

AGENDA

Junior Sports Assistance Fund Committee

Wednesday 4 December 2024



I hereby give notice that a Junior Sports Assistance Fund Committee Meeting will be held on:

Time: 6:00 pm
Date: Wednesday 4 December 2024
Location: Conference Room – Level 1, Civic Centre
10 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier



Sarah Philpott
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
29 November 2024

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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 FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES HAVE WITH THE LAND.

2 APOLOGIES

That the apology from Andrew Matheson be received.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Junior Sports Assistance Fund Committee Meeting held on 7 August 2024 be confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of the meeting.

4 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

5 REPORTS

5.1 ROTARY CLUB OF MOUNT GAMBIER LAKES - YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SPORTS PROGRAM - SECOND CALL

Author: Melissa Telford, Councillor Support Officer

Authoriser: Jane Fetherstonhaugh, General Manager Corporate and Regulatory Services

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council report titled 'Rotary Club of Mount Gambier Lakes - Youth Empowerment Sports Program - Second Call' as presented on Wednesday 4 December 2024 be noted.
2. The funding be made available to the Member Organisations named below to assist the identified juniors to achieve their fullest participation with the specific purpose donation from the Rotary Club of Mount Gambier Lakes – Youth Empowerment Sports Program initiative, to be used in accordance with their respective confidential application:
 - (a)
 - (b)
 - (c)
 - (d)

3. A cheque handover presentation be co-ordinated with Members of the Rotary Club of Mount Gambier Lakes to show the Funds appreciation for their ongoing support to the Youth Empowerment Sports Program.

PURPOSE

The Rotary Club of Mount Gambier Lakes provides annual funding to assist the Junior Sports Assistance Fund to provide a program to assist in identifying junior sportspeople who have the desire to participate in their chosen sport, but due to a variety of reasons are experiencing some form of difficulty. Member Organisations are invited to submit up to two confidential nominations for consideration of the Committee.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

To develop a strategy to attract extra income to the Fund from sources other than Member Organisations and Council contributions and for the purposes of expanding the range of support benefits that the Fund can provide to its Member Organisations.

To consider other strategies that seek external sponsorship of a general nature to the Fund, and/or for a specific purpose or a general initiative, all for the benefit of Member Organisations.

The "Sponsorship Donations" components will receive monies from any interested source and will be expended in accordance with any specific agreement between the Committee and the Sponsor organisation.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

N/A

BACKGROUND / OPTIONS

The Rotary Club of Mount Gambier Lakes conducts the very successful One Forty One Blue Lake Fun Run.

The Club had previously determined its schedule of organisations to receive the benefit of the surplus funds from the event.

One of the initiatives that the Club wished to achieve was to develop a process to assist junior sportspeople who have the desire to participate in their chosen sport, but due to a variety of reasons are experiencing some form of difficulty. Grants can be utilised to assist with membership fees, purchase necessary basic attire and/or equipment to be able to compete and be successful through their participation.

Member Organisations were invited to submit up to two (2) confidential nominations to utilise the remaining funding provided by the Rotary Club of Mount Gambier Lakes in accordance with the guidelines with applications closing on Friday 22 November 2024. The remaining funding available being \$1,200.

PROPOSAL

As at Friday 22 November 2024, the following nominations were received for financial assistance:

(i) Applicant 1

Mount Gambier and District Pony Club – Nominee: aged 18 years

REASONS FOR NOMINATING THIS PARTICULAR JUNIOR

Applicant 1 is an outstanding junior. She has been a member of the Mount Gambier and District Pony Club for in excess of 10 years and over that time we have been privileged to see her grow and develop in to a wonderful role model for others within our club and also within the equestrian sporting arena. Recently she has helped on the Mount Gambier Horse Trials committee, assisted with the Mount Gambier Show Jumping Club at their events and shows and is considered by all who know her to be an asset to the local equestrian community.

Applicant 1 does not have access to excessive financial support to pursue her love of riding, nor the opportunity to have expensive and competition ready mounts purchased. While at school and doing year 12 she worked at a racing stable in the mornings and balanced school work with the commitments she had on race days for her trainer. It is here that she sourced her current competition horse that she has taken from the race track to being a very accomplished show jumping and eventing partner for her in such a short time.

This donation will allow Applicant 1 the opportunity to have her membership fees covered and also access an eventing and dressage clinic that is being held here in Mount Gambier next February. These are expenses that she budgets to cover however it is my opinion that she often misses opportunities due to the costs and on this occasion it would be great if that were not the case.

ASSUME MAXIMUM DONATION IS \$300 – HOW WILL DONATION BE USED?

The donation will be used to pay for 2024/2025 membership to the Mount Gambier and Districts Pony Club and access to high performance training opportunities.

(ii) Applicant 2

Mount Gambier and District Pony Club – Nominee: aged 12 years

REASONS FOR NOMINATING THIS PARTICULAR JUNIOR

Receiving this grant will provide Applicant 2 the opportunity to participate in a regional clinic being held in the south east next year. Applicant 2 is at the very beginning of her riding journey, she is at the lower level of competition standard but is keen to get the experience, instruction and to learn. Due to personal and financial reasons she possibly would not be able to attend otherwise.

ASSUME MAXIMUM DONATION IS \$300 – HOW WILL DONATION BE USED?

The donation would go to enter a clinic, the entry fee is \$220.00 per rider with the balance to come of membership fees.

(iii) Applicant 3

Basketball Mount Gambier – Nominee: aged 10 years

REASONS FOR NOMINATING THIS PARTICULAR JUNIOR

Applicant 3 is a member of a family of low socio-economic status. In a relatively short period, basketball is becoming a positive and fun experience. His family support and encourage him in his games and trainings. He is eager to learn about the game and keen to master the skills involved. His overall approach and attitude towards his coaches and team mates deserves a special mention. While it is too early to make a prediction as to his long-term achievement in basketball, this financial assistance will enable him to continue playing basketball and hence continue this enjoyment while gaining valuable first-hand experience and life skills in working as a team. Financial assistance through this Youth Empowerment Sports Program will ensure that Applicant 3 can continue playing basketball, a sport he is rapidly developing skills in and understanding of the game.

ASSUME MAXIMUM DONATION IS \$300 – HOW WILL DONATION BE USED?

To help in the payment of State and National Registration Fees and weekly Match fees. To help in travel costs for his parents to bring him to Mount Gambier from Kalangadoo for games and trainings.

(iv) Applicant 4

Basketball Mount Gambier – Nominee: aged 10 years

REASONS FOR NOMINATING THIS PARTICULAR JUNIOR

Applicant 4 is a member of a separated family who has Autism. In a relatively short period, basketball is becoming a positive and fun experience for her and she has really blossomed since beginning playing. Her mother supports and encourages her in her games and trainings. Applicant 4 has joined our Mount Gambier Lakers U12 team for the 2024-25 season and is very eager to learn and master the game and skills. Her overall approach and attitude towards her coaches, team mates and life in general has had an enormous boost since beginning basketball. While it is too early to make a prediction as to her long-term achievement in basketball, this financial assistance will enable her to continue playing basketball and hence continue this enjoyment while gaining valuable first-hand experience and life skills in working as a team. Financial assistance through this Youth Empowerment Sports Program will ensure that Applicant 4 can continue playing basketball, a sport she is rapidly developing skills in and understanding of the game.

ASSUME MAXIMUM DONATION IS \$300 – HOW WILL DONATION BE USED?

This donation will be used to help pay for Applicant 4 to continue to travel with the U12 Mount Gambier Lakers team to Portland and Naracoorte. It will help pay for a new pair of Basketball shoes that fit.

CONCLUSION

This report presents the applications received for consideration of the Junior Sports Assistance Fund Committee. The Junior Sports Assistance Fund Committee to determine funding awardees.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

- 6 URGENT MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

- 7 MEETING CLOSE**

- 8 ATTACHMENT - PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MINUTES**

City of Mount Gambier
Junior Sports Assistance Fund Committee Meeting Minutes

7 August 2024

**MINUTES OF CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER
JUNIOR SPORTS ASSISTANCE FUND COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM, LEVEL 1 , CIVIC CENTRE, 10 WATSON TERRACE,
MOUNT GAMBIER ON WEDNESDAY, 7 AUGUST 2024 AT 5:35 PM**

PRESENT: Cr Josh Lynagh (Presiding Member), Cr Megan Dukalskis, Mrs Felicity Walker and Mr Andrew Matheson

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Support Officer - Mrs M Telford

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2 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Josh Lynagh

Seconded: Cr Megan Dukalskis

That the apologies from Ms Di Gould and Mrs Jenny Burston be received.

CARRIED

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Josh Lynagh

Seconded: Felicity Walker

That the minutes of the Junior Sports Assistance Fund meeting held on 12 June 2024 be confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of the meeting.

CARRIED

4 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil



5 REPORTS

5.1 COMMERCIAL CLUB INC. - ANNUAL DONATIONS - EXCEPTIONAL JUNIOR PROGRAM

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Megan Dukalskis
Seconded: Felicity Walker

1. That Junior Sports Assistance Fund Report No. AR24/55423 titled 'Commercial Club Inc. - Annual Donations - Exceptional Junior Program' as presented on 07 August 2024 be noted.
2. To assist with awarding an additional nominee funding for the Exceptional Junior Program the Junior Sports Assistance Fund will match the contribution from the Commercial Club and provide a \$1,500 donation;
2. The following juniors receive the Commercial Club Inc. donation to assist them to advance in their chosen sport and to achieve their potential:
Awardees: Kai Arbery, Mount Gambier Cycling
Bree Ridding, Mount Gambier and District Baseball League
3. The presentation of the Commercial Club Inc. donation take place at a time convenient to the recipients, member organisations, representatives of the Commercial Club Inc. and the Junior Sports Assistance Fund.
4. The media be invited to attend the presentation.

CARRIED

6 MEETING CLOSE

The Meeting closed at 5.56 p.m.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Junior Sports Assistance Fund held on .

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PRESIDING MEMBER

