



CLUB DEVELOPMENT

NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Summer edition of the Shire of Northam Club Development Newsletter.

The Shire loves to hear about your success during the season, so please email any club news so that it can be featured in future editions. Please pass this newsletter on to your committee and members.

Over the last 12 months I have been working with many local clubs on updating their constitutions to meet the new legislation requirements, but there are still a few clubs I have not yet heard from in regards to this. If you are having difficulty or just not sure where to start, please don't hesitate to get in contact, send me through your current constitution and I can help get you started and as much as you need throughout the whole process.



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ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATIONS ACT 2015

Associations Clean Up

Consumer protection is compiling a list of clubs and associations that are no longer operation or have been dormant for at least 12 months. They will be making the defunct associations list public in the future and it is likely that steps will then be taken to cancel the incorporation of any groups confirmed as inactive.

Keep Your Association off the List

Registered clubs and associations are being urged to ensure they lodge their information statement. The information statement confirms that an association is active, eligible to be incorporated and has held its Annual General Meeting. There is no lodgement fee and can be done in the time it might take you to have a cuppa.

If your financial year ends 30th June, lodge your 2017 statement through Associations Online before 31 December 2017

Handover Checklist for Committees

At this time of year many associations have held their AGMs and elected new committees who will take over the responsibility for running the association. There are things that both the outgoing and new committee members can do to make the transition as smooth as possible:

1. All association records in the possession of outgoing committee members must be given to the new committee as soon as practicable after their term ends,
2. Bank accounts should be updated to replace the outgoing committee members with signatories from the new committee
3. The Associations Online users linked to the association's record should be updated by retiring any outgoing users and adding primary new users.
4. Arrange a meeting of the new and outgoing members to bring the new committee up to speed on the association's policies, procedures and pass on details for any important contacts such as accountants, auditors or peak body representatives.

You will find more information and a handover checklist in the "Leaving the Committee" section of the [Inc. Guide](#)



Quick links



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True Sport

True Sport supports local sporting clubs and associations to use 8 values to share the benefits of sport and recreation to our whole community. Good sport can make a huge difference to our community and it is important to help sports work together to share this message through using a language that everyone understands. True Sport is the Sport we want.



True Sport's 8 values should be part of everyday life both on and off the field. By embracing these values, teams, clubs, participants and officials can work together to create fun, fair and safe environments for one and all to participate in sporting activities. To find out more go to

<http://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/truesport>



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**Local Government, Sport
and Cultural Industries**

Creating Welcoming Environments in Sports Clubs

By Clyde Rathbone—Former Rugby Union International & co-founder Karma-Wiki



Sporting communities can provide us with something far more valuable than skills and exercise. The latest research suggests that social isolation may be every bit as bad for our health as obesity and heavy smoking, so from this perspective sport can be so much more than a set of competitive games. It can be the place where people establish life long friendships and healthy social networks.

With all of that said, none of these benefits are possible unless sporting clubs and organisations commit to creating welcoming environments . By continually thinking about the kind of culture we want to present to newcomers, all of us can improve our sporting communities. More than a single strategy, its often a collection of factors which foster an accepting environment.

Being open to people from all backgrounds and cultures is imperative. This is especially true when it comes to welcoming people from disadvantaged communities. Often these individuals are getting their first taste of sport of any kind, and the responsibility to ensure they have positive experiences rests with all of us.

Focusing on the sheer joy of participation by making training fun is one way to foster enthusiasm in newcomers, as is being mindful not to place unrealistic expectations on people who are still learning, or who may view sport largely as an excuse to socialise with their mates.

Perhaps the greatest way to welcome people to sport is by taking a genuine interest in them as fellow human beings. Who they are, what makes our team-mates tick, and how might we help each other become better people, both on and off the field of play.

Ultimately, welcoming people is fundamentally Australian. Let us not forget that the boundless plains we have to share include sporting facilities of all kinds.

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Volunteering Position Descriptions

Most clubs have the same story — they struggle to get volunteers including committee members. Does your club have position descriptions on hand so that members know what to expect before they put their hand up to fill a role, or are they simply thrown in the deep end? A position description is a written outline of the purpose of a volunteer's role. It helps volunteers know what they need to do, what help they'll get to do it and how they fit into the bigger picture of your organisation. People will often not put their hand up to help out due to the fear of not understanding their roles eg. someone who has never held a secretarial position may think they don't know enough to take on the secretarial role at a club, but with a position description describing the volunteer's responsibilities and the broad capabilities they need to do their job, they may be willing to give it a go. A position description should also outline the benefits of the role such as reimbursement of expenses, training opportunities, social opportunities or any allowances.

While a good position description guides a volunteer in their role and responsibilities it doesn't bog them down with details of every task they need to do. An simple email to members at the start of the season can include a brief position description for each role including 1) Key tasks and responsibilities involved 2) Skills required 3) Time commitment 4) Benefits.

In a nutshell, a position description speaks volumes about your organisation. It shows that you are organised and professional. It tells prospective volunteers that you are serious about what you do and that you respect and appreciate their contribution. And it shows that you have thought about how you want to involve volunteers in your organisation and its programs.

If you would like sample job descriptions please email me at clubdo@northam.wa.gov.au

Does Your Club Need More Volunteers?

Volunteering WA can help! Membership to Volunteering WA is **FREE** and they are happy to help you write an advertisement, post in online and more. They have willing, ready and able volunteers looking

for positions in the Shire of Northam right now. Contact the Wheatbelt Volunteering Hub at tanya@volunteeringwa.org.au or P: 96212 143 Tuesdays or Wednesdays to find out more.



GRANTS AND FUNDING

GRANTS AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE OR OPENING SOON

Holden Homeground Advantage—A grant to help grass roots sports grow. Grants can be used for projects, facility upgrades, uniforms or equipment. The current grant round opened on the 01 November and will close on the 31st March 2018.

<https://www.holden.com.au/discover-holden/home-ground-advantage>

Jetstar Flying Start— \$15000 cash and \$15000 of Jetstar Travel for community groups including sporting clubs who are seeking funding to enhance the lives of people in their local community.

<http://www.jetstar.com/au/en/flyingstart#home>

Bank West Easy Grants—Grants of up to \$1000 supporting local communities, including sport and recreation clubs across Australia **Either the applicant or the group they are applying for must be a current Bank West client.

<http://happy365.bankwest.com.au/PWS/Home>

Healthway Sponsorship—provides sponsorship to Sport, Racing and Arts organisations and community groups to support sporting and arts activities and community events which encourage healthy lifestyles and advance health promotion programs.

<https://www.healthway.wa.gov.au/sponsorship/>

CBH Grass Roots Fund—supports our grain growing regions through the Grass Roots Fund. Community groups and organisations are able to seek financial assistance for events and projects which contribute to the health and vitality of their community. Grants of up to \$5000 available. Next round opens 1 Jan 2018.

<https://www.cbh.com.au/cbh-community/grass-roots-fund>

Department of Sport and Recreation's Active Regional Communities Grants — Aims to increase opportunities for country people to participate in sporting and recreational activities in regional Western Australia. Grants up to \$5000 in the categories of Initiative Funding and Event Hosting

<https://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/funding/regional/active-regional-communities-guidelines>

Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund — Providing financial assistance to community groups and local government authorities to develop basic infrastructure for sport and recreation. Priority is given to projects that lead to facility sharing and rationalisation.

[http://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/funding/facilities-\(csrff\)](http://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/funding/facilities-(csrff))

Local Sporting Champions — Supporting young people from 12—18yrs participating in State, national and international level sporting championships either as an athlete, coach or official. Grants of \$500 available.

https://www.ausport.gov.au/ais/grants_and_funding/local_sporting_champions

Maccas Junior Sport Grant— Grants for schools or junior sporting groups in WA for equipment, uniforms or something else that encourages participation in sport. Current round is open now and closes on the 31st December.

<https://mcdonalds.com.au/juniorsportsgrants/about>

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NORTHAM'S NEWEST CLUB NORTHAM PONY TROTS

The Northam Pony Trots is a non profit organisation. The aim of our club is to encourage and teach children (aged 6 years to 16 years) how to handle and drive ponies in an controlled environment for harness racing. We also aim to promote sportsmanship and goodwill.



We are a newly established club with 5 original junior members with 2 more children recently joining from Pinjarra. The reason we started a club here in Northam is that the main pony trot club is based in Perth and race on a Friday night which isn't always easy to get to. This way by having a country club it allows those who want to participate to come and have a go.



Our season begins on the 1st of October and winds up on the 31st of May. The first race meet was held at Kellerberrin on the 19th November and our first official race meeting in Northam was held on the 25th of November.

We encourage anyone to come and try, you don't need any experience we are more than happy to help you.

Our club is run by volunteers who all have equestrian/harness racing experience. The Northam Pony Trot Club is planning to run an encouragement day in the near future so keep an eye out on our Facebook page for updates.



To get our club started we had assistance from Rachel Gunn the local Club Development Officer in Northam.

Hayley Fitzsimmons—Northam Pony Trots.



@Northamponytrots

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Northam and Districts Little Athletics Volunteering Initiative

Like most local sports, Northam and Districts Little Athletics is totally volunteer run. It cannot operate without parents and other adult volunteers fulfilling the many and varied duties required to make the meets happen each week.



The committee have been very conscious of spreading the workload of these duties evenly, so to address the issue of having to constantly ask for parent volunteers to help out at each Saturday's Little Athletics meet, the centre have adopted a compulsory roster system to share the load. At registration, families must select a minimum of 4 roster duties they are going to assist with during the season. These include managing an age group,

recording results, working in the canteen, assisting at event sights or setting up and packing away. The registration process for children can not be completed unless these tasks are selected, so opting out of volunteering is not an option if you want your child to participate.

All parent rosters are electronically tracked so the centre can account for parents on sites. Each site has a Chief



Marshall allocated to help train new parents and make sure that all sites are run efficiently. In addition, the Controller of Officials floats around on a weekly basis to assist the Chief Marshalls and address any specific queries. All parents sign on and off each time they are required to do roster duty so that they are covered by insurance.

The committee say that this process has made a huge difference to the smooth running of the meets. In previous years the committee were constantly calling over the P/A for parents to help out at sites at each meet, resulting in delays in starting and the same parents helping out each week whilst others would refuse to assist. Now the workload is spread much more evenly amongst parents and the meet is finishing a lot earlier each week. Participation numbers have continued to rise despite the new process.



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NORTHAM NETBALL ASSOCIATION'S 70th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



Get this date into your diary !!!!

It's going to be a wonderful day of catching up, reminiscing, hearing where the association is now and what the future holds The association is hoping to see lots of the people who built the association, fostered the growth and made it what it is today - along with all the great players, spectators, supporters and committee members who have been a part of the last 70 Year's.



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARDS

Nominations are now open for the 2017-18 Western Australian Young Achiever Awards! Does your club know someone who deserves to be recognised for the sports category?

The purpose of the Western Australian Young Achiever Awards is to acknowledge, encourage and most importantly promote the positive achievements of all young people up to and including 29 years of age as of 31st December 2017.

Winners will received a \$1000 Bartercard account, \$1000 cash and a trophy. To find out more and to nominate, go to:

<https://awardsaustralia.com/young-achiever-awards/wa/prizes/>

WHAT'S ON AT THE RECREATION CENTRE?



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MATTY KNIGHT BASKETBALL CAMPS



WILDCATS CHAMPIONSHIP CAPTAIN
BRAD ROBBINS



2 x NBL CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYER
CORBAN WROE

MARGARET RIVER

THURS 4TH & FRI 5TH JAN
MARGARET RIVER RECR CENTRE
TIME: 9AM-3PM COST: \$160

ALBANY

TUES 16TH & WED 17TH JAN
ALBANY LEISURE CENTRE
TIME: 9AM-3PM COST: \$160

PERTH METRO

TUES 9TH & WED 10TH JAN
CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE
TIME: 9AM-3PM COST: \$160

GERALDTON

MON 22ND & TUES 23RD JAN
GERALDTON BASKETBALL STADIUM
TIME: 9AM-3PM COST: \$160

NORTHAM

THURS 11TH & FRI 12TH JAN
NORTHAM RECREATION CENTRE
TIME: 10AM-2PM COST: \$120

DONGARA

WED 24TH & THURS 25TH JAN
IRWIN RECREATION CENTRE
TIME: 9AM-3PM COST: \$160



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- 12-15 YEARS

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