2004/2005 Round 2 Grass Roots Development Program – Summary of Recommendations by Region

Alice Springs

AFL Central Australia Inc

Launch a Women's Recreational Football Competition.

Funding is sought to assist AFL Central Australia Inc (AFLCA) to establish a Women's Recreational Football Competition in Alice Springs. 'Rec Footy' is a modified, non-contact version of Australian Football described as 'the game for everyone' that could increase female participation rates across all ages and backgrounds. This is a previously untapped market that will also require the mentoring of new referees. AFLCA will utilise registration fees and income derived from drink sales to support the competition but need assistance with essential equipment, advertising and a first aid kit. This application was well planned and researched and has support from the peak association, AFL Northern Territory Limited.

This project will expand AFLCA's membership base, provide development opportunities for officials and increase the opportunities available in the community to participate in sport. Funding for essential equipment and promotion.

$1,275

Alice Springs Hockey Association Inc

Conduct a Corporate Cup Challenge.

The Alice Springs Hockey Association Inc proposes to hold a Corporate Cup Challenge. The project will provide participants with the opportunity to try hockey in a fun, non-threatening environment. It is envisaged that the Challenge will lead to increased membership at both the senior and junior level. The event will also provide opportunities for new volunteers to assist in umpiring, coaching and other duties.

This project targets new members and volunteers in the sport of hockey in Alice Springs. Funding is supported to assist with advertising.

$900

Alice Springs Town Council

Implement the Senior Centralians Active In Recreation Program.

The Council would like funding to assist it to implement the Senior Centralians Active In Recreation (SCAR) Program. This Program was created with the Alice Springs University of the Third Age Seniors Group and aims to provide the senior community with opportunities to participate in social, healthy and active activities. Some of these activities include golf, dancing, walking, tai chi, croquet, aqua aerobics and bocce.

This initiative has strong support the Alice Springs seniors community and will provide real opportunities for them to be involved in sport and recreational activities. Funding is recommended to assist with venue hire and advertising.

$1,000

Areyonga Community Incorporated

Establishment of an annual basketball competition for youth and women.

Areyonga Community Incorporated, through its Sport and Recreation Program, proposes to establish an annual basketball competition in the community. This will provide an opportunity for community members to become involved in playing, coaching, umpiring and administering the game of basketball. The implementation of this competition will increase participation in regular physical activity and enhance community harmony. The community has recently formed a Youth Committee, which will be responsible for overseeing and managing the basketball competition. Areyonga Community Incorporated is contributing $2,500 and providing in-kind support through staff involvement and use of existing facilities.
This project will provide an opportunity for community members to participate in organised sport. Funding is recommended to provide essential equipment to establish the competition.

$3,000

**Central Australian Junior Rugby League Inc**

Conduct a ‘Kids to Kangaroos’ holiday clinic to recruit new players.

The Central Australian Junior Rugby League Inc has requested funding to assist in a media campaign to promote a holiday program based around the Kids to Kangaroos Program developed by the Australian Rugby League (ARL). This Program promotes a modified form of the game, including no tackling. It will also provide reduced season fees as an incentive for any child who joins the competition after participating in the holiday program. The ARL is supporting this program with Development Officer assistance and possibly high profile athletes.

This organisation has shown their commitment to the project by subsiding costs to conduct the event. The program offers more opportunities for juniors in Alice Springs to participate in sporting activities. Funding is supported to assist with the advertising of the event, which will heavily promote the no tackle aspect of the games. There is a perception amongst parents that all rugby league includes tackling and they have been reticent to allow their children to play. For this program to be successful it is imperative that the organisation be provided with sufficient funding to reach the target market.

$3,000

**Central Desert Canoe Club**

Establish a Flat Water Canoeing Program.

The Central Desert Canoe Club wants to establish a flat water canoeing program that has the potential to expand club membership as well as provide a more diverse range of canoeing recreation options to residents of Alice Springs. The Club will purchase flat water canoes from its own funds, but is seeking support to train six members as lifeguards and to supervise the Club's activities. This is a critical component for this program to succeed, as the Club is not covered by public liability insurance without trained lifeguards. The Club has support from its peak body, Australian Canoeing.

This program has the potential to increase participation levels, with juniors targeted through a 'come and try' day. Funding is recommended towards course fees, venue hire and accommodation and airfares for the course presenters.

$1,800

**Centralian Darts Association Inc**

Manufacture four portable dartboard stands, scoring whiteboards and stands.

Funding is requested for the manufacturing of four portable dartboard stands, scoring whiteboards, whiteboard stands and associated lighting. The Association has identified a lack of adequate equipment for the growing number of members who are participating in the sport.

The Association has identified the appropriate resources needed to provide sufficient competition for all members and to ensure that membership numbers don't decrease because of a lack of equipment and competition. The application is well researched and funding is supported.

$1,000

**Sports Medicine Australia (NT) Branch Inc**

Purchase a laptop computer and printer for its Alice Springs office.

The Association would like to purchase a laptop computer and printer for its newly formed Alice Springs position. This position was created in response to demand from the Alice Springs community and the requested equipment is required so services can be delivered in a professional manner. The Association is contributing $1,000 towards this initiative.

Full funding is recommended to support increased services for safe participation in sport and recreation activities in the Alice Springs region, which previously had limited access to these services.

$2,000
Darwin
Arafura Dragons Paddling Club

Purchase and trial of a 'cox-box' training aid.

The Arafura Dragons Paddling Club (ADPC) has competed at national and international levels. The ADPC has identified the need to purchase a 'cox-box' training aid, which will develop and increase the skill level of members. The 'cox-box' will improve the Club's training regime from junior to elite levels, maintain competitive levels and provide a transparent team selection process.

Funding is supported for the purchase of the 'cox-box' training aid. This equipment will increase the organisations capacity to develop and deliver competitive training skills to all members and provide transparent selection processes.

$1,400

Arthritis Foundation of the Northern Territory Inc

Provide recreational activities for young people with juvenile arthritis.

Currently there are no specifically structured exercise or activity programs for juvenile arthritis sufferers in the Northern Territory. The Association will provide structured recreational activities with "Warm Water Exercise" and "Tai Chi" Programs to support juvenile arthritis sufferers. With support from Rotary Clubs and Parks and Wildlife the Programs will be conducted at Lake Leanyer in April 2005 to coincide with Arthritis Week.

Funding is recommended towards this project as it is well researched and will provide an opportunity for juvenile arthritis sufferers to participate in gentle exercise.

$1,650

Darwin Bushwalking Club Inc

Purchase first aid kits and conduct a first aid course.

Funding is requested to allow six leaders to undertake a first aid course. By providing professional development to volunteer leaders, the Club aims to increase participation and create higher levels of safety awareness.

Funding for this project is fully supported. The Darwin Bushwalking Club has been able to raise funds to cover half the cost of the course.

$473

Darwin Dressage Club

Purchase a custom made equipment trailer.

The purchase of a trailer to move arena equipment would reduce the amount of heavy lifting by Club members, therefore reducing the risk of injury. The purchase of a trailer would also allow the Club to run events in remote areas and reduce the running cost to the Club by eliminating the use of hiring trucks when transporting the arenas.

This project has benefits in terms of member safety, as well as increased opportunities for participation.

$3,000

Darwin Motorcycle Club Inc

Conduct the Top End Bike and Quad Spectacular.

The Darwin Motor Cycle Club Inc is seeking funding to develop the Top End Bike and Quad Motocross Spectacular in the dry season. The Club currently holds the annual Kamfari, a race in the mud held at the end of the wet season. The Kamfari attracts competitors from all over Australia.

The event could become an annual major event on the Northern Territory calendar. Funding is supported to assist with promotion and advertising.

$2,000
Darwin Netball Association Inc
Purchase portable goal posts to enable the use of additional courts.
The Association has requested funding to cater for the increased number of people, in particular juniors, playing netball at Parap. Participation numbers are such that more courts are needed to maintain current growth rate and to continue to provide good service to the community. An agreement has been made with Darwin City Council to allow use of the public tennis court, but portable goal posts and padding are needed to change the courts for netball use. Funding is supported for some of the items requested, as they are essential for utilising the tennis courts as netball courts.
$840

Darwin Show Jumping Club Inc
Conduct professional development and a 'come and try' event.
Funding is requested to support a 'come and try' event and training Club members in a Course Designer Program. This project should lead to an increased number of participants, as well as increasing the Club's capacity to provide skill specific training. The Club has identified appropriate resources, has support from its peak body and has volunteer support from the community. The application seeks funding to support travel, accommodation, advertising and course fees.
The Darwin Show Jumping Club has clearly identified the need for more qualified people to assist in the development and the ongoing growth of the Club. Supporting documentation shows there is a shortage of skilled people in the relevant field, which is why the Club has sought an interstate presenter. Funding is supported to assist with travel, accommodation, advertising and course fees.
1,755

Football Federation Northern Territory Inc
Purchase of a video camera and multimedia equipment to develop specialised coaching courses.
Funding is requested to purchase a video camera, wireless lapel microphone system, tripod, hard travel case and media. The camera will be used within the three Zone Councils in the Northern Territory to allow the development of specialist coaching resources for Indigenous players and coaches and the videoing of training sessions and matches for referees, coaches and all players to assist their ongoing training and development. The development of a specialist coaching resource will enable the Federation to better meet the needs of the community, particularly with respect to Indigenous players. Funding is supported towards the majority of this equipment.
$2,100

Howard Springs Lions AFL Juniors Club
Purchase a lockable, enclosed trailer to safeguard resources and promote the competition.
Funding is sought to assist the Howard Springs Lions AFL Juniors Club (HSL) to purchase a lockable enclosed trailer to safeguard resources and promote the competition. The HSL provides opportunities for juniors living in and around the outer Darwin area to participate in Australian football. The purchase of the trailer will allow the HSL to manage and maintain resources without the fear of lost or damaged equipment. Also, it will enable the Club to actively promote itself and the sport through sponsored advertising on the trailer. Funding is recommended as it will allow increased participation for juniors living in and around the outer Darwin area.
$2,910
NT Softball

Purchase a public address (PA) system.

Softball has experienced a decline in the number of participants in the 13 - 23 age group. The organisation is looking for an innovative way to improve the atmosphere at games and increase both player and crowd participation. NT Softball has identified several personnel and local personalities who have a good knowledge of softball to broadcast games during the local Darwin competition. Through the purchase of a PA system, NT Softball believe it will enable their sport to achieve a 20% increase in spectators at scheduled games. This project is aimed at increasing participation and is supported. Funding towards the PA system is recommended.

$1,500

Nightcliff Tigers Netball Club

Purchase a computer.

The Club would like to purchase a computer to keep accurate records of fees paid and owing, and to store all information and file records on one central computer. With a new computer, the Club will be able to produce newsletters and financial reports on regular basis. The Club has supplied quotes and a letter of support by the peak body for the sport, the Northern Territory Netball Association Inc. This project will support member participation and improve the Club's capacity to manage its operations efficiently. Partial funding is supported in line with the submitted quotes.

$1,760

Northern Territory Cricket Association Inc

Conduct a ‘one off’ sign up day for Darwin cricket clubs.

The Northern Territory Cricket Association Inc (NTCA) proposes to conduct a "one-off" sign on day for the Darwin and Districts Cricket competition. This sign on day is aimed at encouraging increased junior and senior participation as either a player, official or volunteer at a club level. This event is in line with the NTCA's long term objectives of increasing club participation to support a pathway for player development. This project is aimed at increasing participation at a grass roots level. Funding is recommended towards advertising costs for the sign on day.

$1,600

Palmerston Rugby Union Club

Conduct scrummaging coaching clinics.

It is paramount to the sport of rugby union that coaching staff are fully trained on the correct scrummaging techniques. The purchase of a scrummaging machine and the subsequent coaching clinic's will teach proper scrummage techniques and hopefully reduce the risk of possible spinal injuries to players. Without the correct training equipment the Club's ability to attract new players or to keep existing ones is limited. The project will improve player safety.

$3,000

Satellite City BMX Club

Conduct a capacity and membership building weekend including a come and try day.

The Club has applied for funding to help conduct a comprehensive capacity and membership building weekend that will include specialised rider, coach and official training and a come and try day. The Club has presented a well researched and comprehensive plan and inclusive timetable for the weekend. They have committed 127 voluntary hours for the preparation, conduct and reporting of the event and have budgeted for a minimum expenditure of $1,350. The NT BMX Association fully supports this initiative. Full funding for this event is recommended for this multi-faceted initiative. The event will build and promote participation in this sport and help the Club become more self sufficient.

$3,000
Taminmin Rural Boxing Club

Purchase new training equipment to replace unsafe equipment.

The Taminmin Rural Boxing Club, sponsored by Boxing NT Inc, has requested funding to purchase new boxing equipment to replace old and unsafe equipment. The Club is aiming to improve the standards of training equipment to retain current members and attract new members. It hopes to lift the profile of amateur boxing and at a later stage would like to develop a program aimed at women.

The current members of the Taminmin Boxing Club have agreed to pay increased fees to assist in covering the cost of replacement equipment in the future. Funding for this project is fully supported as replacement of the old equipment will improve occupational health and safety standards and will increase the capacity of the Club to provide sport and recreation outcomes to existing and new members.

$1,325

The Darwin Tennis Association Inc

Purchase a laptop computer and printer.

The Association would like to purchase a laptop computer and printer to increase its management capacity and improve its service to members. A laptop computer will enable the Association to record results and statistical information at competitions. The Association is contributing $399 for the purchase of this equipment and Tennis NT has provided a letter of support for this initiative.

Full funding is recommended as this equipment will improve the capacity of the Association to manage its operations and deliver services to members.

$1,700

Top End Orienteers

To conduct mapping for the inaugural Northern Territory Championship.

Funding is requested to conduct up to date mapping to enable the Northern Territory Championships for orienteering to be held July 2005. This is a nationally recognised event, which has received interest from overseas competitors and allows its members the opportunity to compete at a national level. Once completed, the maps will be current for up to five years.

This event will provide an opportunity to promote orienteering in both junior and senior competition. Funding is recommended towards mapping and associated costs of the Northern Territory Championships.

$3,000

University Sharks Rugby League Football Club Incorporated

Upgrade changerooms and rehabilitation facilities.

Funding is requested to paint the changerooms and upgrade the toilet, shower and rehabilitation facilities. Wooden benches used by trainers to treat injured players are in need of repair. The addition of an oscillating fan and a fresh coat of paint will create a cool, relaxed atmosphere and provide a professional facility for the Club's members.

Funding is recommended towards replacing the wooden bench tops at the Club's changerooms to enable trainers to adequately treat injured players and fulfil their duty of care to players.

$350

Waratah Netball Club

Purchase a laptop computer.

Waratah Netball Club would like to purchase a laptop computer to increase its management capacity and improve its service to members. The application is well presented, including quotations and support from both the Northern Territory Netball Association as well as Darwin Netball Association. Full funding is recommended for the Club to purchase a laptop computer as this will enhance the capacity of the organisation through efficient management practices and improved service delivery to its members.

$1,500
Katherine

Katherine BMX Club Inc

Conduct come and try days.

The Katherine BMX Club has requested funding to purchase one day licences to fund three come and try days throughout 2005. As of January 2005, the national body, BMX Australia renegotiated with its insurance company to purchase a new "one day licence". This licence allows any rider to participate for a one off cost of $15. By purchasing licences and running come and try days free of cost to participants, the Club aims to increase membership numbers. This project has merit as it provides opportunities for community members to participate in an activity they may not have been able to access otherwise. Funding is supported to run two come and try days.
$1,000

Katherine Football Club Inc

Provision of coach and referee training for club volunteers.

The Association would like to run accredited coaching and officiating courses for its volunteers to service its 300 plus members. To date sixteen candidates have registered for the refereeing course and twenty for the coaching course. The Association recognises the difficulty in keeping its accredited members within the transient population of Katherine and has developed strategies to combat this in the future. The Football Federation of the Northern Territory, as the Association's peak body has submitted a letter supporting this proposal. Partial funding is recommended to subsidise volunteers in completing the courses and to assist the Association with costs for a professional to run the training in Katherine.
$2,000

Katherine Senior Citizens Association Inc

Introduce ballroom dancing classes.

The Association would like to provide fun, achievable physical activity opportunities for seniors during 2005 in the form of structured ballroom dancing classes. Professional tuition will be provided. This project will provide low impact exercise and health benefits for senior citizens. The application lacked a lot of detail and justification for funding. However, the proposed project is a great initiative with a practical approach to getting senior citizens active. Partial funding is recommended to assist the organisation to trial the classes. If these are successful, the Office of Sport and Recreation will work with the organisation to apply for additional funding to continue the project.
$1,000

Northern Territory Appaloosa and Western Performance Club Inc

Purchase equipment to replace old and unsafe equipment.

The Club has requested funding to purchase competition cones, a metal gate structure and to repair the trailer needed to transport equipment from the locked storage area to the equestrian facility in order to conduct training sessions and events. The request is aimed at improving safety standards and access for disabled participants. Funding is supported as the equipment will increase the Club's capacity to deliver programs, train and develop member skills. Purchase of the metal gate structure will enable disabled riders easier manoeuvrability and improve occupational health and safety standards. The repairs to the trailer will enable transportation of equipment in a safe and secure manner.
$3,000
Nhulunbuy

Alyangula Golf Club Inc

Promote and foster junior golf on Groote Eylandt.

The Alyangula Golf Club Inc has requested funding to develop and deliver a Junior Golf Program on Groote Eylandt. The Club will encourage juniors between the ages of 10-16 years old to become physically active. The project will include promotion, training and skill development. It is envisaged that this will lead to an increase in junior members and the establishment of a junior competition. This project will increase the opportunity for youth to participate in supervised, structured activity. It will also assist with developing the skills of junior players. The Club has identified appropriate resources, has support from the peak body and has secured volunteer support from the community. The Northern Territory Golf Association also receives funding from the Indigenous Sports Program to assist with the delivery of golf to all regions. Funding is supported to assist with purchase of equipment and accommodation.

$3,000

Groote Eylandt and Milyakburra Youth Development Unit

Implementation of a Youth Boxing Program.

Funding is requested to purchase equipment to assist with the implementation of a Youth Boxing Program in the community. The Program has developed from consultation with other organisations and the young people in the community. It is believed that such a Program will assist to reduce crime and help to build relationships with the local Policier Officer who will run the Program. Funding to purchase the requested equipment is recommended as the organisation has shown a depth in community consultation. Funding and support from other agencies has been confirmed. The Program which the community is looking to implement has been previous trialled in Wadeye by the same constable with positive results.

$3,000

Marngart Community Government Council

Conduct a 'Try Sports' weekend.

The Council would like to conduct a 'Try Sports' weekend that will offer activities not usually played in Marngart Community. This initiative is part of the Council's strategic direction to identify a diverse range of activities for the community and also promote healthy lifestyle choices. Sports people from the East Arnhem region will talk about healthy lifestyle choices during the weekend and a translator will convey these talks in the local Yolngu Matha language. The Council is contributing $320 towards the project. Partial funding is recommended for the successful delivery of the weekend, including the provision of ample drinking water, the purchase of sports equipment and inclusion of all children through the provision of transport.

$2,000

Nhulunbuy Skate Club

Purchase a sound system for the Club's extreme sports/disco 'Fun Night'.

The Nhulunbuy Skate Club has requested funding to purchase sound system speakers to be used at the weekly extreme sport/disco 'Fun Night'. The 'Fun Night' provides an opportunity for the youth of Nhulunbuy and surrounding communities to participate in physically active recreation in a safe, drug and alcohol free environment. Funding is requested to replace equipment that was on loan to the Nhulunbuy Skate Club and is no longer available. The music is a vital drawcard to the youth to participate in the evenings activities, and without music, interest to attend has been drastically reduced. The 'Fun Night' also offers an opportunity for families to meet and watch their children take part in the activities, therefore promoting good community spirit. Funding for the purchase of this equipment is fully supported as it increases the capacity of the organisation to deliver this event and meet the Office of Sport and Recreation outcome of providing opportunities for all Territorians to participate in sport or physically active recreation.

$1,000
**Northern Territory**

**Northern Territory Gymnastic Association Inc**

Provide ‘hands on’ workshops and accredited coaching courses.

Funding is requested to launch two compulsory cheerleading routines that fulfil national requirements with ‘hands on’ workshops and accredited coaching courses for primary and secondary schools and communities. This will provide opportunities for interschool competition and increase the number of officials for cheerleading.

Cheerleading is a new sport to Gymnastics and offers any age, gender, size or shape to participate as a team member. The Association has made a tremendous effort over the past twelve months to introduce cheerleading throughout the Northern Territory. Consequently, funding is supported for this project.

$3,000

**Northern Territory Rugby Football League Referees Association Inc**

Increase the number of qualified referees in the Northern Territory.

The Northern Territory Rugby Football League Referee Association Inc has identified the need to increase referee coaching standards within the sport of Rugby League, focusing on new and senior referees in Alice Springs and Darwin areas. This project will increase consistency in refereeing throughout these regions having a positive affect on players, referees, coaches and spectators. This project will give Northern Territory referees the opportunity to become qualified at their appropriate level and provide skill development for new and existing referees. This will increase the standard of refereeing and assist in maintaining consistency in the game of Rugby League.

$3,000

**Volleyball – NT Beach**

Purchase three portable beach volleyball kits.

Volleyball Northern Territory (VNT) - Beach Committee was formed in the last month to provide focus on this discipline of volleyball. The Committee will concentrate on developing the management, officiating, events and day to day operations of beach volleyball. Beach volleyball is a fun sport and the Committee would like to expose this sport to as many Territorians as possible. To do this they require the facilities to deliver the game to different environments. VNT has had many requests to provide the sport at different locations for commercial entities, government and non-government bodies that want to use it as a team building exercise. VNT - Beach would like to take advantage of these opportunities. At this time, the only places available to provide these services are commercial venues.

The purchase of three portable volleyball kits will help expand the sport of beach volleyball in the Northern Territory. This will provide development opportunities for volunteers, officials and increase the opportunities available in the community to participate in the sport. Full funding is supported.

$865
**Tennant Creek**

*Ali Curung Council Association Incorporated*

Purchase sporting equipment for the development of a Community Sport and Recreation Program.

Imangara has a population of about 100 people and is located approximately 40 kilometres outside of Ali Curung. It has been several years since there has been any structured sporting activity in the community. They do not have basic and essential equipment such as balls, posts and rings. Ali Curung Council has agreed to assist Imangara to develop and run a Community Sport and Recreation Program and are contributing $3,786 to this initiative. This project will give residents a much needed opportunity to become involved in regular physical activity. It will also strengthen community relations as people work together to implement and manage the Program.

This project has been developed with a great deal of community consultation and is well planned. It gives a community the equipment they need to participate in basic sporting activities. Full funding is supported.  

$3,000

**Elliott District Community Government Council**

Hold a 'come and try' weekend of Lawn Bowls in Elliott.

The Elliott District Community Government Council in partnership with the Tennant Creek Bowling Club is aiming to promote lawn bowls to members of the community through a 'come and try' weekend. The weekend will provide the opportunity to people of all ages to participate in the sport of lawn bowls in a safe and controlled environment that is ideal for family involvement. Funding for this project is supported to purchase equipment and the cost of travel and accommodation for a bowling coach as it provides an opportunity to members of the community, regardless of age, to participate in sport.  

$1,600