

GRANTS INFORMATION FOR CLUBS

What funding is available?

The State Government and Local Governments (Councils) have a range of funding programs for organisations, communities and individuals. These encompass community development, community capacity building, access, equity and diversity funding, wellbeing funding (particularly in the areas of health/fitness and healthy ageing), special needs groups funding- differently abled groups, culturally marginalised groups, arts, cultural and heritage funding, infrastructure funding, volunteers funding and programs, funding for clubs, including sporting clubs to name a few.

Why are some of the above categories of funding relevant to croquet clubs?

They are relevant because governments at all levels want to achieve more than just one simple aim with their grants, programs and support; there are limits to the amount of funds available for community purposes. Your Club can participate in some of these programs and achieve funding support. Croquet Clubs are the beneficiaries of considerable amounts of support from local government (Councils). In accepting this support, they can consider giving something back in return for the benefits they receive (use -sometimes exclusive use- of public lands, a clubhouse, other practical support - low lease/licence fees, rebates, maintenance support etc). If Clubs are prepared to reach out into their communities, they can access funding, including non-sports related funding, and achieve a win-win situation. By being inclusive of different groups, eg schools, U3A, seniors, marginalized groups, Clubs can be seen as participants in ‘community building’, ‘community integration’ ‘healthy ageing and wellbeing’ etc and at the same time achieve an expanded membership base. This improves their standing with Councils, and makes them more likely to be considered as appropriate recipients for further funding.

One of the best sources of information on NSW government sporting programs and grants, is **sportSHORTS, the NSW’s Office of Sport’s monthly newsletter**. Sign up for this by visiting www.sport.nsw.gov.au You’ll find the subscription opportunity at the bottom of the home page. If you have any questions about programs NSW Office of Sport offers, please contact Client Services Centre on 13 13 02

The other key source of funds and information is your local Council. Build a relationship with relevant staff and stayed informed. For some grants you will need the support of your local MP. Keep in contact and ensure s/he knows about your Club and its activities (and needs). Also trawl through other government departments website or go to generic sites such as www.dpc.nsw.gov.au

Current Grants

Defibrillator

The New South Wales Government Office of Sport has developed a 'local sport defibrillator program'. Details are provided on the New South Government Office of Sport website (<https://sport.nsw.gov.au/clubs/grants/defibrillator/fact-sheet>).

This being the case there is no need for us to apply for a defibrillator through other grant programs. We will need to monitor the situation as applications will be facilitated by the Office of Sport which indicates that more information will be available on their website as the guidelines are developed.

Community Building Partnership program [NSW State Government]

Community Building Partnership grants are available from the New South Wales State Government. These projects must be for building or refurbishing infrastructure, or purchasing capital equipment items with a minimum individual value of \$2500. As a guide an average amount of \$20,000 is awarded to each successful infrastructure project. These can be, among other things, for joint applications with the relevant local government authority.

Council Sports Committee Grants (in our case through the Randwick City Council) - request for capital funding

In 2016 we made an application through this Committee to 'repair access to the property (Coogee Croquet Club) from the northern end'. We were successful in this with the work currently being undertaken through the Council capital works program.

Kingswood Smith (our local Federal electorate) Stronger Communities Programme Grants 2017/2018 [Commonwealth Government]

In the present round \$150,000 of funding is available in the Kingsford Smith electorate for small capital projects, with grants between \$2500 and \$20000. These must be matched in cash or in-kind on at least a dollar for dollar basis. Applications for these grants need to be made through the Federal Member's Office and receive a 'blessing' from that office in order to proceed.

Liquor and Gaming New South Wales Infrastructure Grants

Funding for 2017/18 Infrastructure Grants is available, among other things, for Sport and Recreation. Grants are for what clubs would consider major projects (\$100,000 to \$300,000 per project) and for a club such as ours would

be relevant only in the case that Randwick City Council is prepared to undertake a major refurbishment and contribute matching funds. Such an application needs to be made through the Council since local government applicants are required to match the funding requested.

Holden Home Ground Advantage

This program aims to provide financial assistance to local sporting clubs and community organisations to invest in and develop their clubrooms, sporting grounds and general facilities, and invest in the growth and development of their emerging talent.

Grants of up to \$250,000 are available. A total funding pool of \$500,000 is available, with \$250,000 allocated for each round. The next round of grants is yet to be announced but is probably in 2018.

NSW Office of Sport - Local Sport Grants

This program aims to: increase regular and on-going participation in sport or structured physical activity; address barriers to participation in sport or structured physical activity; assist sport clubs to provide quality service to their members. In 2016/17, \$50,000 was allocated for successful projects within each NSW electorate.

Active Kids Rebate Programme (information from sport.nsw.gov.au)

This Program is still being designed. Under the Program, Parents will be able to register on-line to get their voucher to a sports club or registered provider to receive their \$100 rebate. The Program will be ready for families to claim their vouchers from January 2018. The Office of Sport will engage with the industry over the coming months to develop the final list of sport and fitness providers that will be eligible for the Program.

Croquet NSW has asked The Office of Sport to register croquet as an eligible sport to enable interested Clubs in becoming an Active Kids provider. Further details of the Program will be provided as the Program is developed. The Active Kids information page <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids> will include information for both sport and fitness clubs and parents as it comes to hand.

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