

February 2009 E-News

NOTICE BOARD

1. New PICSAR Program Manager

After Kate's departure in 2008 we now have a new staff member – Melanie Thomas. Mel has joined SWSA fresh from finishing a Bachelor of Applied Science (Human Movement) & Bachelor of Management at Ballarat University. During this time Mel worked with Tennis Australia.

Mel now takes over the PICSAR Program Manager position to contact Mel or for information regarding the SWSA PICSAR Program call 5561 1689 or email melanie@southwestsport.com.au

2. 2008 Amazon Sports Star Awards

The 2008 Amazon Sports Star Awards are underway and are looking to be yet another great event in the South West Sporting Calendar. With 14 categories covered, ranging from; Juniors, Seniors, Masters, Teams, Volunteers & Clubs. Nominations forms will be sent out within the next few months, watch this space. Nomination forms will also be available in the Saturday 21st February edition of the Standard.
(Note: the 2008 Sports Star Awards recognises sporting people & clubs from the 2008 Calendar year.)

After the successful running of the event last year, held at the Warrnambool Entertainment Centre this year's event will be held there again on Wednesday 27th May 2009, times yet to be decided. Format will be pre-event drinks & nibbles followed by theatre style presentation of the awards.

For further information about the 2008 Amazon Sports Star Awards Contact Damien Clark on 5561 1689 or email damien@southwestsport.com.au

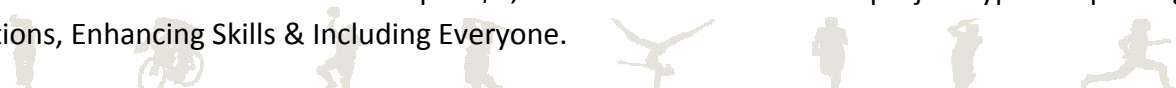
3. Sportslink – coming in 2009

South West Sports Assembly in conjunction with the other Regional Sports Assembly's across Victoria are producing an online database called Sportslink. Sportslink will replace our current online & offline databases and is planned to be operational sometime in 2009. The database will be accessible to anyone with internet access and clubs are to update their own details when ever changes within the club are made. Watch this space for further information about Sportslink.

GRANTS & FUNDING

1. Country Action Grants Scheme (CAGS) & VicTalent

The Country Action Grants Scheme (CAGS) aims to increase the capacity of community sport & recreation organisations in rural Victoria. Grants of up to \$5,000 are available for three project types: Improving Organisations, Enhancing Skills & Including Everyone.



The VicTalent Grants Scheme provides financial assistance to grassroots sport & recreation organisations in rural Victoria to support developing athletes, coaches, officials and teams who travel extensively to train & compete. Clubs can only apply for 2 VicTalent grants up to \$500 each, please note that the VicTalent Grant will not back pay the last years travel.

Both funding pools are open all year round and assessed bi-annually. For further information about these grants visit www.grants.dvc.vic.gov.au

2. Victorian Volunteer Small Grants

Victorian Volunteer Small Grants of up to \$5,000 are available to Victorian organisations to:

- Attract new members from diverse backgrounds, e.g. Indigenous people, newly arrived migrants, people with a disability;
- Create new volunteering opportunities;
- Strengthen existing volunteering programs as a way of engaging new volunteers

The grants are open and assessed on an ongoing basis. For further information visit www.grants.dvc.vic.gov.au

3. Drought Relief for Community Sport & Recreation Program

The Drought Relief for Community Sport and Recreation Program 2009 provides grants to help local communities maintain local community sport and develop sustainable approaches to water management of sports grounds and other sport and recreation facilities.

Councils with areas on Stage 3 or higher water restrictions can apply for funding up to \$100,000 of projects designed to keep sport and recreation facilities open or for projects providing long term, sustainable reductions in potable water use by community sporting facilities. Additional priority projects, in any council area, will be considered where continued use of a facility is at risk because of lack of water or where the facility is important to the maintenance of local competition.

Applications close on Friday 27th February 2009. For further information visit www.grants.dvc.vic.gov.au

4. Local Sporting Champions Program

The Local Sporting Champions Program is an Australian Government initiative designed to provide financial assistance for junior sportsmen & women towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing at an official Nation Sporting Organisation (NSO) endorsed state or national competition.

Available to young people between the ages of 12 & 18 who need to travel more than 250km (return). Grants of up to \$500 for individuals & \$3,000 for teams are available to successful applications. Applications are open all year round and are assessed quarterly. For further information visit

http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/schools_and_juniors/juniors/get_involved/local_sporting_champions

Sport Education, Training & Club Development

1. Online Courses

Play by the rules offers free, online training courses for coaches, administrators, umpires & referees as well as participants & volunteers. The courses are short (taking no more than 2 hours), they can be done in part or all at once, and make extensive use of case studies.



Two of the courses that are available are:

- Discrimination & Harassment
- Child Protection

For further information visit www.playbytherules.net.au

2. 2009 Community Practitioner Short Course

The Community Development Short Course is a comprehensive 3 day professional development workshop for community and economic development practitioners working in local government, community organisations, community centre's, and state or federal agencies. The Short Course will equip you with practical "how to" understanding and skills.

The Short Course covers "real world" issues in community development using case studies and practitioner experiences from Australia and overseas. It provides a wide range of tools for community engagement, economic analysis, supporting community action and fostering community participation.

Each day begins at 9am and finishes at 4.30pm. Day 3 finishes at 3.30pm.

Cost: \$ 790 (GST inclusive) this includes:

- Comprehensive notes,
- Lunch, morning tea and afternoon tea each day,
- Excellent venue.

Travel and accommodation are at the participant's expense.

To register visit www.communitydevelopment.com.au and click on Practitioner Courses. Payment by cheque or EFT - a tax invoice will be forwarded.

For further information please contact Jim Cavaye on 0428 387 722 or (07) 4638 7722 or email: cavaye2@bigpond.net.au

3. Working With Children Check Workshops

The Justice Department is running 8 Working With Children Check Information sessions throughout March. It is now compulsory for sporting clubs to comply with the new WWC laws and all coaches, club members that are interacting with children must possess a Working with Children Check.

The workshops will be held in the following locations:

- Camperdown 16th March 2009 2pm & 7pm @ Killara Centre, Manifold St Camperdown
- Hamilton 17th March 2009 2pm & 7pm @ Martin J Hynes Auditorium, Market Place Hamilton
- Portland 18th March 2009 2pm & 7pm @ Reception Room Glenelg Shire Council Offices, Portland
- Warrnambool 19th March 2009 2pm & 7pm @ Senior Citizens Room, Timor St Warrnambool

Be sure to get along to these workshops to find out about how you and your club must comply with the new Working with Children Laws. For further information please call Damien on 5561 1689.



4. Level One AFL Coaching Course

AFL Victoria is running a Level One AFL Coaching Course to be held Sunday March 15th @ Glenormiston College, Noorat. For further information contact Alan Thompson 5562 1167.

5. Sustaining Volunteerism Initiative

The Sustaining Volunteerism Initiative is working with the Corangamite, Glenelg, Moyne, Southern Grampians & Warrnambool Councils to provide ongoing, relevant and sustainable education & training opportunities for south west Victoria's volunteer sector.

This low coast training, with fees ranging between \$20 & \$80, is provided by a range of highly qualified, experienced facilitators and consultants. Training topics & dates are as follows:

- Board Members: Roles, Responsibilities, Liabilities and Protections – 26th May 2009 in Warrnambool
- Financial Literacy for Managers & Committee Members of Not-For-Profit Organisations – 26th May 2009 in Portland

For further information and extensive calendar visit www.vcross.org.au/clearinghouse/vv/events.php or contact Erin Wicking on 9654 5050 or email erin.wicking@vcross.org.au

SWSA Projects, Events & Information

1. 2009 Sports Club Workshops – Club Sustainability

South West Sports Assembly will be running workshops at the end of March 2009. These workshops will be focused around how to align your Corporate/Strategic Plan to your Financial Plan then to the Budget i.e. If your club recognises in its Strategic Plan that your clubrooms are old and need to be rebuilt or refurbished then how to align this key point into the Financial Plan and Budget. Also all aspects of running your club i.e. running programs, buying new equipment, longevity of the club, maintenance, club fees etc.

The second workshop will be focused on how to set a budget to achieve:

- a \$50,000 project &
- a \$150,000 project

Looking at how much your membership fees should be, how much your club will need to fundraise, grants, sponsorship, savings etc, also looking at ongoing replacement costs and maintenance of a facility and how to plan for this within the budget. Times, locations and dates are:

Terang – 7pm – 9.30pm Monday 23rd March 2009 @ Rose Room, Terang Civic Hall

Portland – 7pm – 9.30pm Tuesday 24th March 2009 @ Supper Room Portland Civic Hall, Bentinck St Portland

Warrnambool – 7pm – 9.30pm Wednesday 25th March 2009 @ Archie Graham Centre, Timor St Warrnambool

Hamilton – 7pm – 9.30pm Thursday 26th March 2009 @ Martin J Hynes Auditorium, Market Place Hamilton

For further information or bookings contact Damien on 5561 1689 or damien@southwestsport.com.au

2. 'Go for your life' South West Games

The 2008 'Go for your life' South West Games hosted by the Warrnambool City Council from the 1st – 9th November 2008 was a huge success. Thank you to all the Sponsors, event directors & participants who took part in this fantastic event. The Final Report is currently under review and should be completed sometime in February 2009.



The 2009 'Go for your life' South West Games will run from the 7th – 15th November 2009 and will be hosted by the Corangamite Shire. The first meeting is set to be held sometime in May 2009, date & location to be announced.

Watch this space or contact Damien on 5561 1689 or damien@southwestsport.com.au for further information about the 'Go for your life' South West Games.

3. What's On In Sport

What's On In Sport is a weekly column run in the Warrnambool Standard; if you would like your clubs events dates and details included please contact Damien on 5561 1689 or damien@southwestsport.com.au for further information on how.

Industry News

1. Football & Netball Lighting Guide

The Football & Netball Lighting Guide is an outcome of the Country Football & Netball Program and aims to answer the key questions local sporting clubs, organisations and councils may face when undertaking new lighting projects. The guide offers recommendations for planning, design, maintenance and operation of a variety of lighting systems.

The guide also includes examples of lighting projects across Victoria, which demonstrates innovative and cost effective ways communities can maximize the use of their facilities and playing surfaces.

The Football & Netball Lighting Guide is available from Sport & Recreation Victoria, www.sport.vic.gov.au

2. The Arafura Games Incorporating the Oceania Paralympic Championships

The Arafura Games Incorporating the Oceania Paralympic Championships are to be held from the 9th – 17th May 2009 in Darwin.

Eight Paralympic sports are to be contested at the 2009 Championships; Athletics, Cycling (road), Swimming, IPC Power lifting, Shooting, Table Tennis, Wheelchair Tennis and 7-a-side Football (invitational). All sports will receive sanctioning from the relevant International Federation.

For further information about the Games, entry process and the host city Darwin, please visit www.arafuragames.nt.gov.au online entry and accreditation is now available. If you need further information regarding the Paralympic sports please contact Alison Campbell on (03) 9614 3076 or alison.campbell@paralympic.org.au

Check This Out

1. Grant Websites

State: www.grants.dvc.vic.gov.au

Federal: www.grantslink.gov.au

Our Community: www.ourcommunity.com.au



2. 12th Australian Masters Games

The 12th Australian Masters Games hosted by the City of Greater Geelong runs from 20th – 1st March 2009. For further information on event dates & locations visit www.australianmastersgames.com

3. South West Region U14 Skills Basketball

Saturday 7th – Sunday 8th February 2009 there is a U14 Basketball Skills day at Hamilton Indoor Leisure & Aquatics Centre. Includes a day of coaching, t-shirt, basketball, notes & certificate of participation, cost \$77. For further information call 5572 2736

4. Corangamite Shire Recreation Week

Recreation Week is a week-long (21st February – 1st March 2009) event conducted by Corangamite Shire in partnership with community recreation clubs and organisations. It provides both passive and activity recreational activities for all residents across the Shire.

Recreation Week is intended to encourage people of all ages and abilities to participate in a sporting or recreational activity and to promote the fitness, health and social benefits of participation. It also gives clubs and organisations a unique opportunity to showcase their group and potentially recruit new participants to their sport, hobby or interest. The event will celebrate its tenth year in 2009 with 68 activities registered by 51 organisations.

For further information about Recreation Week contact Brooke Love on 5593 7163 or Brooke Barnewall, on 5593 7194

5. Hamilton Annual Swimming Carnival

Hamilton Annual Swimming Carnival will be held at Hughan Park Outdoor Pool on Saturday 21st February 2009 and any Swimming Victoria registered swimmer can compete. Call 5570 1445 for further information.

6. Meet Olympic Gold Medalist David Crawshay

Hear David's story: Beijing 2008 – The Journey. David & rowing partner Scott Brennan rowed into the history books in August winning Gold for Australia in the Men's Double Sculls at the Beijing Olympic Games.

Hear Davids amazing story from disappointment at Athens to becoming a gold medallist for his country just a few short years later! On Australia Day 2009 David was awarded OAM for his services to Australian sport & his gold medal win.

When: Thursday February 12th 2009 @ 6pm for 6.30pm

Where: Flying Horse Bar & Brewery (Cnr of Raglan Pde & Mahoneys Rd Warrnambool)

What: Two course meal & Guest Speaker

Cost: \$40 with drinks available @ bar prices

RSVP: Monday February 9th 2009 to Nathan Anderson 0403 495 827 or npa78@bigpond.com



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E-News

1. If you would like to become a member of the South West Sports Assembly please call SWSA on 5561 1689 for further information.
2. If you have any information that you would like included in e-news please call SWSA on 5561 1689 for further information.

