



NSW Award Leader Update (January, 2018)

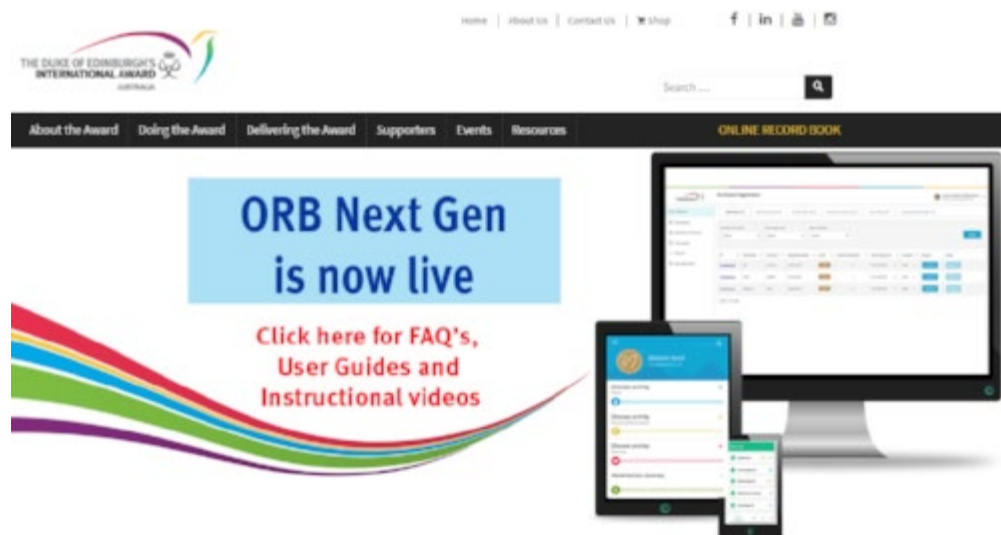
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Welcome to 2018

Welcome to 2018 and we hope everyone has enjoyed a well-deserved break and has returned reinvigorated to face the challenges of the new year.

One significant change that the NSW team is working on is the introduction of regional support through the Office of Sport regional offices and centres, providing better local support across NSW and relieving some of the burden on the Sydney metro based team. As new team members come on-board, we will be introducing them to the Award Units within their NSW government region.

[ORB Next Gen update](#)



The ORB Next Gen migration was completed in the early hours of 9 January 2018. As with most implementations, this did not come without its minor issues and the development team have been busily working on fixes which will be implemented 31 January between 7 and 8pm AEST. Next Gen will be unavailable during this time.

The Training system is not yet available but we have been advised that this should be delivered no later than end of March 2018- further updates will be provided as more information becomes available, but there are a number of resources available on the [Duke of Ed website](#) which includes an updated FAQ. The NSW team will also be running a series of Award Leader training and Networking events through Term 1 - see [link](#) for more details.

[Funding Opportunities Supporting Disadvantaged Participants](#)

There is a unique [funding opportunity](#) in partnership with the Office of Commonwealth Games (OCG) offering up to \$400 per Participant but closes 28 February 2018. See [Get Moving with The Duke of Ed Program](#) for more details.

Additionally, there is the continuing [Disadvantaged Youth Project Funding](#). Please note that the application form has been updated.

Best contact for funding related questions is ian.walker@sport.nsw.gov.au

[Volunteering NSW opportunities](#)

The [Volunteering NSW](#) website is a fantastic resource for both Participants and Award Leaders alike to locate volunteering opportunities within their community. Similarly, if you have close relationships with local organisations looking for volunteers, encourage them to register.

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