# Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) Video with Kate & Francios Transcript

**Akii Ngo [Phoenix Project Manager]:** “So at Disability Sport & Recreation we are so excited to announce the Disability Advisory Committee as a part of the Phoenix Project. The Disability Advisory Committee is a group of nine people with disabilities throughout Australia who live with numerous different disabilities, are from different backgrounds. Including LGBTIQ+, refugee backgrounds, culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and lots of various types of disability. Advisory committee will be consulting and advising on aspects of Disability Sport & Recreation as an organisation, as well as the disability, sport and recreation sector. Today, we have two of our members. We have Kate and we have Francois, and both of them will say a few words”.

**Kate:** “Hi everyone, I am Kate Jennings. I'm so excited to be part of the committee! I'm super passionate about sport, and I spent a lot of my youth driving from court to field to wherever I could play a game. Unfortunately due to some chronic health issues, I've been unable to find a way to get back into sport so I'm really keen to talk about my experience and find ways to encourage more people to offer modified sports programs as well as to get more people involved”.

**Akii:** “Thank you so much, Kate. And Francois, would you like to say a few words?”

**Francois:** “Hi everyone, I'm Francois Jacobs. I used to do triathlons and dance sport when I was younger, now I just do some recreational running. But yeah, I love sport and everything it can do for people in terms of their health and wellbeing. I'm super excited to be part of Disability Sport & Recreation! I mean I've been blind since birth but it doesn't mean I know anything about wheelchair sports or anything else. I have a few friends especially in the wheelchair dance sector but I'm really looking forward to expanding networks, getting to know other people and their stories, and really looking forward to working towards a more inclusive sports, that's welcoming to everybody”.

**Akii:** “Thank you so much, Francois. So the Disability Advisory Committee is all about accessibility, inclusion, and ensuring that everybody has a fair go and no one's left behind. So thank you so much for being here today, Kate. Thank you so much for being here, Francois. And we are so excited to announce the other members of our disability advisory committee in coming days. Thanks so much!”