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## ***This Edition of the Club Bulletin***

Government Funding – Sports and Recreation Events Program (closes 13 June 2014)

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### **1. Sports and Recreation Events Program**

The primary focus of the Sport and Recreation Events Program is to attract financially viable sporting events to NSW. The Program will provide funding for events that are international or national in focus, are recognised by the relevant sporting authority and provide an opportunity for talented athletes, officials and coaches to develop their skills through exposure to and participation in these events.

The Program will also support events conducted in regional and rural areas that promote participation in sport and physical activity and provide a focal point for community building and engagement. Eligible events are those conducted outside the Sydney Metropolitan area (i.e. that area outside the Sydney Metropolitan area that is outside the County of Cumberland and the local government areas of Liverpool, Penrith, Camden, Campbelltown, Wollondilly, Hawkesbury and Blue Mountains, as per The Regional Development Act 2004) and outside the Local Government Areas from Newcastle to Wollongong along the coast.

There are two distinct event categories within the Sport and Recreation Events Program, these are (1) International and national sporting events and (2) Regional and Rural Community Participation Events.

For more information:

<http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/grants/srep.asp>



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## **2. Perfect Pitch of Green Program**

Turf Australia and Junior Landcare continue their commitment to making a positive difference to children's play environments and will be providing schools and youth groups the opportunity to have a professional turf grower provide natural turf as grass coverage for kids and students to experience and enjoy.

With 2014 being the year of the 2014 FIFA World Cup, Junior Landcare and the representative body for turf growers, Turf Australia have come up with a new take on the in-kind grants program for freshly grown grass by offering a natural turf makeover of an area up to 200 square metres, slightly bigger than the goalmouth area of a standard sporting field, and the perfect amount for refreshing an outdoor classroom. The grass can be used to update sports areas, enhance outdoor learning areas, or create more spaces for playing.

Schools, teachers, students and youth groups (including sporting clubs that involve young people) are invited to tell us via the Expression of Interest (EOI) form how natural turf will make a positive difference to their school or community, who will benefit and how the new space will be used by the students or children. Schools or clubs/groups must also demonstrate their commitment and plan to successfully maintain the new turf area which includes the capacity to undertake any necessary site preparation work and installation.

<http://grantsandfunding.com.au/grants/perfect-pitch-of-green-program-2014>

## **3. FSC Knights**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2014, the FSC Knights played their first game. The FSC Knights are part of the All-Age All Abilities program, FSC developed in conjunction with the Disability Trust.

The teams have been formed to give children with autism, Down syndrome and mild intellectual disabilities a chance to participate in all things football - played their second round at the weekend. Children aged under-6 and under-8 will play games on a weekly basis against our junior club teams in a modified format.

The sportsmanship and enthusiasm for this program shown by our junior clubs, coaches and players has been fantastic and FSC would like to thank you all for making this program so successful in its first few weeks.

In order to accommodate the requirement of some families in the FSC Knights, there are games that have been scheduled at the Fraternity on the Futsal courts. This also makes it much easier for one of the players in a walking frame. We trust that you are able to advise parents and coaches of this for any of your clubs scheduled matches and appreciate your assistance with this.



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#### **4. FSC Reporter**

In light of communication being an ongoing focus for FSC, it has become apparent that our football councils, players, clubs and spectators would like increasing stories on what is happening across football and our leagues.

In light of this, FSC has recruited an FSC reporter to provide 6 stories each week covering different aspects of competitions and articles of interest. Julian Keith is a journalism student at the UOW, will be undertaking this role and will be in attendance at some games each week. He may also be in contact with clubs over the phone for interviews, etc.

Please make Julian feel welcome into this role.