

<b>SPORTS, ARTS, CULTURE &amp; COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE</b> <b>22 MAY 2008</b>	<b>4</b>
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SPORT AND RECREATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM -  
PROJECTS AND FACILITIES APPLICATIONS

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council approves grants totalling \$100,000 from the 2007/08 Sport and Recreation Projects and Facilities Grant Funding Program as follows:**

<b>APPLICANT</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>GRANT</b>
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Cairns Cricket Association Inc	Purchase of Whale Super Sopper and Dual Tandem Trailer (2nd hand)	\$3,750.00
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Ivanhoe Football & Recreation Club	Purchase of photocopier, fax machine, laminator, paper shredder, software upgrade	\$3,572.73
Cairns Rowing Club	Purchase of new outboard engine for existing tinny	\$2,363.64
Central Womens AFL Club	Purchase of ice making machine	\$2,800.00
Cairns Figure Ice Skating Club	Purchase of new floor scrubber	\$7,145.45
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<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$100,000.00</b>

**INTRODUCTION:**

This report provides a recommendation for Council's consideration in relation to applications submitted under the 2007/08 Sport and Recreation Financial Assistance Program - Projects and Facilities stream.

**BACKGROUND:**

Council received 38 applications for this program, with requests for funding totalling \$193,490.94. The 2007/08 budgeted funding is \$100,000.

All applications were presented to the Sport and Recreation Reference Group (SRRG) and assessed against the selection criteria in the application. The assessment process formed the basis for ranking projects and presenting these recommendations to Council in this report.

Four members of the SRRG assessed the applications with Councillor Cochrane and two Sport and Recreation officers attending in an advisory, non-voting capacity.

SRRG members declared personal interests in specific clubs prior to the assessment and abstained from voting on those applications. This ensured the selection process was equitable and transparent.

**COMMENT:**

The SRRG scored each application against seven selection criteria either as a high (3 points), medium (2 points) or low (1 point) priority with the highest score of 21 and lowest score of 7. The scores of the four voting members was averaged and ranked in order of priority. The seven selection criteria are:

- Community need/benefit
- Community support
- Increase participation/access
- Improve standards/safety
- Increase ability to raise funds/offer higher level of program/event
- Avoid future major expense or capital work
- Financial viability.

A summary of the rankings for all projects is shown in the attached tables.

Table 1 – Recommended Projects

Table 2 – Not Recommended Projects

The SRRG also identified ineligible projects and/or organisations and these applications are listed in Table 2.

All of the recommended applicants will receive the full amount requested from Council, except Stratford United Soccer Club who requested \$6,250 but is only recommended to receive \$4,156.27 due to the budget cap of \$100,000.00

**Table 1 - Recommended Projects**

SCORE	APPLICANT	PROJECT SUMMARY
17	Southside Swallows Gymnastics Club	Purchase of trampoline mat, inflatable air gym & safety training harness
15.75	Cairns Roller Sports	Repair & upgrade existing toilet facilities
15.75	Stratford Bowls Club Inc	Concrete path for machinery access and aluminium seating in front of clubhouse
15.75	Half Moon Bay Golf Club	Purchase 4 New Drinking Fountains
15.5	Douglas Netball Association	Upgrade Lighting
15	Marlin Coast Bowls Club Junior Committee	Purchase of Joey Bowls Storage Shed
14.75	Cairns Cricket Association Inc	Purchase of Whale Super Sopper and Dual Tandem Trailer (2nd hand)
14.5	Mulgrave Branch Little Athletics Centre	Replace chain wire fencing on hammer throw net & purchase of athletic equipment
14.25	Gordonvale pony Club & Equestrian Centre	Toilet Facilities Improvement
14	Cairns Netball Association	Upgrade to Equipment & Canteen Facilities
14	Autism Queensland	Purchase of playground shade cloth
14	University Rugby Union Football Club Inc	Purchase of scrum machine
12.5	Cairns Life Saving Club Inc	Upgrade of Equipment Transport Racks
12	Ivanhoe Football & Recreation Club	Purchase of photocopier, fax machine, laminator, paper shredder, software upgrade
11.75	Cairns Rowing Club	Purchase of new outboard engine for existing tinny
11.25	Central Womens AFL Club	Purchase of ice making machine
11.25	Cairns Figure Ice Skating Club	Purchase of new floor scrubber
11	Trinity Beach Tennis Club	Purchase of 2 umpire chairs
10.75	Stratford United Soccer Club	Replace hot water system, kitchen, change room & Male toilet hand basins, service taps and toilets

**Table 2 – Not Recommended Projects**

SCORE	APPLICANT	PROJECT SUMMARY
10.25	Surf Lifesaving North QLD Branch	Purchasing of Portable Shade Structures
10.25	South Soccer Club Gordonvale	Purchase of 2 Instant Marquees
9.75	Cairns Rock and Roll Dance Club	Safety Barriers For Public Demonstrations
9.75	Marlin Coast Rangers Soccer Club	Junior Field Boundary Fence
9.25	Earlville Pony Club	Day Yards and Wash Bay Construction
9.25	Edmonton District pony & Horse Club	Outside Kitchen BBQ
9	Cairns Yacht Club Inc	Storage Pontoon for Coach Boat
8.75	Ellis Beach Surf Lifesaving Club	Water Diversion Pipe
8	Holloway -Cairns Croquet Club	Upgrade No. 2 Court
7.5	Redlynch Equestrian Association	Renew Fence Line
7	Cairns Radio Controlled Model Car Club	Radio Controlled Model Hire Cars
7	Babinda & District Amateur Fishing Club	Purchase of Boat & Trailer
7	Cairns Saints Football Club Inc	Upgrade of Oval Maintenance to Improve Grounds
7	Mulgrave Coastal Basketball	Office Furniture - Desk, Storage Cabinets and Chairs
7	South Cairns AFL Club	Provision of Medical Equipment
7	Cairns Agricultural Pastoral and Mining Ass.	Showground Electrical Upgrade
7	Cairns Mineral & Lapidary Club	Purchase of Microscope and Camera
7	Gordonvale Community Kindergarten	Upgrade to Play Equipment Area
0	North Cairns Australian Football & Sporting Club Ltd	Ramp Construction Project

## **CONSIDERATIONS:**

### Corporate and Operational Plans:

Under Key Goal 6.4.2 of the 2004 – 2009 Corporate Plan, Council seeks to provide sport and recreation services and programs, with a focus on

- increased participation
- enhanced sport and recreation programming including developing appropriate “partnership programs” with sporting organisations to maximise use of facilities and to develop facilities of excellence
- further developing junior sport
- Addressing public liability issues for community groups and clubs.

Council’s Sport and Recreation Operational Plan for *Sport and Recreation Management* states that a primary aim is “to foster, support and develop sport and recreation opportunities and facilities in accordance with the needs of the community of Cairns.” The relevant level of service is “Management and efficient distribution of Council funding grants.”

### Statutory:

Nil

### Policy:

The Sport and Recreation Financial Assistance Grants Program General Policy (No. 1:04:46) specifies that grant assessment involves the comparison of an application with eligibility criteria, funding objectives and program specific criteria. The SRRG is responsible for reviewing the applications and providing a recommendation to Council.

### Financial:

Funds of \$100,000 were allocated in the 2007/08 budget.

### Sustainability:

The General Funding Criteria relating to sustainability is:

- Potential to increase self-reliance, particularly in relation to the organisation’s capacity of the project to generate funds towards future projects with reduced dependence on Council assistance.
- The amount financial contribution by the club towards the project.
- Projects that aim to increase community participation and access by upgrading facilities and ensuring disability access.

**CONSULTATION:**

In February 2008, Council ran three workshops about the funding program in the north, south and central area for clubs. Applicants also had the opportunity to discuss their applications with Council officers, at these workshops, in person and over the phone.

Council officers provided the SRRG with a summary report of applications. During the assessment process, the SRRG had the opportunity to consult with Council officers on issues and clarify information for each application.

**OPTIONS:****Option 1:**

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**Option 2:**

That Council request the Sport and Recreation Reference Group reassess the applications in consideration of additional information supplied by Councillors.

**CONCLUSION:**

By adopting the recommendations of the Sport and Recreation Reference Group, Council will meet identified community needs, improve the capacity of community organisations and facilities and provide increased opportunity for the community to participate in quality sport and recreation activities.

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