



MEDIA STATEMENT

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MLA: SPORTING GRANTS UP FOR GRABS

Local governments and not-for-profit community sporting organisations should take advantage of funding opportunities to help develop and maintain sport and recreation facilities, Local Member for West Swan Rita Saffioti said today.

Ms Saffioti said the Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) small grants program helped communities maintain facilities such as cricket pitches and practice wickets, safety fences, swimming pools, court surfaces and shade shelters.

“Many residents in the community enjoy a healthy and active lifestyle with a wide range of people participating in many various activities,” Ms Saffioti said.

“Our local community sporting facilities cater to a wide assortment of activities from footy to lawn bowls, and everything in between.

“Grants of between \$2,500 and \$50,000 are up for grabs to help communities like ours stay active.

“The Swan Valley Sporting Club received over \$25,000 in 2009 as one of the first successful applicants under the new program.”

Ms Saffioti reminded local community organisations that funding was also available through the Community Participation Funding scheme for projects which increased participation in sport, particularly with people from other cultures.

“Community groups can apply for funding of \$1,000 to \$5,000 for those sport and recreation projects which increase inclusion and participation across the community,” she said.

“Sport and recreation is a wonderful way for people from culturally diverse backgrounds to become involved in the local community and develop new relationships, while keeping fit at the same time.”

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