

## May 2009 E-News

### NOTICE BOARD

#### 1. 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.

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 27<sup>th</sup> May 2009. Format will be pre-event drinks & nibbles, 6.30pm in the Civic Hall followed by theatre style presentation of the awards commencing at 7.30pm sharp in the Theatre. **(This is a non-alcoholic)**

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

#### 2. Sportslink – coming in 2009

South West Sports Assembly in conjunction with the other Regional Sports Assembly's across Victoria are producing an online database & website called Sportslink. Sportslink will replace our current online & offline databases & websites and is planned to be operational in April/May 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](http://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](http://www.grants.dvc.vic.gov.au)

## 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](http://www.playbytherules.net.au)

### 2. 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 – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2009 in Warrnambool
- Financial Literacy for Managers & Committee Members of Not-For-Profit Organisations – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2009 in Portland

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

## SWSA Projects, Events & Information

### 1. 2009 Sports Club Workshops – Club Sustainability

South West Sports Assembly is looking at the 2009/2010 planning and wants your input on what workshops you would like us to run. So if your a sporting club with a pressing issue, whether it be marketing, strategic planning, financial planning etc.. Get your input into Damien Clark at SWSA on [damien@southwestsport.com.au](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> 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 completed and can be attained by contacting SWSA on 5561 1689.



The 2009 'Go for your life' South West Games will run from the 7<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> November 2009 and will be hosted by the Corangamite Shire. The first meeting is set to be held Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2009, Camperdown Community Centre, Killara Room commencing at 7pm. Other meetings are as follows:

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2009 – Cobden Civic Hall, Heytesbury Room @ 7pm  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2009 – Terang Civic Hall, Rose Room @ 6.30pm – SWSA AGM  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2009 – Camperdown Community Centre, Killara Room @ 7pm  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009 – Cobden Civic Hall, Heytesbury Room @ 7pm  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2009 – Terang Civic Hall, Rose Room @ 7pm  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2009 – Games Launch – Cobden Miniature Railway @ 6pm  
Games Period 7<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> November 2009 'Go for your life' South West Games  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2009 – Camperdown Community Centre, Killara Room @ 7pm

All meetings will consist of some club education forum as well as 'Go for your life' South West Games information. So if you are interested in running a Games event be sure to get along to the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting 20<sup>th</sup> May in Camperdown to find out all the details, if you are unable to attend please contact Damien on 5561 1689 or [damien@southwestsport.com.au](mailto:damien@southwestsport.com.au)

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.sport.vic.gov.au)

## Check This Out

### 1. Grant Websites

State: [www.grants.dvc.vic.gov.au](http://www.grants.dvc.vic.gov.au)

Federal: [www.grantslink.gov.au](http://www.grantslink.gov.au)

Our Community: [www.ourcommunity.com.au](http://www.ourcommunity.com.au)



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## E-News

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2. If you have any information that you would like included in e-news please call SWSA on 5561 1689 for further information.

