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"Largest team of Australian golfers traveling to the World Deaf Golf Championships in Dublin Ireland – July 24-27, 2018"

Deaf Golf Australia is delighted to announce the largest team of elite deaf golfers ever assembled since the inauguration of the World Deaf Golf Championships in 1995. The team comprising of 5 women golfers, 6 men golfers and 4 senior golfers, was selected following the conclusion of the Deaf Golf Australian Championships that was held in Wollongong in April 2017.

"It is the first time we have a complete field of golfers in all three categories at the World Championships and we have a very good chance in winning individual and team events" quoted Therese Pierce, secretary of Deaf Golf Australia.

Also it is the first time that Golf Australia has provided a PGA member to help manage the team's mission to Ireland – Lachy Foulsham. "I really enjoyed learning Auslan the deaf sign language course recently and it is like a new spirit. I am really excited to be part of this unique experience." said Lachy.

Australian ambassador Richard Andrews will be hosting a reception at the Dublin Australian Embassy for the team before the 1st round begins on the 24th July.

A total of 115 golfers from 19 countries will compete at the 2018 Deaf Golf World Championships.

Australia has an excellent track record of producing world champions:-

Womens – Linda Davis has won the Womens Championships 3 times in 2004, 2006 &

**Mens** – Denver Magnusson Won the Mens Championship in 2008, Jack McLeod (aged 16) won in 2012 and Jack Besley won in 2014.

**Seniors** – Tony Klimek won the inaugural demonstration event in 2002.

To qualify for the Championships, golfers must have a hearing loss of at least 55 decibels in the better ear and must qualify through the national championships.

More details can be found at:

Deaf Golf Australia deafgolfaustralia.com.au worlddeafgolf.com World Deaf Golf Federation -World Deaf Golf Championships 2018 wdgc2018.com

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