

## Boccia comes to Port Pirie

Port Pirie Disability Services joined with other services in a 'Come and Try Boccia Day'. Participants ranged in age from primary school children to people in their mid-50s.

Boccia is a skill-based, strategic and exciting sport that can be played by people of all ages and abilities. Top players can qualify to play at national and international levels, including the Paralympics. Games can be played as singles, pairs or in teams. At all levels, players are seated and throw coloured balls as close as possible to the jack. The balls can be propelled with hands, feet or, if a player's disability requires it, with an assistive device such as a ramp, or mouth or head pointer.



The very popular event led to a weekly competition. We secured funds from Wheelchair Sports SA, and the Office for Recreation and Sport, to contract a boccia facilitator for Port Pirie for the first six months of the program. People also wanted an evening/weekend competition for people in a day or work option to join in after hours. Contact Glenys Dreyer or Natalie Fisher, Disability Services Port Pirie, on 8632 0155 for information.