SPORT GROUPS ENCOURAGED TO “RACE IN” FOR GRANTS

Time is running out for sport and recreation organisations to apply for up to $3,000 for a Grass Roots Development Grant with applications for the first of two rounds closing on 31 August 2005.

Minister for Sport and Recreation, Delia Lawrie, said more than $80,000 is on offer through the first round of the Northern Territory Government’s Office of Sport and Recreation’s Grass Roots Grants Program.

“Grants are available for new and innovative projects and I encourage sport and recreation organisations that meet the basic criteria to apply,” said Ms Lawrie.

“Grants are provided for a broad range of initiatives, for example YMCA Katherine recently received a grant to establish a Senior Wiser program to encourage senior Territorians to take part in activities such as Tai Chi and aquarobics.

“Other grants were provided to the Areyonga Community west of Alice Springs to develop an annual basketball competition for youth and women, and Satellite City BMX Club at Palmerston to hold a Come ‘N Try BMX Day.”

Ms Lawrie said that whilst Grass Roots Development Grants are open to all sport and recreation organisations in the Territory, particular consideration will be given to clubs in regional and remote locations.

The grant allocation process takes into consideration membership numbers, benefits to the wider community, prior achievements of the organisation and anticipated outcomes at the grass roots level.

More information on the grants program is available by phoning 1800 045 678 or visiting www.dcdsca.nt.gov.au.

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