



SPECIAL FUNDING EDITION

Dates to Remember

2nd October 2007:

Major Facilities and Aquatic Access / Better Pools applications from councils to Sport and Recreation Victoria close.

2nd October 2007

Minor Facilities applications from organisations to councils close.

1st October 2007:

2008 Sport Development Grants for Women close.

Late October 2007:

Announce successful Major Facilities and Aquatic Access / Better Pools projects.

3rd November 2007:

Derby Day in the Country – Mt. Wycheproof and District Racing Cup.

9h November 2007:

Planning and Minor Facilities applications from councils to Sport and Recreation Victoria close.

March 2007:

Announce successful Minor Facilities and Planning projects.

2008/09 COMMUNITY FACILITY FUNDING PROGRAM

The Community Facility Funding Program helps provide high-quality, accessible community sport and recreation facilities across Victoria.

The program encourages:

- Better planning of sport and recreation facilities
- Innovative sport and recreation facilities
- Increasing communities' access to leisure opportunities
- Strengthening communities through sport and recreation participation.

This program includes two specific funding opportunities applicable to Buloke's Sport and Recreational Organisations:

Minor Facilities: Grants of up to \$60,000 (where the project costs \$200,000 or less excluding GST) are available, on a \$1 for \$1 basis, for community groups, working in partnership with council, on developing or upgrading community sport and recreation facilities. Council urges all clubs to seriously consider applying, as this is a fantastic opportunity to develop your facilities. Community groups must apply to the Buloke Shire Council by 2nd October 2007. Council can only chose three projects to then forward to Sport and Recreation Victoria.

I ask that all clubs consider their projects against the weighted criteria in which they will eventually be evaluated. In particular, projects that can demonstrate that they have the ability to increase active participation in sport or recreational activities will be viewed upon favourably.

For instance, a club may wish to apply for rejuvenating a clubhouse kitchen, which is a fantastic project for the club, but the ultimate question that both the Buloke Shire and Sport and Recreation Victoria will ask is, how will it make more people participate in sport and recreation?

Planning: Provides funding for the future sport and recreation needs of communities through better information collection, consultation and strategic planning. Grants up to \$30,000 are available on a \$1 for \$1 basis for projects focusing on recreation planning or facility feasibility. Council can only chose to submit one application to Sport and Recreation Victoria. This planning grant is specifically applicable to recreation reserve committees of management interested in developing a master plan of their site. Please contact Council's Recreation Project Officer if you are interested in applying for this grant.

For guidelines and application forms, contact Council's Recreation Officer or visit www.grants.dvc.vic.gov.au

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2008 Sport Development for Women

Sport Development for Women grants provide assistance to develop the skills of female administrators, coaches and officials. Grants of up to \$1,500 are available to individuals only.

Sport Development for Women grants will fund professional development such as education, training or travel in the following two categories – Sport Management or Sport Coaching and Officiating. Applicants may apply for one category only. Possible projects include:

Examples of activities under Sport Management category	Examples of activities under Sport Coaching & Officiating category
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with boards or committees training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coaching qualifications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National/international travel for study tour/working at events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officiating qualifications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisational governance training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National/international travel for working at events
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication and conflict resolution training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication and conflict resolution training
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in key industry forums or seminars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in key industry forums or seminars related to coaching/officiating
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant undergraduate or post-graduate courses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership training
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coaching/officiating workshops
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sport administration training 	

The Program, ran by the Department for Victorian Communities, provides successful applicants with a one-off grant of up to \$1,500 for individuals. **Applications for the grants close on Friday 1st October 2007**

For grant application forms and guidelines please go to: www.grants.dvc.vic.gov.au

SUCCESS FOR MT. WYCHEPROOF & DISTRICT RACING CLUB

At the inaugural gala Victorian Thoroughbred Racing Awards held recently, the Mt. Wycheproof and District Racing Club was named the Victorian Country Racing Event of the Year. The prize was shared with the Dunkeld Racing Club, while the Kerang Turf Club was the Victorian Country Racing Most Improved Club Award.

In winning the award, the Mt. Wycheproof and District Racing Club submitted an excellent application, addressing criteria such as club profitability, attendance, hospitality, sponsorship, community involvement, on and off-course presentation, marketing and OH & S initiatives, governance practices and providing a great day out. Congratulations must go to the committee for their hard work.

Spending Victoria Derby Day in Wycheproof has become a ritual for locals and 'city slickers' alike, with attendance growing every year.

This year the event is on the **3rd November**, so if you are after a fun day out at the Victorian Country Racing Event of the Year, don't miss it!!!



