




CONNECTING OUR JEWISH  
COMMUNITY THROUGH **SPORT**  
AND **WELLBEING**



## MACCABI VIC IMPACT REPORT JULY 2025

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# MACCABI VICTORIA



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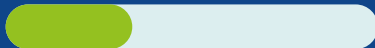
Strategy and growth | Clubs and sport | Events and marketing  
Diversity and inclusion | Legal, property and governance  
Finance | Membership | Schools and community  
Risk and safety

## SUPPORTERS & VOLUNTEERS

We are grateful for the support provided to us by our community, philanthropic foundations, our corporate partners and government grants. We also recognise and appreciate the significant contribution of volunteers in all facets of our organisation.



## MACCABI FAMILY OF 11K



**11k** members, volunteers, parents, family, and friends. That's over **34%** of our Jewish community.

## 650+ HRS SUBSIDISED SERVICES



Maccabi VIC provides centralised services to take the pressure off volunteers. We have subsidised over **650hrs** of club admin, finance and marketing.

## SAFETY, SECURITY AND INTEGRITY



Maccabi VIC provides ongoing support to clubs in areas such as safety, security, integrity, and legal matters. This year, we've implemented key security upgrades thanks to a State Government Victoria grant, and continue to work closely with CSG, whose support has been invaluable.

# KEY EVENTS

## JUNIOR CARNIVAL

Carni is Maccabi's biggest annual event for children entering Years 7–10. In January, 292 Jewish youth from around Australia took part in Carnival in Perth, including 136 from Victoria. The 2025 program featured sports like soccer, netball, futsal, basketball, and pickleball, plus social events like a river cruise, pool party, neon night, foam fest and a day at Adventure World.

### Substantial representation:

46.6% of participants at 2025 Carni were Victorians



### Community connection:

22% of Vic participants did not belong to Maccabi clubs or attend a Jewish day school



Maccabi VIC is hosting Carni 2026 from 14 - 21 January. We are expecting over 400 children from across Australasia.

## 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Maccabi across Australia is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2025. In March, a replica cricket match recreated the legendary 1924 clash between Jewish cricketers from Victoria and NSW, who came together for the first time and unknowingly sparked a movement that would grow into what we know today as Maccabi Australia! Huge thanks to Paul Platus (VIC) and Ben Einfeld (NSW), who were instrumental in organising the day.

Keep an eye out for more special activities in the second half of 2025 to continue the centenary celebrations in Victoria.

Get ready for  
Junior Carnival in  
Melbourne 2026!



100th Replica  
Cricket Match



# MACCABI VIC PROGRAMS

## FRIENDS OF MACCABI

Special events that bring together Maccabi alumni to maintain social connection.

Over 100 members attended our June event with guest speaker - Olympian, Rhodes Scholar and CEO of Australian Athletics - Simon Hollingsworth

## ALL ABILITIES

Sport and recreation opportunities for people with a disability.

26 participants in the program to date for 2025

Sports we've played this year: AFL, Basketball, Disc Golf, Soccer, Swimming, Taekwondo, Tennis, Tenpin Bowling

## PATHWAYS

### PATHWAYS: UNITED IN PLAY

Multicultural and interfaith programs to engage, educate, and build bridges through a shared love of sport.

### PATHWAYS: SPORT IN SCHOOLS

Providing subsidised specialised sport coaching to the Jewish day schools as well as facilitating interschool Maccabi Cup competitions.

2025 to date:

- 9 sports played across 7 schools
- Over 382 hours of coaching
- 3 interschool competitions

# PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT



## UNITED IN PLAY

Over 30 junior interfaith teams took part in the 'Strike Gala' football day in March.



Players aged 9 to 13 moved between social 5-a-side matches, Melbourne Victory-led skills sessions, and 'come & try' zones. Music from the DJ tent set the pace, while Mama Falafel served up lunch - with families from Jewish, Indigenous, Muslim, South Asian, African, and other multicultural backgrounds coming together; a shared table in every sense!

Special guest: Mursal Sadat, former Afghanistan national women's team player



## MACCABI CUP

The Maccabi Cup proudly supported by the Solomon Family Foundation is our Jewish interschool sports competition launched in 2024.

The Cup has grown! 2025 has so far seen 6 Jewish schools competing in tournaments for basketball (year 5/6) and tennis (year 8/9).

**UP NEXT:** The next edition of the Maccabi Cup will be held on Wednesday 3 September. Get ready to lace up those football boots and hit the field for some soccer mania.

"Thanks to you and your team for organising this wonderful opportunity for our students. They are still buzzing and other year levels are very jealous!"

School sport coordinator, following an Interschool Maccabi Cup



### A Friendly Rematch

Following the 0-0 draw in the decisive Maccabi Cup 2024 soccer game between Leibler Yavneh and Yeshivah College - which handed Yeshivah the overall win - the two teams returned to Caulfield Park on Wednesday 4 June for a rematch. It did not disappoint.



### Participating Schools



Beth Rivkah Ladies College, Bialik College, The King David School, Mount Scopus Memorial College, Leibler Yavneh College, Yeshivah College

- AFL
- ATHLETICS
- BASKETBALL
- CRICKET
- CYCLING
- FOOTBALL (SOCCER)
- GOLF
- HOCKEY
- LAWN BOWLS
- NETBALL
- PICKLEBALL
- SKIING
- SNOOKER
- SQUASH & RACQUETBALL
- SWIMMING
- TABLE TENNIS
- TENNIS
- TOASTMASTERS
- WATER POLO



**20 SPORTS**  
**250+ TEAMS**  
**3000+ MEMBERS**

## GENDER DISTRIBUTION

Male	Female
69.4%	30.6%

## AGE DISTRIBUTION

Juniors	Seniors
81.5%	18.5%

## HARDSHIP RELIEF

Ensuring that no one in the Jewish community misses out on playing sport at Maccabi due to financial hardship.

**Over \$9,136 given to 30 families to date in 2025**




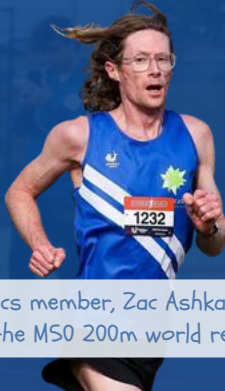
# CLUB SPOTLIGHT

## ATHLETICS – SUCCESS

The Maccabi Athletic Club has seen one of the biggest growth spurts of any club in our network over the past few years. Membership has more than doubled – sitting above 120 this season, up from the three-year average prior – and it’s not just about numbers. It’s the structure, strategy, and consistency behind the scenes that’s made the difference.

### FAST FACTS

- 120+ active members
- Membership has more than doubled compared to the 3-year average
- 50+ juniors training weekly
- 100+ juniors attended the inaugural Maccabi Junior Club Championship Day
- The club has a strong Youth Leadership Committee
- Club offers monthly social run groups 



2025: Maccabi Athletics member, Zac Ashkanasy, breaking the MSO 200m world record

## PICKLEBALL – NEW CLUB

There’s a new racquet sport on the rise, and it’s now part of the Maccabi Victoria family. The Maccabi Pickleball Club officially launched this year, bringing social play, coaching, competitions, and plenty of fun to the community.

But what exactly is Pickleball? And why is it becoming one of the fastest-growing sports in the world? We caught up with Nicola Caras, President of Maccabi Pickleball, to find out more about the sport, the club, and how you can get involved.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- 47+ active members & 274+ casual players
- Sessions: adult beginners, intermediate, high intermediate/advanced, invitational and kids coaching
- Upcoming: members-only doubles round robin comp over 3 weeks with great prizes in August. Become a member to join! 