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"Your participation not only supports individuals with disabilities but also strengthens trust and inclusion across our communities"

- Mike Bush, Chief Commissioner





What is Law Enforcement Torch Run?

The Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) for Special Olympics started in 1981 and has since grown into a global movement. It is a public awareness vehicle and “grass-roots” fundraiser for Special Olympics assisting to create a global sporting community transforming the lives of people with an intellectual disability.

Raising Awareness, Funds
& creating opportunities
for individuals with
intellectual disabilities in
Victoria



One of the goals of LETR is to champion acceptance and inclusion for people with intellectual disabilities. Known as Guardians of the Flame, law enforcement personnel and Special Olympics athletes carry the “Flame of Hope” into the Opening Ceremony of local, State, National and World Games. More than 110,000 dedicated law enforcement personnel carry the “Flame of Hope” annually. Since its inception LETR has raised more than a billion US dollars to support Special Olympics. There are over 132 LETR Programs in 40 countries across the world.

Since its formation in 2008, the Victoria LETR program has raised more than \$1.5 million for Special Olympics in Victoria.

How do law enforcement officers raise money?

Diverse fundraising strategies are used to meet the Torch Run’s annual fundraising goal including t-shirt and merchandise sales, corporate partnerships and a workplace giving program within Victoria Police.

Where do the funds go?

Funds raised by LETR go directly to benefit Special Olympics Victoria athletes, their clubs, sporting events and other Special Olympics Programs like the Athlete Leadership Program, awards and International Scholarships.

What is the Athlete Leadership Program?

The Athlete Leadership Program (ALPs) provides an opportunity for athletes to showcase their talents and interests, build confidence, and learn new skills. ALP’s encourages and supports various development opportunities for athletes through a tailored learning and mentoring program.

“The support I received from
LETR gave me the courage and
determination to do things
that, in the past, I would have
shied away from”



Joanne Cuddy
Athlete & International scholarship recipient

International Scholarship

Each Year LETR Victoria fund one athlete to the opportunity to attend the LETR International Conference as a representative of Special Olympics Australia.

The International Scholarship, affords the ability to build confidence, independence and growth and establish better connections with LETR on a Local and International level. The athlete is able to use this international platform to speak to a larger audience on behalf of other Australian Athletes about the Special Olympics Program and opportunities provided in Victoria.