed in Australia was the Deaf Mutes Cricket Club in 1881 in Melbourne, Victoria.
-  Interstate Deaf sport competitions in Australia can be traced back to 1895, when the Victorian Deaf cricket team travelled to South Australia for a friendly Deaf cricket match.
-  Before the Australian Deaf Games started in 1964, there were 'Deaf Carnivals' for nearly 50 years.
-  The first Australian Deaf Sports Federation (ADSF) was formed in 1938 but collapsed due to lack of state support. It was established again in 1954 and has been running ever since, now as Deaf Sports Australia.
-  In 1953, Leonard Newport was the first Deaf Australian to compete in the International Games for the Deaf.
-  The Australian Deaf Sports Federation became a member of the the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (Comité International des Sports des Sourds) in 1955.
-  In 1965, ADSF sent an Australian team of two participants for the first time to the World Summer Games for the Deaf (Washington DC, USA). Barry Knapman won our first ever gold medal, in diving, and Jeff Went won the silver.
-  The first time an international Deaf Football event was held in Australia was in 1988 – the Asia Pacific Deaf Football Championships in Melbourne.
-  The only time Australia has ever hosted the Deaflympics was in Melbourne in 2005, with over 3,700 people attending from around the world.
-  The Australian Deaf Games were hosted in capital cities only, until it was hosted regionally for the first time in 2008, at the Gold Coast in Queensland.
-  We are celebrating 60 years with the 19th Australian Deaf Games (including the first Oceania Deaf Games) in Newcastle / Lake Macquarie, NSW.

WORD SEARCH

There are 18 sports at the 2024 ADG and in this table - can you find them all?

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Words are hidden →, ↓ & ↘

ATHLETICS
 BASKETBALL
 BEACH VOLLEYBALL
 CHESS
 CROSSFIT
 DARTS

FUTSAL
 GOLF
 LAWN BOWLS
 NETBALL
 RUGBY
 SAILING
 SURFING

SWIMMING
 TABLE TENNIS
 TENNIS
 TOUCH FOOTBALL
 TRIATHLON



Joke Time! Why did the golfer bring two pairs of pants?

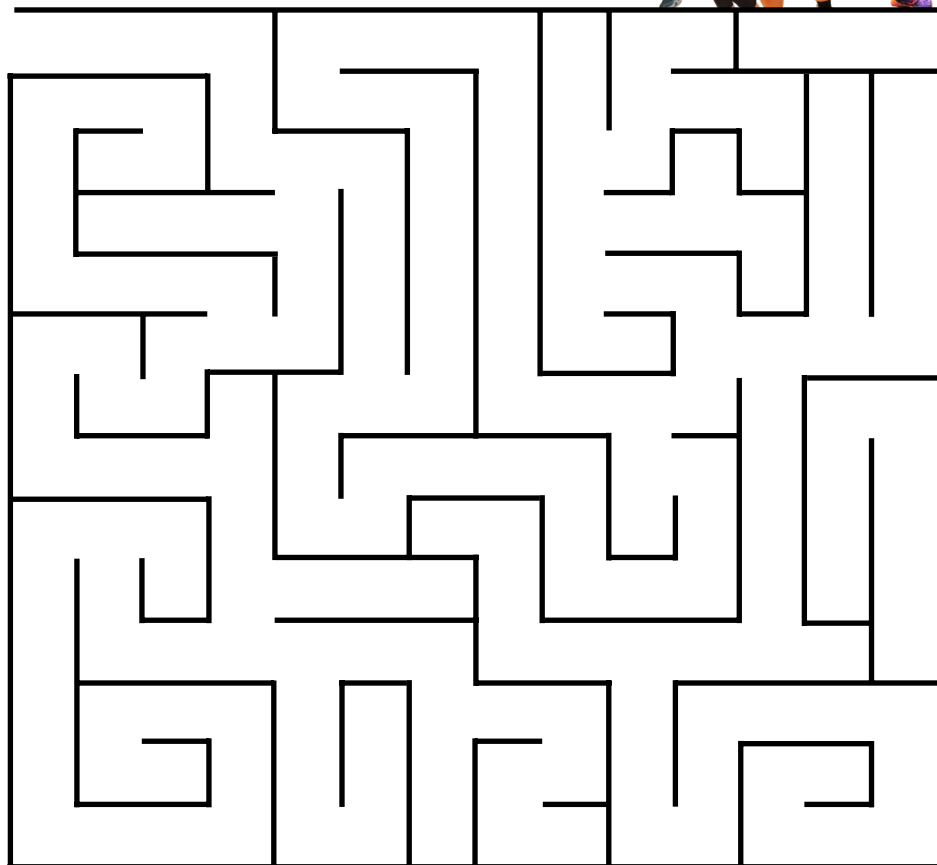
Answer: In case he got a hole in one!

BASKETBALL MAZE

Can you help the basketball find its way to the hoop?



The Australian Deaf Men's Basketball team, 'The Goannas'

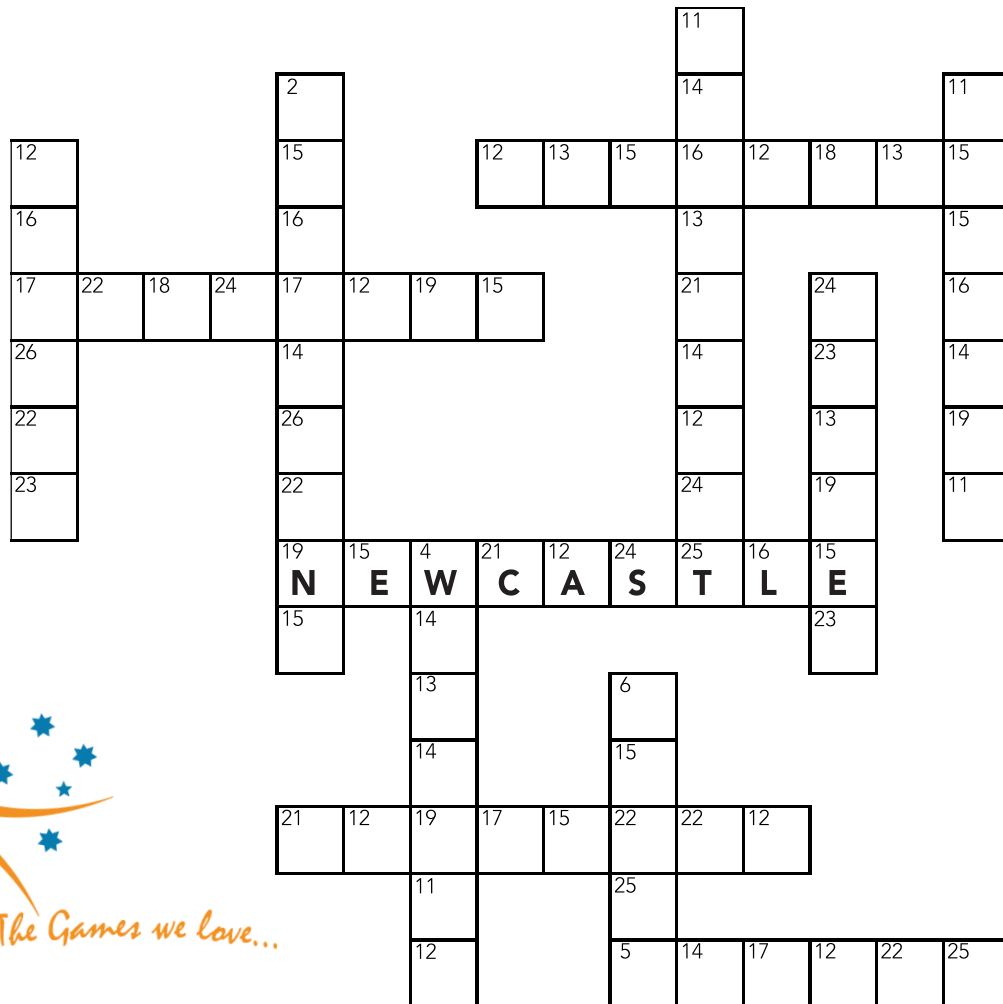


The Australian Deaf Women's Basketball Team, 'The Geckos', won bronze at the 1985 Deaflympics in Los Angeles, making them the **first** and only Australian team to medal in Deaflympics history



CODE WORD

Work out the code and reveal the 12 cities that have hosted the Australian Deaf Games since 1964! The 2024 hosts have been revealed to get you started!



1	2	3	4 W	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 E	16	17	18	19 N	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

Know what? Australian Deaf women played cricket as far back as 1909!

DEAF ATHLETES

JAMIE HOWELL

Long Jump



QLD

ACHIEVEMENT

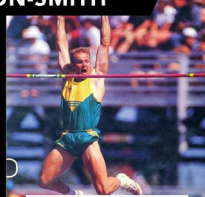
Named Deaf Sport Australia's Female Athlete of the Year in 2016

FACT

Competed in the long jump at the 2017 Deaflympics, and plays Aussie Rules footy for the Yeronga Devils!

DEAN BARTON-SMITH

Decathlon



ACT

ACHIEVEMENT

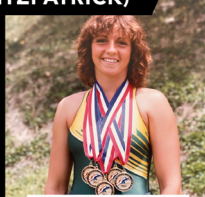
Competed in 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona

FACT

Won 8 medals for 7 different events (long jump twice) in 4 Deaflympics!

CINDY-LU BAILEY (nee FITZPATRICK)

Swimming



NSW

ACHIEVEMENT

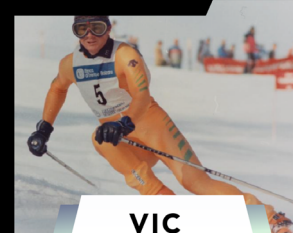
Has the most medals (29) of any female athlete in Deaflympics history

FACT

Won her first Deaflympics medal - bronze - as a 12-year-old in Bucharest, Romania in 1977!

ANDREW SWAN

Skiing



VIC

ACHIEVEMENT

Won 10 medals - including 6 gold - across 4 Winter Deaflympics between 1975 and 1987

FACT

His 1983 ski boots were on display in the MCG's National Sports Museum when they opened their Deaflympics display in 2015!

MELINDA VERNON

Running, Triathlon



NSW

ACHIEVEMENT

Set the world records and won the gold medals for the 5,000m and 10,000m running events at the 2009 Deaflympics in Taipei, Taiwan

FACT

A finalist for the International Deaf Sportswoman of the Year award in 2008 and 2009!

PETER WALTERS

Squash



SA

ACHIEVEMENT

Won the first World Deaf Squash Championships in England, 2001

FACT

Has been the Australian Deaf Squash champion 11 times!

FRANK BARTILOLO

Fencing



NSW

ACHIEVEMENT

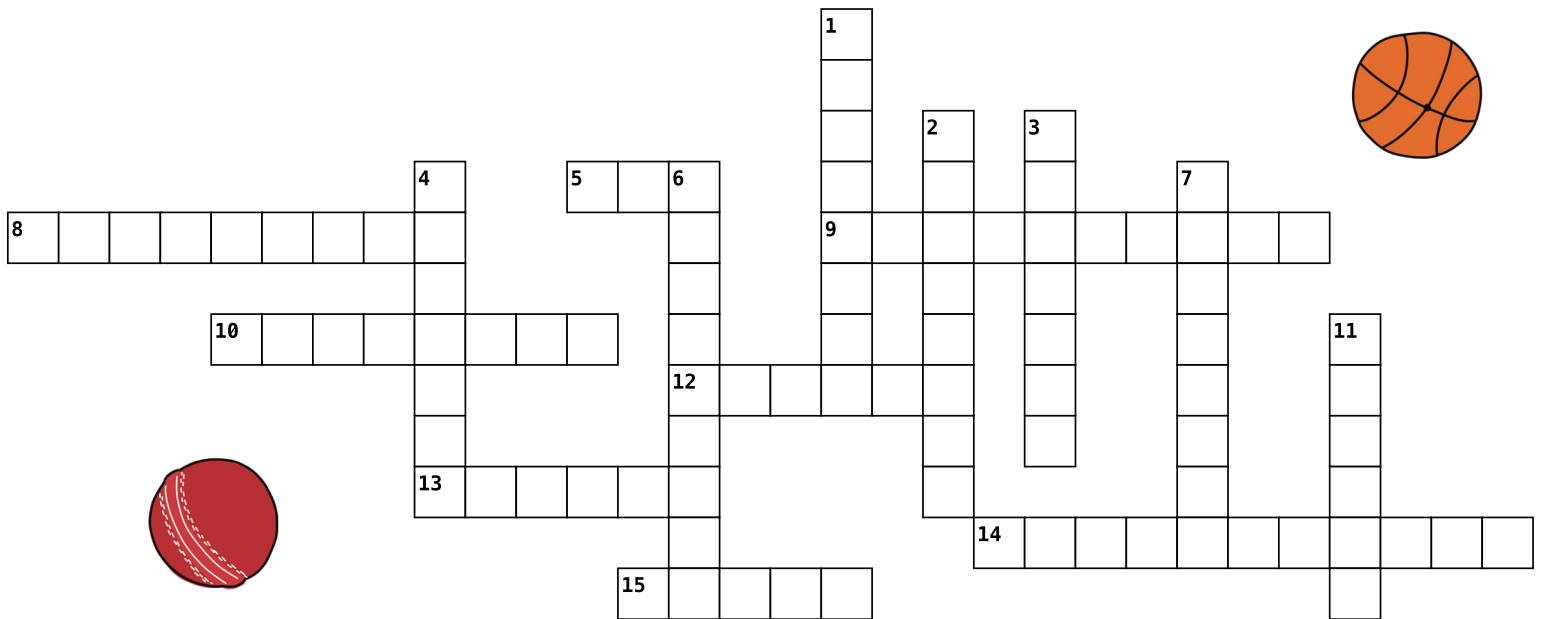
Competed in 2004 Summer Olympics

FACT

Won the Gold medal for Mens' Foil in 9 out of 10 National Open Championships between 1998 - 2007.

CROSSWORD

Test your knowledge of Australian Deaf Sports History!
Hint: Read the whole booklet to find some of the answers!



Across

5. Number of events in the Decathlon, in which Dean Barton-Smith represented Australia at the 1992 Olympics in. (3)
8. Australian city where the 2005 Deaflympics were held. (9)
9. The only team sport Australia has won a medal for at the Deaflympics. (10)
10. Before the first-ever "Australian Deaf Games" began in 1964, this event was called the Deaf _____. (8)
12. The main sign language used by the Deaf community in Australia. (6)
13. Former Deaf Sports Australia President who the ADG Cup is named after: John _____ AM. (6)
14. In 1950, the first National Deaf _____ (ping pong) Association was formed. (5,6)
15. Along with Sydney, the only other city to host 3 ADGs. (5)

Down

1. In 1988, the Asia Pacific Deaf _____ Championships were held in Melbourne. (8)
2. The 1991/92 ADG were hosted in Hobart. Which state is Hobart in? (8)
3. Pacific nations will join us at the ADG to compete in the _____ Deaf Games at the same time. (7) (Clue: Name of the region that Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands are all in)
4. dB is short for _____, e.g. you must have a hearing loss of 55 dB or more in your better ear to qualify for the Deaflympics'. (7)
6. Host of the 19th Australian Deaf Games in 2024. _____ & Lake Macquarie. (9)
7. Traditional Deaf community sport enjoyed in the early 20th century, involving a netted stick and a rubber ball. (8)
11. Barry Knapman won Australia's first ever gold medal at the World Summer Games for the Deaf in 1965, in which sport? (6)

Joke Time! Why are basketball players messy eaters?

Answer: Because they are always dribbling!



*The John
Lovett Cup*

Go see the Deaf Sports History Exhibition in the Lovett Gallery at the Newcastle Library and check out what Deaf athletes have achieved throughout history!

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