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## LOCAL SHINES IN GAMES' CLOSING CEREMONY

You would be hard pressed to find anyone more excited about the impending Commonwealth Games than Springvale resident Alex Litsoudis.

Thanks to a joint initiative between the City of Greater Dandenong and Frankston City Council, Alex has been given a once in a lifetime opportunity to participate in the Commonwealth Games closing ceremony.

The opportunity was made possible for Alex and Frankston resident Jean-Marie Cadby (and their respective carers) thanks to a number of local organisations who worked in unison to make sure the pair could attend every rehearsal leading up to the big night.

“This is something that I have dreamed of and I can’t wait to be there on the night,” Alex said.

“Although I can’t give away any details about the closing ceremony, I can say this is the greatest thing to ever happen in my life and I thank everyone who has helped me and my carer.”

“We have been rehearsing every week and last week I went to the MCG for a rehearsal.”

Council’s Aged and Disability Services Manager, Mary Rydberg, said the effort of many organisations made Alex’s inclusion possible.

“The two councils, the Department of Human Services, Leisure Link Up, Fusion Theatre and the Brotherhood of St Laurence have all played a part in making sure Alex and Jean-Marie were able to get to the rehearsals and were part of the celebrations,” she said.

“People don’t realise the time and effort spent behind the scenes to make such opportunities possible and we are all delighted that Alex has been given this incredible chance,” she said.

**Alex is ready and waiting to be interviewed! He can be contacted on 0423 470 411.**

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