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Seasonal allocations

ALLOCATIONS to sporting clubs will be determined on an annual or a seasonal term:

- Clubs will have use of the sporting reserves until the end of the home and away matches, according to the days and times specified by the council in the council approval document.
- If sportsgrounds and/or pavilions are required outside the home and away matches due to finals, or other commitments (ie tournaments), the club must apply to the council in writing at least three weeks prior to the event.
- When one or more club is licensed to the same reserve, training space, facility access including change rooms, canteen access and storage space will be allocated by the council in its sole discretion after consultation with the parties. Clubs must not at any time infringe upon the space allocated to the other user or users.
- Access for pre-season training or matches shall be determined by negotiation between ground users and if required the council can facilitate this process.

Request for capital works

ANY developments, modifications or additions to pavilions and/or reserves, will be reliant on the allocated budget for capital works and any club financial contribution. As proposals require council investigation and approval, they should be submitted at the beginning of the calendar year so consideration can be given during the council’s annual budget process. Information on grants availability can be obtained from any of the council’s recreation officers.

Continuous improvement

CLUBS accessing council grounds and facilities are expected to undertake a process of Continuous Improvement. This process is seen as a commitment by the club to continually strive to improve operations and activities and should be reflected in:

- Planning documents eg. business, strategic, operational, financial, safety;
- Participation in club development sessions offered by the council and other organisations; and,
- Participating in specific programs which demonstrate improved club operations eg. Good Sports Program, Smartplay and Sunsmart.

Competition fixtures

EACH tenant club is required to forward all team competition fixtures to Wodonga Council prior to the commencement of the season.
Calling all recreation groups

**YOUR** help is needed to support Wodonga to be more active, more often! April will see the start of the Premier's Active April campaign. Wodonga is right behind this year's campaign to support the community to be more active, more often. Your help is needed!

Healthy Together Wodonga is asking community groups, clubs and organisations to collaborate on a calendar of activities throughout April by providing information on:
- Programs;
- Activities;
- Events; and,
- Come-and-try days.

The calendar will promote activities that are already planned, not necessarily specially organised activities.

Activities need to be either free or low cost - to the value of $10. The idea is to support the whole community to come along and join in some affordable and accessible fun. Activities posted will become part of a heavily promoted Active April calendar. The calendar will be made available through a range of outlets and formats.

Premier’s Active April is a Victorian Government initiative which encourages Victorians to get active and participate in daily physical activity throughout the month of April. The campaign was formally known as the Premier's Active Families Challenge.

The Wodonga Sports and Leisure Centre is a key sponsor of the Wodonga campaign and, along with Wodonga Council and Healthy Together Wodonga, aims to support the community's health and well-being through promoting community-led activities that are happening throughout April.

Being involved is a great way to promote groups or clubs to the community and join forces with a major statewide campaign. Creating community connections and developing awareness are further benefits of being involved.

Local clubs and organisations play an important part in encouraging the community to participate in physical activity.

The calendar is an integral part of the overall campaign that targets community, schools and workplaces. Please see the attached expression of interest form to submit your group or club's activity.

So, come on, get involved and help your community to get out there and get more active, more often in April!

For more information contact the Healthy Together Wodonga team on htw@wodonga.vic.gov.au or phone Healthy Together Wodonga project officer Abbey O'Brien on (02) 6022 9351.

**Important information: Licenses**

**IMPORTANT** information for recreation clubs in relation to annual and seasonal licenses:
- If the club desires to use the reserve or the facilities beyond the times allocated or for a purpose other than the conduct of sporting competition as indicated in the club's application, the club must seek the council's prior written approval by submitting a detailed written request to the council's recreation department no later than three weeks before the date for which the additional use is requested. The council's decision must be communicated to the club as soon as practicable and must take into account the council's obligation to other licensed users, the general public and suitability of the occasion.
- The club must consult the council in relation to any maintenance issue which is not a minor matter as soon as the club becomes aware of the matter with a view to minimising further damage to a building or to a playing surface.
- The club must ensure that equipment used in the course of competition, training and other activities is maintained in a safe and effective condition and is used in a manner which minimises the likelihood of injury or damage to persons or property. The club must ensure that playing surfaces are fit for play prior to an activity commencing. Particular attention should be given to sprinkler heads and box covers, surface holes, litter, glass, stones and any other potentially dangerous objects. Documentation must be kept and completed to confirm safety checks have been completed as required.
- Withdrawal of grounds. The council may, with or without terminating this agreement in its absolute discretion, withdraw from the club the entitlement to use the reserve and the facilities on any grounds including, but not limited to, the following:
  - The ground is unplayable due to inclement weather;
  - The ground is unsafe for match play;
  - The ground is required to undergo surface repairs or redevelopment works;
  - The ground is required for a community event;
  - The club is in breach of any provision of this agreement after being given notice of the breach and has failed within seven days to remedy the breach, or is consistently in breach of any such provision;
  - The facilities have been damaged and are unsafe; or,
  - Any other reason in the council's absolute discretion.
# Grants available from DTPLI

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<td><strong>Overview</strong></td>
<td>The Country Action Grant Scheme provides grants to increase the skills of coaches, officials and managers and improve the accessibility and operational capacity of community sport and recreation organisations in rural and regional Victoria.</td>
<td>The Significant Sporting Events Program will help sporting, community and event organisations to deliver significant sporting events in Victoria.</td>
<td>The Elite Athlete Travel Grant Program provides grants to assist elite Victorian athletes to travel to compete at national championships or international events.</td>
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<td><strong>Eligibility</strong></td>
<td>Clubs, organisations and community groups who deliver sport and active recreation in rural and regional Victoria.</td>
<td>Private event organisations, national and state sporting associations, venues, local government authorities and not-for-profit organisations may apply.</td>
<td>Individual athletes - see website for eligibility criteria.</td>
<td>Local community sport and active recreation clubs which are non-government and not-for-profit, registered as an incorporated body, participate in an organised competition and have satisfactorily completed the reporting requirements of any previous DTPLI grants.</td>
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<td><strong>Funding range of grant</strong></td>
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<td>Event Assistance Grants: Up to $20,000 Event Development Grants: Up to $300,000</td>
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Raise money for your community group

SUPER Tuesday, the national annual bike count, relies on volunteer counters to enhance bike riding data around Australia. Each counter receives a $50 donation to a non-profit organisation of his or her choice.

By registering to count, each group member can take part in growing active travel in your neighbourhood and make money for your community group.

If 10 people from your group sign up, you can make $500. Counters are also sent a countsheet and a Super Tuesday T-shirt. It's that easy.

**Date:** Tuesday, March 4, 2014  
**Time:** 7am to 9am  
**Where:** Australia wide (34 locations across Wodonga)

How to get involved:
- Register online;
- Pick a location; and,
- Complete the count on the day.

Register now. For more information, visit the Super Tuesday website bicyclenetwork.com.au/general/bike-futures/30600 or contact Ji Ae Bak on (03) 8376 8815 or email jiaeb@bicyclenetwork.com.au

Training opportunity for club volunteers

THE Centre-CARN (Centre Active Recreation Network), the Regional Sports Assembly for North East Victoria, has been successful in a funding application to offer a number of either fully, or partially subsidised Level 1 Sports Trainer Course places to sport and recreation club volunteers across five shires of the north east region of Victoria.

This is an outstanding opportunity for club volunteers to access a regionally located Level 1 Sports Trainer Course in your shire, either free, or at a subsidised rate. This training is valued at $299 per participant and generally requires travel and accommodation expenses to either metropolitan Melbourne or a major regional centre.

Proactive sport and recreation clubs located in the shires listed below are invited to apply for the following training opportunity:

Sports Medicine Australia (SMA)  
Level 1 Sports Trainer Course (Fully Accredited).

**PLEASE NOTE:** The number of positions are strictly limited. Priority will be given to clubs who may otherwise be limited to training opportunities, due to their remote geographic location or financial resources.

**Dates and locations:**
- Saturday, April 5 and Sunday, April 6 - Rural City of Wangaratta - Wangaratta;
- Saturday, April 26 and Sunday, April 27 - Towong Shire - Tallangatta;
- Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4 - Indigo Shire - Beechworth;
- Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 25 - Alpine Shire - Bright; and,
- Saturday, June 14 and Sunday, June 15, City of Wodonga - Wodonga.

Places are strictly limited and all expressions of interest must be received by Friday, February 21, 2014.

To register your interest, apply for a position or find out more information, please forward an email and your contact details to Jennifer Johnstone at The Centre-CARN, jennifer.johnstone@thecentre.vic.edu.au

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| Liona Edwards  | • Liaison with user groups  
• Casual ground and facility bookings  
• Grants and funding advice  
• Strategic planning and reports  
• Mowing                                     | Phone: (02) 6022 9284  
Mobile: 0438 359 174  
Fax: (02) 6022 9322  
Email: ledwards@wodonga.vic.gov.au |
| City of Wodonga customer focus team | • Minor maintenance  
• Cleaning enquiries  
• General enquiries                                              | Phone: (02) 6022 9300  
Email: info@wodonga.vic.gov.au |

For any urgent after hours enquiries, please phone (02) 6022 9300.