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Funding boost for regional WA

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Community sport and recreation groups across Western Australia will share in almost \$10.5million in State Government grants under the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF).

Premier Alan Carpenter today announced this year's grants, 61 per cent were for projects in regional WA totalling just over \$6.3million.

Mr Carpenter said sport and recreation was a valuable part of people's everyday lives and facilities should be available for all Western Australians.

"The State Government recognises that participation in sport and recreation is vital for building stronger and happier communities." he said.

"In fact, we established the Premier's Physical Activity Taskforce in 2002 to urge all Western Australians to be active.

"Participation in sport and recreation is vital for building stronger and happier communities. It provides benefits far beyond the physical, including better social, educational and mental health outcomes.

"Distance from facilities is a major barrier for people in regional areas when it comes to participating in sport and recreation. That is why, as with every year, a sizeable portion of this year's CSRFF grants will support development of basic infrastructure in these remote areas.

"We want to ensure that sport and recreation is just as vibrant in the country as it is in metropolitan communities."

Some of the major regional projects funded this year include:

- City of Albany: \$356,693 to develop a community recreation and sport training facility at the Bayonet Head - Lower King precinct,

including expansion of the existing Flinders Park Primary School oval to provide the major grassed, floodlit, level playing field provision in this area;

- City of Albany: \$46,913 to the Emu Point Sporting Club to resurface six tennis courts with a synthetic surface;
- City of Mandurah: \$835,000 to construct three synthetic greens and a contribution to the clubhouse at the Allnutt Community Facility (Bowling Club);
- Shire of Derby/West Kimberley: \$454,000 to redevelop the aquatic centre at Derby Memorial Swimming Pool; and
- Shire of Ashburton: \$750,000 to help construct a multi-purpose centre at Onslow Recreation Centre.

Sport and Recreation Minister John Kobelke said that since 2001, the State Government had invested more than \$82million in community sport and recreation facilities through the CSRFF.

“The CSRFF grants meet up to one third of a project’s estimated total cost, with the rest of the money coming from local government, sporting bodies or the local community,” Mr Kobelke said.

“With communities growing at a rapid rate, and demand for infrastructure at an all time high, it is important for the State Government to partner with local governments and sporting organisations to meet the high demand for facilities.”

The next round of CSRFF grants opens on July 1.

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