



Memo

To: Club Secretaries, FW Staff, Zone Repts & Board
Date: 6 September 2010
From: Peter Hugg, Chief Executive
Number: CEO-10-007
Subject: Facilities Grants and FW support

Dear all

Over the last couple of months during my brief tenure, this office has supported a number of our member football clubs throughout the State when applying for Government financial assistance or support.

In some cases this has been nothing more than myself or the Chairman writing a simple letter of endorsement, whilst at other times it has been more 'assertive' lobbying. In the odd instance it has even meant us meeting with the relevant public servant, local councilor or politician to lend whatever weight of support we could.

As the governing body for the sport in the state, I see it as a fundamental role that Football West can play in supporting clubs, associations and regions to ensure that our players and member clubs are well represented and adequately catered for. At a higher level, we want to assist where we can so that the sport receives the necessary and appropriate funding that it deserves given the valuable role that football, mostly through clubs, plays in the community.

I just want to use this opportunity to a) once more state that we are more than happy to provide this support to those who seek it as part of our core service, and b) to also remind all that closing dates for two grant programs is rapidly approaching – namely the Grassroots Football Facilities Fund (GFFF) and the Community Sports and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF).

On a previous occasion I provided everyone with a memo (dated 28 July) to clubs regarding the next round of grants available under the GFFF. As stated in that memo the closing date for applications was to be the end of August however I have just been advised by the Football Federation of Australia that this date has been extended and is now 17 September. Interested members wishing to apply or seek further information are directed to <http://www.myfootballclub.com.au/Facilities/Pages/FacilitiesGrants.aspx>

The Community Sports and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) is a program run by the WA Government through the Department of Sport and Recreation and the closing date for these grants is 30 September. This fund is supposed to cover the whole of the state and across all sports and thus is obviously more highly contested, but nevertheless, if you have projects that you consider worthy of support, and if you haven't already done so, I would encourage you to apply. Please note that applicants must go through their local council authority or Department of Sport and Recreation regional office. Further information is available at <http://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/csrfapplication>

For those who decide to seek funding, or indeed for anyone who has certain issues with their local council or government authority, please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish support of some sort from Football West.

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