

CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER JUNIOR SPORTS ASSISTANCE FUND

Minutes of Thirty First Annual Meeting of the Fund held on
Wednesday, 14th September, 2016 at 5.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Jeanette Elliott, Jenny Burston, Chris Harris, Karen Cunningham,
Mark McShane, Melissa Telford

APOLOGIES: Karen Cunningham moved that the apologies from Cr Hanna
Persello, Cr Barry Kuhl and Karen McGregor be received.

Jeanette Elliott seconded Carried

MEMBER ORGANISATION

APOLOGIES: Kate Carrail, Mount Gambier and District Pony Club and Mount
Gambier Swimming Club

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING

PRESIDING MEMBER: Karen Cunningham moved that Jeanette Elliott be appointed as
Acting Presiding Member.

Jenny Burston seconded Carried

**WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE BOANDIK PEOPLES AS THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF
THE LAND WHERE WE MEET TODAY. WE RESPECT THEIR SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP
WITH THE LAND AND RECOGNISE THE DEEP FEELINGS OF ATTACHMENT OUR
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES HAVE WITH THIS LAND.**

MINUTES: Karen Cunningham moved that the minutes of the Thirtieth
Annual Meeting held on 26th August, 2015 be taken as read and
confirmed.

Jeanette Elliott seconded Carried

BUSINESS:

The guidelines under which the Junior Sports Assistance Fund and the Committee were
established by the City of Mount Gambier provide that the following shall be discussed and/or
should occur at the Annual Meeting:

- (a) discuss the general operation of the Fund;
- (b) Annual Meeting to be held within 60 days of the auditing of the Fund;
- (c) copy of the audited financial statement to be forwarded to all member organisations and
affiliated individuals (if any).

1. STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE - for period ended 30th June 2016

**Karen Cunningham moved it be recommended to Council that the Statement of
Income and Expenditure for the period ended 30th June 2016 detailing payments to or
payments from the Fund with a 30th June 2016 audited cash balance of \$69,135.30 be
received and adopted.**

Jenny Burston seconded Carried

2. GENERAL DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THIRTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

- (a) Twenty one (21) individual sporting organisations are formal Members of the Fund as
at 30th June 2016.
- (b) The Committee that manages the Fund comprises the following members as at 30th
June 2016:

Cr Hanna Persello (Presiding Member)
Cr Barry Kuhl
Mrs Karen McGregor
Mrs Jeanette Elliott
Mrs Jenny Burston
Mrs Karen Cunningham
Mr Mark McShane (Secretary)

and the Committee met formally on 26th August, 2015, 16th December, 2015, 30th March, 2016 and 8th June, 2016.

- (c) The Committee's current policies are that the payments from the Fund for support to juniors in any one financial year should not exceed 30% of the value of the Fund calculated as at 1st day of July of that financial year and that \$5,000 be made available in any one financial year for specialised coaching clinics.
- (d) The Committee has appointed small specific sub-committees for its Members to consider all applications for financial assistance from the Fund and for the sub-committees to act on those applications in consultation with the Secretary.
- (e) The following applications for financial assistance to Juniors from the Fund had been approved and paid during the 2015/16 year:

Basketball Mount Gambier Inc.	4,000
Blue Lake BMX Club Inc.	-
Blue Lake Y Swim Club	-
East Gambier Football/Netball Clubs	-
Lower South East Hockey Association Inc.	3,400
Mount Gambier & District Baseball League Inc.	2,800
Lakes Junior Tennis Inc.	1,000
Mount Gambier & District Pony Club	350
Mount Gambier Golf Club Inc.	350
Mount Gambier Netball Association Inc.	-
Mount Gambier Softball League	2,500
North Gambier Football/Netball Clubs	350
Shingokan Karate Social Club Mount Gambier	-
South Gambier Football/Netball Clubs	350
Mount Gambier & District Junior Cricket Association	-
Mount Gambier & District Little Athletics Club	1,150
Mount Gambier Touch Association	-
Seishikan Karate Australia	-
South East Women's Football Association	2,000
Mount Gambier Cycling & Triathlon Club	600
Mount Gambier Showjumping Club	-
Western Border Soccer Association	1,600
Discretionary - Mount Gambier Eight Ball Association	350
	<u>\$20,800</u>
Less refund from Basketball Mount Gambier for \$200 (1 child did not attend)	<u>\$200</u>
	<u>\$20,600</u>

- (f) The following applications for specialised Coaching Clinic funding had been approved and/or paid during the 2015/16 year:

Mount Gambier and District Baseball League	1,000
Basketball Mount Gambier	700
Shingokan Karate	700
Mount Gambier & District Pony Club	1,000
Mount Gambier & District Little Athletics	<u>1,600</u>

\$5,000

Funded entirely from the generous sponsorship of this initiative by the Mount Gambier and District Bendigo Community Bank.

- (g) The following applications for Disadvantaged Youth funding had been approved and/or paid during the 2015/2016 year:

Basketball Mount Gambier	600
Mount Gambier Softball League	300
Limestone Coast Football Association	<u>300</u>
	\$1,200
Less part refund from Basketball Mount Gambier for \$80 (child no longer playing, did not require uniform)	<u>\$80</u>
	<u>\$1,120</u>

Funded entirely from the generous decision of the Rotary Club of Mount Gambier Lakes to donate some of the proceeds from the Blue Lake Fun Run to this initiative.

- (h) Of the total incomes of the Fund for the 2015/16 financial year:

Council's contributions	16,000	44%
Member organisation contributions	9,931	28%
Bank Interests	1,079	3%
Donations	1,000	2%
Sponsorship	8,400	23%
	<u>\$36,410</u>	<u>100%</u>

- (i) The following TOTAL payments have been made to Junior sportspeople from the Fund - 1st July 1988 to 30th June 2016:

Australian Karate - Do Seishikan	4,400
Blue Lake Sports Club *	1,500
Mount Gambier Little Athletics	19,300
Gambier Centrals Soccer Club *	1,150
Mount Gambier Pistol Club*	4,800
Mount Gambier Netball Association	2,150
Blue Lake BMX Club Inc.	22,620
Blue Lake City Roller Skating Club*	11,550
Blue Lake Y Swimming Club	11,715
Basketball Mount Gambier	77,110
Mount Gambier Cycling & Triathlon Club	7,150
Mount Gambier & District Baseball League	80,800
Mount Gambier Softball League	32,050
Lakes Junior Tennis Association	1,700
North Gambier Football and Netball Clubs	3,450
Lower South East Hockey Association	75,150
East Gambier Football and Netball Clubs	1,500
South Gambier Football and Netball Clubs	5,900
Blue Lake Gymnastic Club*	1,300
Mount Gambier Golf Club	4,650
Shingokan Go Ju Ryu Karate	15,720
West Gambier Football Junior Colts*	800
Mount Gambier Athletics Talent & Development*	8,350
Mount Gambier & District Pony Club	2,600
Mount Gambier Ten Pin Bowling *	700
Mount Gambier Touch Association	3,350
Mount Gambier Junior Motorcycle *	5,100

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Mount Gambier & District Junior Cricket	7,050
South East Womens Football Association	6,725
Western Border Soccer Association	1,600
Mount Gambier Show Jumping Association	-
Discretionary	8,460
	<u>\$430,400</u>

**No longer a Member*

- (j) The following TOTAL payments have been made to Member Organisations for specialised Coaching Clinics from the Fund - 1st July 1991 to 30th June 2016:

Mount Gambier Cycling & Triathlon Club	1,315
Blue Lake BMX Club	2,000
Basketball Mount Gambier	2,537
Mount Gambier Table Tennis Association*	3,850
Lakes Junior Tennis Association	7,625
Mount Gambier Ten Pin Bowling *	1,000
Mount Gambier Netball Association	4,900
Blue Lake Y Swimming Club	2,050
Blue Lake City Roller Skating Club*	300
Mount Gambier & District Baseball League	5,250
Mount Gambier Softball League	5,590
Mount Gambier District Korfbal Club*	1,140
Lower South East Hockey Association	3,050
Mount Gambier & District Pony Club	6,234
Mount Gambier Pistol Club*	1,200
Blue Lake Gymnastic Club*	2,500
North Gambier Football and Netball Clubs	1,790
Shingokan Go Ju Ryu Karate	7,340
Mount Gambier & District Junior Cricket	600
Mount Gambier Little Athletics	500
Mount Gambier Junior Motorcycle *	862
Mount Gambier Golf Club	2,800
Mount Gambier Athletics Talent Squad	1,000
South East Womens Football Association	2,500
Mount Gambier Showjumping Club	2,450
	<u>\$75,383</u>

** No longer a Member*

- (k) The following TOTAL payments have been made to Member Organisations for Disadvantaged Youth from the Fund - 1st July, 2012 to 30th June, 2016:

Mount Gambier & District Baseball League	300
South East Womens Football Association	900
Mount Gambier Cycling and Triathlon Club	600
Basketball Mount Gambier	1,810
Mount Gambier Athletics Talent & Development Squad	300
Blue Lake Y Swim Club	500
Limestone Coast Football Association	300
Mount Gambier Softball League	300
Special Olympics SA (Discretionary)	1,500
	<u>\$6,510</u>

Karen Cunningham moved it be recommended to Council that the above reports be received.

Jenny Burston seconded

Carried

3. GENERAL MATTERS

The Secretary reported that the following matters took place during the 2015/16 year:

(a) NON RESIDENT APPLICATIONS

- (i) The Secretary reported that following a previous amendment to the operating guidelines that now allows persons not resident of the area of the two local Councils (but who are Members of a Member Organisation of the Fund) to now apply for financial assistance, the Committee wished to be informed of the number of applications received on an annual basis
- (ii) During the 2015/16 year the following non resident junior sportspersons donations were paid to Member Organisations from the Fund:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>ORGANISATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Courtney Van Diesen	169 Catons Flat Rd, Heywood	Soccer	\$400

(b) RESIGNED (SUSPENDED) AND NEW MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

- (i) During the 2015/2016 no Member Organisations resigned from the Fund;
- (ii) In relation to suspension of Member Organisations, after a final notice being sent to the Blue Lake BMX Club regarding its Membership to the Fund correspondence was received in relation to the Club's difficulties in paying the 2015/2016 Membership. The Committee at its meeting held 8th June, 2016 resolved as follows:
 - (a) *the report be received;*
 - (b) *if the Blue Lake BMX Club submit an application to rejoin the Fund for the 2016/2017 financial year and pay their respective membership, no other penalties be enforced;*
 - (c) *acknowledgement be made that the fees for 2015/2016 be waived.*
- (ii) There were no new Members admitted during 2015/2016.

(c) FINANCIAL POSITION

- (i) The financial position of the Fund was able to cope during the 2015/16 year.
- (ii) With the number of applications for support to juniors the funds of the Junior Sports Assistance Fund was able to cope with demand but the financial position of the Fund will need to be continually reviewed.
- (iii) this 2016 Annual Meeting of Members will again be required to reflect upon the reforms necessary to stabilize and sustain the financial position of the Fund to achieve our aspirations in the 2016/2017 year.
- (iv) Interest rates on our small investment continue to be at a low level.

(v) These suggested 2016/2017 reforms can be summarised as:

- Reductions in individual financial support to junior sportspersons (if the Committee deems necessary)
- Sustain the current annual minimum payment of \$400 from Member Organisations but the Committee review the current annual maximum payment of \$800 from Member Organisations and determine ceiling limit.
- Individual Member contributions continue to be calculated to have regard to returns to that Member Organisation from the Fund based on applications granted and not on the number of juniors.

(d) UNPAID MEMBERSHIP 2015/2016

All Member Organisations paid their 2015/2016 donations to the Fund with the exception of the Blue Lake BMX Club as detailed above. The Blue Lake BMX Club will rejoin the Fund in 2016/2017.

Karen Cunningham moved it be recommended to Council that the above reports be received.

Jenny Burston seconded

Carried

4. SUB COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – authority to make decisions on applications

The Secretary reported the following appointments have been made of members of the Committee who are hereby authorised to consider and approve applications for Junior Sports Fund assistance:

<u>APPLICATIONS FROM</u>	<u>COMMITTEE MEMBERS EMPOWERED TO CONSIDER</u>
1. BMX	JENNY BURSTON KAREN MCGREGOR
2. SWIMMING	JENNY BURSTON KAREN MCGREGOR
3. FOOTBALL	KAREN CUNNINGHAM JEANETTE ELLIOTT
4. HOCKEY	JEANETTE ELLIOTT KAREN CUNNINGHAM
5. BASKETBALL	KAREN MCGREGOR JENNY BURSTON
6. NETBALL – MGT NETBALL ASSOCIATION <u>AND</u> (those Netball Clubs associated with Mount Gambier WBFL Football Clubs provided those Football Clubs are Members of the Fund i.e. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• South Gambier• North Gambier• East Gambier)	JENNY BURSTON JEANETTE ELLIOTT
7. SOFTBALL	KAREN MCGREGOR KAREN CUNNINGHAM
8. BASEBALL	JENNY BURSTON KAREN MCGREGOR

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- 9. TENNIS KAREN CUNNINGHAM
KAREN MCGREGOR
- 10. PONY CLUB JEANETTE ELLIOTT
KAREN CUNNINGHAM
- 11. GOLF JEANETTE ELLIOTT
JENNY BURSTON
- 12. KARATE KAREN CUNNINGHAM
KAREN MCGREGOR
- 13. CRICKET JEANETTE ELLIOTT
KAREN CUNNINGHAM
- 14. ATHLETICS JEANETTE ELLIOTT
JENNY BURSTON
- 15. TOUCH FOOTBALL KAREN MCGREGOR
KAREN CUNNINGHAM
- 16. WOMEN'S FOOTBALL JEANETTE ELLIOTT
KAREN MCGREGOR
- 17. CYCLING & TRIATHLON JEANETTE ELLIOTT
KAREN MCGREGOR
- 18. SHOWJUMPING JENNY BURSTON
KAREN CUNNINGHAM
- 19. SOCCER JEANETTE ELLIOTT
JENNY BURSTON

Karen Cunningham moved it be recommended to Council that the above reports be received.

Jenny Burston seconded

Carried

5. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - Discretionary Assistance

The Secretary reported:

(a) that the Annual Meeting of Members held on 27th July, 2004 resolved:

“as a matter of Policy this Annual Meeting of Members hereby adopts and delegates the power to the Committee to make a discretionary donation to a local junior sportsperson when in the opinion of the Committee any such application deserves the Committee’s support based on special merit and circumstances and where the application is not able to be processed under the current procedures of the Fund.”

(b) During the 2014/15 year the following discretionary assistance was paid from the Fund:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SPORT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Hannah Elliott	Little Athletics	\$350

Karen Cunningham moved it be recommended to Council that the above reports be received.

Jenny Burston seconded

Carried

6. **APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE** - Denied

The Secretary reported that during the 2015/2016 no applications for financial assistance from the Fund have been denied.

Karen Cunningham moved it be recommended to Council that the above reports be received.

Jenny Burston seconded

Carried

7. **MEMBER ORGANISATION CONTRIBUTIONS 2016/2017**

The Secretary reported that:

- (a) the Member Organisation contributions for the 2016/2017 year continue to be based on the same formula;
- (b) for the 2016/2017 financial year it is suggested that the financial contributions by Member Organisations be retained at:
 - (i) minimum of \$400
 - (ii) maximum of \$800

For the information of Members the last change to the financial contributions was made in 2014/2015 i.e.

	<u>2013/2014</u>	<u>2014/2015</u>
<i>Minimum</i>	\$350	\$400
<i>Maximum</i>	\$800	\$800

Karen Cunningham moved to be recommended to Council:

- (a) that the report be received;
- (b) the Member Organisation contributions for the 2016/2017 financial year continue to be based on the funding formula as adopted at the Annual Meeting of Members held on 2nd August 2005 and as attached to this agenda (in respect of the required 2016/2017 contributions);
- (c) the “previous five (5) year annual average” be interpreted and calculated on a rolling basis i.e. the previous five (5) year annual average include the then financial year just ended so that the Member Organisation contributions reflect the most current figures and the minimum payment of \$400 and the maximum payment of \$800 apply for the 2016/2017 financial year

(Committee to consider and make final decision re 7(c)).

Jenny Burston seconded

Carried

8. COMMERCIAL CLUB EXCEPTIONAL JUNIOR AWARD - Annual Grant Initiative

The Secretary reported:

- (a) the Commercial Club Inc. has continued to provide the annual donation of \$1,000 for awarding to a young person who has demonstrated exceptional commitment and skills to achieve excellence in their chosen sport (previously funded by Blue Ribbon Insurance Services).
- (b) the awardees of over the past six (6) years of the initiative are:
 - 2010 Jack Pudney (Cricket)
 - 2011 Jaime McInerney (Athletics)
 - 2012 Matthew Markiewicz (Basketball)
 - 2013 Connor Prior (Karate)
 - 2014 Dylan Ridding (Baseball)
 - 2015 Lachlan Hunter (Basketball)

Karen Cunningham moved it be recommended to Council that the above reports be received.

Jenny Burston seconded

Carried

9. FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO JUNIORS - NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL EVENT DUE TO INJURY OR ILLNESS

The Secretary reported:

- (a) from time to time it can occur that a junior who has received financial support from the Fund to attend a National event is not able to finally participate due to injury, illness etc.;
- (b) depending on the timing of the need to withdraw the family could have purchased equipment, special purpose clothing or paid other non refundable costs;
- (c) in the past the Funds contribution to a junior who has been required to withdraw from a State Team has been refunded in full back to the Fund;
- (d) the question is whether some or all of the Funds contribution to a junior (via a Member Organisation) can be retained by the family to cover some of the non refundable costs incurred by the family;
- (e) the City of Mount Gambier Junior Sports Assistance Fund Committee at its meeting held on 31st July, 2013 resolved:
 - (a) *the report be received;*
 - (b) *“(i) as a matter of Policy, should it occur that within the twenty one (21) days prior to the actual event date, a junior sportsperson(s) is forced through injury or illness to withdraw from the principal event for which funds have been provided to the junior sportsperson(s) (via their Member Organisation) by the Fund, then the Secretary may negotiate with the family for the family to retain some of the donation provided by the Fund should the family prove that they have incurred and paid non refundable costs;*

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- (ii) *in all other cases a full refund of the original donation should be returned to the Fund by the recipient Member Organisation/family if a junior sportsperson(s) is not able to attend the principal event due to illness or injury."*

Karen Cunningham moved it be recommended to Council that the above reports be received.

Jenny Burston seconded

Carried

The meeting closed at 5.50 p.m.

15th September, 2016
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