

AGENDA

Junior Sports Assistance Fund Committee

Wednesday 24 September 2025



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

Time: 6:00 pm
Date: Wednesday 24 September 2025
Location: Conference Room – Level 1, Civic Centre
10 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier



Andrew Aitkin
INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
18/09/2025

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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

Nil

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Junior Sports Assistance Fund Committee Meeting held on 9 July 2025 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

Author: Melissa Telford, Councillor Support Officer

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RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council report titled 'Rotary Club of Mount Gambier Lakes - Youth Empowerment Sports Program' as presented on Wednesday 24 September 2025 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 photo opportunity with Members of the Rotary Club of Mount Gambier Lakes be co-ordinated 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 to utilise the remaining funding of \$1,500 for 2025 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 Thursday 18 September 2025.

PROPOSAL

As at Thursday 18 September 2025, the following nominations were received for financial assistance:

(i) Applicant 1

Basketball Mount Gambier – Nominee: aged 10 years

REASONS FOR NOMINATING THIS PARTICULAR JUNIOR

Applicant 1 has approached Basketball Mount Gambier with the hopes of joining a team. Coming from a low socio-economic background, he has never had the opportunity to play organised sport. As one of four siblings, including brothers with additional needs, his circumstances have presented significant barriers. This grant will provide the opportunity for him to play basketball, learn how to be involved in a team sport and assist with his social and physical skills.

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

The donation will be used to pay for his registration fees, match fees and appropriate footwear to play.

(ii) Applicant 2

Mount Gambier and District Pony Club – Nominees: Under 18

Secretary's Note: The Mount Gambier and District Pony Club contacted Council to advise of their intention to submit an application for 2 grants. Their aim is to use the funding for all junior Members. The Club expressed a desire to avoid selecting only a few recipients, when they have multiple juniors who are worthy of assistance and instead provide an opportunity for all. Their proposal is to utilise the available \$600 to provide such an opportunity.

REASONS FOR NOMINATING THIS PARTICULAR JUNIOR

The Mount Gambier and District Pony Club would like to apply for \$600.00 to benefit our entire junior membership rather than identifying just two members for this opportunity. We feel that the needs of a lot of our juniors are equal at this time and it would be difficult to select just two that would be more eligible than others.

This grant will support all our juniors by allowing them to participate in additional coaching specific to their level of skill and provide them access to coaches that they may not normally be able to afford.

ASSUME MAXIMUM DONATION IS \$600 – HOW WILL DONATION BE USED?

The \$600.00 grant will cover the cost of a full day of additional coaching for all juniors to utilise with the opportunity to train with Lindy Young who is an extremely well credentialed coach in both Pony Club and Equestrian Australia spheres. This grant will provide an opportunity to include the many riders that would normally be unable to participate in this additional training experience.

(iii) Applicant 3

Central Baseball Club – Nominee: aged 17 years

REASONS FOR NOMINATING THIS PARTICULAR JUNIOR

Applicant 3 is an outstanding young baseballer who currently plays in multiple divisions.

She has played at a State and National level multiple times, which is a huge expense to the family with more upcoming tournaments, one of which celebrates some of the top female players in the country.

To be successful at an elite level and the expenses these tournaments incur add up and place additional expenses on regional families.

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

The \$300 donation will go towards financial travel expenses for the upcoming tournaments and training opportunities to aid in further developing her skills.

(iv) Applicant 4

Lower South East Hockey Association - Nominee: Aged 14 years

REASONS FOR NOMINATING THIS PARTICULAR JUNIOR

Applicant 4 is a talented young player currently in the State Pathways Program, who is struggling to financially keep up with the Program. This grant will provide additional financial resources to assist in continuing with the Program.

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

This donation will assist with the significant costs involved with travel, uniforms and fees associated with the State Pathways Program.

(v) Applicant 5

Lower South East Hockey Association - Nominee: Aged 16 years

REASONS FOR NOMINATING THIS PARTICULAR JUNIOR

Applicant 5 is a talented young player currently in the State Pathways Program, who is also struggling to financially keep up with the Program. This grant will provide additional financial resources to assist in continuing with the Program.

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

This donation will assist with the significant costs involved with travel, uniforms and fees associated with the State Pathways Program.

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**



MINUTES

Junior Sports Assistance Fund Committee

Wednesday 9 July 2025



Minutes of City of Mount Gambier Junior Sports Assistance Fund Committee held on:

Time: 5:40 pm

Date: Wednesday 9 July 2025

Location: Conference Room – Level 1, Civic Centre
10 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier

City of Mount Gambier
Junior Sports Assistance Fund Committee Meeting Minutes

9 July 2025

PRESENT: Cr Josh Lynagh (Presiding Member)
Mayor Lynette Martin (OAM)
Cr Megan Dukalskis
Mrs Felicity Walker
Mrs Jenny Burston
Mr Andrew Matheson

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Support Officer

- Mrs M Telford

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Jenny Burston and Andrew Matheson arrived at 5.42 p.m.

2 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION JSAF 2025/7

Moved: Mayor Lynette Martin
Seconded: Cr Megan Dukalskis

That the apology from Di Gould be received.

CARRIED

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION JSAF 2025/8

Moved: Cr Josh Lynagh
Seconded: Felicity Walker

That the minutes of the Junior Sports Assistance Fund Committee Meeting held on 3 April 2025 be confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of the meeting.

CARRIED

4 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

5 REPORTS

5.1 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION JSAF 2025/9

Moved: Cr Megan Dukalskis

Seconded: Felicity Walker

1. That Junior Sports Assistance Fund Committee report titled 'Correspondence Received' as presented on Wednesday 9 July 2025 be noted.

CARRIED

5.2 STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES 01/07/2024 - 31/05/2025

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION JSAF 2025/10

Moved: Cr Josh Lynagh

Seconded: Mayor Lynette Martin

1. That Junior Sports Assistance Fund Committee report titled 'Statement of Revenue and Expenses 01/07/2024 - 31/05/2025' as presented on Wednesday 9 July 2025 be noted.
2. The financial statement of the Fund as at 31 May 2025 be received, noting a cash balance of \$139,862.76.

CARRIED

5.3 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR JUNIORS AND PAYMENTS FROM THE FUND - 01/03/2025 - 31/05/2025

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION JSAF 2025/11

Moved: Cr Josh Lynagh

Seconded: Andrew Matheson

1. That Junior Sports Assistance Fund Committee report titled 'Applications for Financial Assistance for Juniors and Payments from the Fund - 01/03/2025 - 31/05/2025' as presented on Wednesday 9 July 2025 be noted.

CARRIED

6 URGENT MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

7 MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 6.05 p.m.

The minutes of this meeting confirmed at the Junior Sports Assistance Fund Committee Meeting held on DD MM YYYY.

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PRESIDING MEMBER