



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT Congratulations to DGA Life Members!

Congratulations to Tony Klimek (WA) and Gavin Balharrie (VIC) for being awarded Life Membership of Deaf Sports Australia. The vote was carried unanimously at the recent DSA AGM held in Newcastle early this month. **Tony Klimek** has been in



golf for 44 years (since 1979) and is a strong leader and supporter of Deaf Golf organisation. He is also an elite deaf golfer. Tony currently assists with golf clinics for deaf/hard of hearing people in Western Australia. He is responsible for compiling a

history book for the 25th Anniversary Deaf Golf Association (1970 – 1995). The following list outlines the roles that Tony have been involved in: •A golf player, administrator (for WA) and representative since 1979 •Participated in World Deaf Golf Championships 8 times since 1995 • Founding member of the newly formed World Deaf Golf Federation in 1994 •Been to the AD Games since '79 **Gavin Balharrie** has been



commended for being an excellent leader and mentor for Australian Deaf Golf. He has also been instrumental in bringing Australia's first ever World Deaf Sport Championship, by bringing the World Deaf Golf Championship to Perth in 2008. Gavin is recognised for his tremendous

efforts in the following roles: •Player, Committee and Secretary for Deaf Golf Victoria and Deaf Golf Australia, including being a President (Gavin was a secretary for ten years) •Victorian team member since 2003 Australian Deaf Games •Board member and Secretary of World Deaf Golf Federation and Championships tournament Director since 2012 •Golf Technical Director for two Deaflympics (2017 and 2021) •Chef de Mission with Australian Team to Deaflympics in 2013 •Director for Golf at the ICSD

Australia accepts the WDFG Flag for 2024!



21 October 2022 WDFG 2022 Closing Ceremony, Lihue Hawaii – DGA
Executive Members Mariellen Coles (DGA Secretary & Team Member) and Geoff Read (Treasurer & PR Marketing) accepted the WDFG Flag for the next WDFG Championships which will be held at RACV Royal Pines, Gold Coast in August 2024. Preparations are well underway for the event. Watch this space.....



Official WDFG 2022 Australian Team

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\$170 2nd Instalment 30 May
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