

**Your gift of joy  
and inclusion  
for future generations  
of athletes**



**Special Olympics**  
Australia







7,000 participants



1,123 volunteers

47 grassroots clubs



17 sports



7 states & territories around Australia



3,600 students participated in Schools Program



765,665 Australians with ID



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



4.5 extra hours each week of physical activity by Special Olympics athletes



\$5,800 Each new athlete benefits to economy



2 HOURS New child diagnosed with ID



Largest disability population in Australia

\*ID: Intellectual Disability

# Fighting for inclusion so everyone can enjoy sports – Special Olympics Australia

Everyone should have the chance to discover the joy of sport. But 765,665 Australians live with an intellectual disability and only around 7,000 athletes participate through Special Olympics Australia. We need your support to keep increasing our reach and spreading the joy of sport and community.

Did you know every two hours in Australia a child is born with an intellectual disability? Unfortunately they are still one of the most marginalised groups and are routinely excluded from ongoing sports programs, compounding the social isolation and chronic health issues they face. A barrier to this changing is lack of opportunities to participate in sport.

**Special Olympics Australia is the only organisation in Australia opening up sport to anyone aged over six who has an intellectual disability.** By helping us, you can create more pathways to better health, personal achievement, pride and inclusion

for some of the marginalised and isolated people in our society.

Our unique and inclusive global sporting community grew from modest beginnings in a backyard in America and reached Australia in 1976. Over the years, with our generous supporters behind us, we have delivered weekly grassroots sports training, coaching and competitions for people who may not fit into mainstream clubs. In a welcoming environment, we have helped thousands of children and adults to meet people with similar abilities and develop their skills at their own pace.

While their families gain a network of support, our athletes get fit, have fun and make friends, which improves their ability to succeed in all walks of life and gives them so much joy.

Together we can bring the joy of sport to thousands more athletes into the future.

Front cover  
Ellen, who has Down syndrome, won five medals for gymnastics at the 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games.



# You can be an inclusion champion!

Everyone deserves support and the chance to enjoy life, especially people with an intellectual disability who face daily challenges. With your help we can make them feel like champions.

Special Olympics Australia relies on people's support and generosity to grow and include more athletes in our year-round programs.

Our supporters join us in providing a caring community which embraces a group that too often is misunderstood or simply ignored.

Regular or one-off donations, fundraising events like gala dinners and golfing days, sponsorships, workplace giving and volunteering – these all enable us to

offer more people around Australia a fair chance to play sport and achieve their potential in life.

People can also choose to leave a gift in their Will when they want to provide support that has a powerful and lasting impact on athletes with an intellectual disability for years to come.

Please help us to continue making sports a level playing field for all, with a gift in your Will.

## Special Olympics Australia Inclusive Sports in School Program

Number of programs delivered by sport:

 <b>25</b>	 <b>12</b>	 <b>17</b>	 <b>12</b>	 <b>18</b>	 <b>12</b>
Athletics	Basketball	Cricket	Gymnastics	Soccer	Tennis
<b>15</b> Young Athletes	<b>15</b> Multi sports	<b>23</b> Other			





# Your Will is a great way to make a difference

Making a Will is something many people put off or avoid. But your Will is the only way you can provide for the people and causes you care about and ensure that your assets are distributed in the way you would wish.

The best way to make your will is to ask a solicitor, the State Trustee, Public Trustee, or a Trustee Company to help you. The assistance of a professional means you have the peace of mind of knowing it has been done properly, is legally valid, and that your intentions are clear.

Before seeking advice, it's a good idea to spend some time thinking over who you will name as your Executor and you would like to benefit from your Will.

Understandably your main concern will be taking care of your family and the people you love. Many people also decide to leave a gift in their Will to a charity or cause that is important to them.

If you strongly believe in giving the joy of sport to all, a gift to Special Olympics Australia will mean you can champion athletes who have an intellectual disability

and continue promoting inclusion into the future. We are extremely grateful to everyone who helps us this way, regardless of the amount they choose to give.

## There are several types of gifts you can make in your Will.

### **Pecuniary Bequests**

Are gifts of a specified dollar amount. There are no limits, it's entirely up to you.

### **Residual Bequests**

This is when you choose to give the residue of your Estate, or a percentage of it, after payment of your other gifts, taxes and debts. This type of gift is not a set dollar value, it is a proportion that varies according to the changing value of your Estate. It also means your gift will have the same relative value in the future, compared to specific amount which reduces in value over time.

### **Specific Bequests**

When you decide to specify an item of value to give, for example an asset like property, shares, cars, furniture, jewellery, or artworks.



## Wording for a gift to Special Olympics Australia

We recommend the following wording if you would like to leave us a gift in your Will:

*I give to Special Olympics Australia (ABN: 28 050 738 728), a company limited by guarantee,*

*the residue of my estate, or*

*[.....] percent of the residue of my estate, or*

*the specific sum of \$[.....]*

## Updating your Will

If you already have a Will you do not need to draw up a new Will to make a change. Instead, you can add a Codicil. This is a legal document that adds or changes specific provisions without changing others. To add a Codicil to your Will, we suggest you seek legal advice.

## Back cover

Basketball at the 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games.

Please help us give the joy of sport to more people with an intellectual disability by answering these questions:

- I've already included a gift to Special Olympics Australia in my Will.
- I'd like to talk to someone, in confidence, about the opportunity to leave a gift to Special Olympics Australia in my Will, and here are my contact details:

Home telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

My best time to speak to someone is: \_\_\_\_\_am/pm

- Please send me information about leaving a gift in my Will to Special Olympics Australia to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

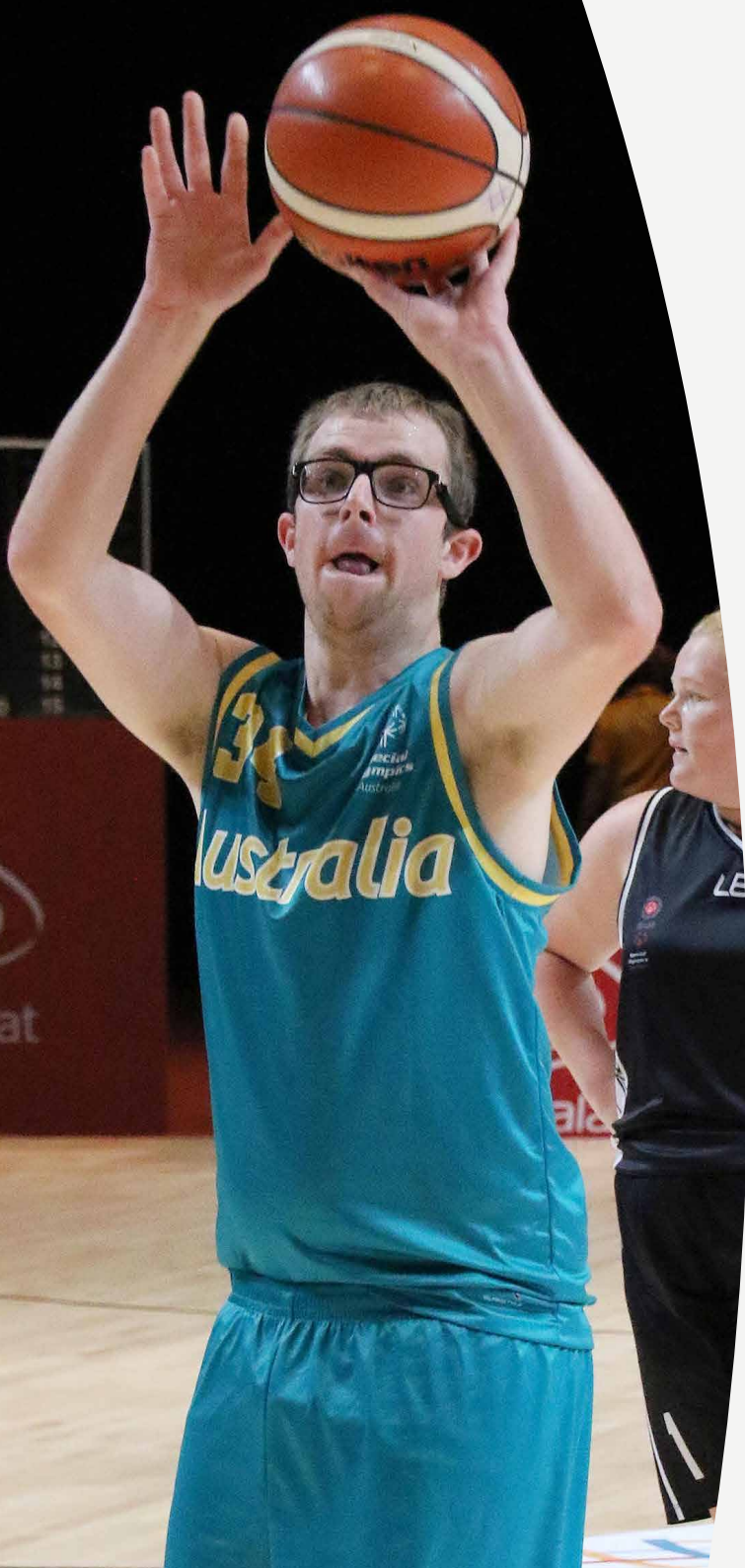
Suburb \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form in a stamped envelope to:

Special Olympics Australia  
Building 1, Level 3  
3 Richardson Place  
North Ryde, NSW, 2113

Rest assured your details are confidential and will not be shared with anyone except the members of our team who respond to your request.



# Give tomorrow's athletes with an intellectual disability the joy of inclusion in sport.

To find out more about leaving a gift in your Will to Special Olympics Australia, contact us today.



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