Women and Volunteers brought to the fore in sport and recreation

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Women and Volunteers play an integral part of sport and active recreation. However at times they face limited opportunities for development, challenges with fit-for-purpose equipment and their hard work and dedication often goes unnoticed.

Now the Country Liberals Government is acknowledging their invaluable contribution to sporting clubs throughout the Northern Territory.

Minister for Sport and Recreation Nathan Barrett has announce two new grant programs to empower, develop and inspire more women and volunteers to get involved in sport and active recreation.

“As a result of extensive consultation through the Sport and Active Recreation Master Plan I wanted to ensure we put a focus on and invested in greater opportunities for women and volunteers across the sector,” Mr Barrett said.

“There is no doubt participation numbers in female sport across the Territory is rapidly increasing whilst sporting organisations find it difficult to attract and retain valuable volunteers.

“The Country Liberals Government is committed to providing more opportunities for girls to take up sport and recreation activities at grass roots level and develop pathways to support women reaching the elite level.”

An online survey revealed much evidence for government support.

“Please ensure a consideration in the Master Plan for extra support for women’s sport,” survey respondents wrote.

“Although women’s sport is strong and well represented in the Territory, in some cases women receive access to sub-par facilities and officials compared to men. Women’s sport needs the same recognition, treatment and funding as men’s,” another wrote.

Mr Barrett heeded the feedback and delivered.
“I am pleased to announce an investment of $400,000 towards two new grant programs through the Department of Sport and Recreation for women, girls and volunteers which directly addresses this feedback from the community.” Mr Barrett said.

Sport and active recreation organisations throughout the Territory are eligible to apply for funding up to a maximum of $10,000 for projects aligned to the following categories:


- Professional development
- Training programs
- Equipment
- Minor infrastructure works


- Professional development
- Equipment
- Travel
- Reward and recognition
- Promotion
- Management policies

Clubs and organisations are encouraged to apply immediately - applications close Monday 30 May.

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