

## 2020 – Issue 13

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### Our first ever DGA State Rep ZOOM Meeting

**18 May** – We held our first ever “State Rep ZOOM Meeting” thanks to the internet’s newest videoconferencing sensation – ZOOM. The meeting was held very successfully via live video feed from all corners of Australia direct from the comforts of our own homes. The COVID-19 crisis **did not stop us!** As you can see from the screenshot taken above, all States of DGA were able to participate fully in our discussions on DGA matters – top left to right Therese Pierce President, Luke Ellis NSW, Mariellen Coles Secretary, Jason Bergstrom QLD, Leigh Harrison TAS, Phillip Griffiths WA (observer), Geoff Read Acting Treasurer & PR Marketing, Greg Strachan WA and Jack Besley VIC.

We must thank and acknowledge Deaf Sports Australia (Phil Harper) for sponsoring and hosting the ZOOM meeting for us. Topics discussed were as follows :-

- Latest on the COVID-19 Crisis
- Update on the World Deaf Golf Championships 2020
- Next DGA nationals to be played in 2021
- Golf at the Deaflympics to be played in Brazil Dec 2021
- The venue of the Golf at Deaf Games in Newcastle 2022

We hope to conduct our ZOOM meetings at least 4 times per year. For details of the state rep meeting outcomes & resolutions, please see your state rep.



## WDGC 2020 Update

Due to the **global impact** of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the WDGC 2020 organising committee and World Deaf Golf Federation (WDGF) have decided to cancel the event that was to be held at Forest of Arden (Birmingham), England in August 2020, unfortunately.

This decision was not taken lightly. Members of the Australian team were understandably disappointed. The good news is that everyone managed to get all their deposits refunded and hopefully their airfares refunded.

The other good bit of news is that we have managed to reach the goal of raising close to \$5,000 through fundraising efforts for the representative team. Funds raised will be allocated to the team for WDGC 2022.

Australian WDGC organising committee have agreed with WDGF’s request to postpone WDGC 2022 to 2024. This decision will allow England to host the WDGC in 2022. To summarise :-

- WDGC 2022 will be held in England
- Team members will need to re-qualify for WDGC 2022 at the 2021 Nationals – details to be announced in near future
- WDGC Royal Pines deferred to 2024 (to be confirmed)
- The WDGC Logo concept entered in our logo competition will now be used in WDGC 2024

## Golf @ Deaf Games 2022

**Mark these dates in your diary now** – It is less than *two years* before we head to Newcastle for the golf at the Deaf Games - 16 April through to 23 April. **Start saving now.** DGA and State Reps have discussed and agreed to have the golf hosted at **Waratah Golf Course**. The venue was suggested to DGA by the ADG committee and is relatively close to the Games Hub centre. We have been asked the estimated number of golfers at the Deaf Games by December 2020. **Please can you let your State Rep know if you are planning to play Golf at Waratah.** The final details including the format of the golf competition will be announced closer to the date. DGA and the State Reps will meet again to discuss the format of the competition depending on the number of golfers.

2022 Australian Deaf Games countdown

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| 647<br>Days | 09<br>Hours | 34<br>Minutes | 00<br>Seconds |
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