

# BUSTER BULLETIN

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## Helping not for profit organisations for 12 years

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2012. 2011 was a fabulous year for the RTB team. We were successful in winning around \$40 million in grants and tenders, something our competitors could only dream about. Some of our 2011 successes included:

- \$31,818 for a new greens mower for a Golf Club,
- \$7,419 for a upgrade to toilet facilities and the installation of a rain water tank for a sporting club,
- \$31,227 for a water storage project for a sporting club,
- \$200,000 for a State High School from the Smart School Subsidy Scheme,
- \$18,400 for the Toowoomba and District Showjumping Club from the Flood Fightback Scheme,
- \$75,000 for a State High School for their Leadership Program,
- \$92,000 in funding for flood related recovery for a sporting club,
- \$5,000 from the Women's Grant Funding Program,
- \$3,914 for a sporting club to run their Indigenous program,
- \$19,699 for Esk Campdraft Association to install a patio,
- \$52,000 for a Queensland based Coast Guard to replace their boat motors,
- \$31,818 for St George Golf Club to install a shed and purchase chairs, and
- \$35,000 for Lockyer Valley Netball Association.

These are only a snapshot of what we have achieved and the progress we have made in working with not for profit organisations to turn their dreams into a reality!

### Specialists in:

- *Government and Philanthropic Funding*
- *Tender Writing Services*
- *Government & Private Sector Liaison*
- *Town Planning and Land Resumption Advice*
- *Business & Strategic Planning*
- *Job Application Writing Services*
- *Business Support Services*
- *Sponsorship Proposal and Event Management*

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## Flood Recover Funding for Queensland

The recent floods have severely impacted on businesses, community and sporting groups in South Western Queensland. We can assist your business/organisation access funding so contact us NOW! Following is a list of grant assistance programs open to organisations affected by the flooding:

### ***Freight subsidies and low-interest loans (Category B assistance)***

Freight subsidies of up to \$5,000 are available from the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI) for primary producers in the affected areas to assist in the movement of materials such as fodder, building materials, machinery and fuel to assist in the recovery efforts.

Low-interest loans are also available to eligible small businesses, primary producers and not-for-profit organisations in affected council areas. These loans, administered by QRAA, are for repairing or replacing damaged plant, equipment, buildings, supplying stock and carry on requirements such as essential property operations and paying rent and rates.

### ***Recovery grants (Category C assistance)***

Recovery grants of up to \$25,000 are available to eligible small businesses, primary producers and not-for-profit organisations in affected council areas. These grants, administered by QRAA, are to assist with flood clean-up and recovery.

### ***Sport and Recreation Disaster Recovery Program***

The Sport and Recreation Disaster Recovery Program supports not-for-profit sport and recreation organisations with relief efforts to re-establish their facilities and activities. This program provides funding to eligible organisations within areas declared under the Queensland Government Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) as at 17 February 2012.

The program provides funding of up to \$25,000 for eligible organisation.

## Flood Recovery Funding – New South Wales

The recent floods have severely impacted on businesses, community and sporting groups in Northern NSW. We can assist your business/organisation access funding so contact us NOW! Following is a list of grant assistance programs open to organisations affected by the flooding:

### ***Primary Producers - Loans***

Loans of up to \$130,000 are available (subject to certain eligibility criteria), at a concessional interest rate for those in urgent need. These loans may be used to meet carry-on requirements and the replacement and repair of damage not covered by insurance.

### ***Primary Producers - Transport subsidies***

Transport freight subsidies of up to 50 per cent on the carriage of livestock and fodder are available to help primary producers. The maximum subsidy available is \$15,000 per annum.

### ***Small business***

Loans of up to \$130,000 are available at a concessional rate to small businesses affected by disasters and which meet certain eligibility criteria. This finance is available to those unable to obtain assistance through normal channels.

### ***Sporting Clubs***

A special scheme is available to assist sporting clubs in meeting the costs of restoration of essential club facilities that have been damaged or destroyed. The assistance is made available to those clubs which do not have the financial capacity to meet restoration costs from their own resources, but which have the capacity to repay any loan that may be granted.

Under these arrangements the maximum assistance available is \$12,000, including a grant of up to \$2,000 and the balance by way of repayable advance with interest.

### ***Churches and Voluntary Non-profit organisations***

Loan assistance is available to churches and voluntary non-profit organisations for the restoration of essential facilities that have been damaged or destroyed. Eligible groups will usually perform a service for the community or environment and are funded by grants or donations.

Non-profit organisations that perform a commercial function, charge a fee for a service or represent commercial or industrial groups, e.g. industry bodies are not eligible for assistance. These organisations can recover costs from their members or through fees. As with other schemes, assistance is only available to those organisations which do not have the financial capacity to meet restorations costs from their own resources, insurance and are unable to obtain assistance through normal channels. Advances are subject to a maximum of \$25,000 at a concessional interest rate per annum.

**Need more? Let us know and we will look into it for you!**

## Radio 4BC 'Ombudsman'

Our Director Shane Bowering has been formally asked by the host of Radio 4BC's morning show, Greg Cary, to become the show's 'Ombudsman'. Shane will feature regularly on Greg's show and will assist listeners in dealing with Council and Government agencies. Listeners will be encouraged to write in after each segment with their bureaucratic red tape problems and Shane will then select the best emails/letters and address the listeners' issue on air in the next segment. This advice all provided at no cost to the listener. Shane has featured regularly on 4BC over the last 12 years and has built up a great rapport with Greg Cary who is Queensland's best talk back host. Greg does a fabulous job of helping his listeners and standing up to Councils and Government..... so anyone in Queensland should tune in to Greg between 9 and 12 weekdays on 1116 4BC.

## River 94.9 FM

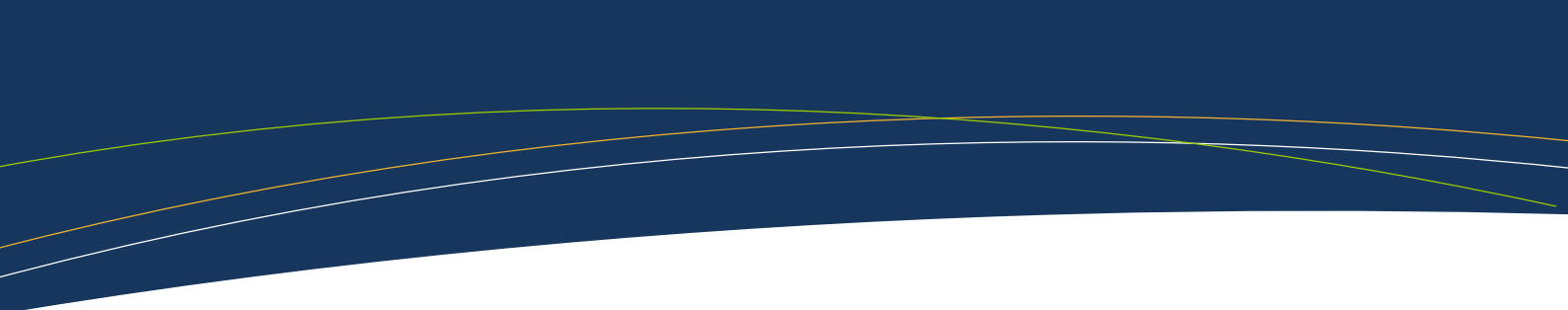
Shane also is continuing his weekly segments on River 94.9 FM on Saturday mornings with wild man Danny Hoyland. Danny is an energetic out there radio host who hosts his Great Weekender show every Saturday morning between 7am and 9am. Shane and Danny deal with a different issue each week and have a laugh and yahoo as they do it. If you want a smile on Saturday morning and like irreverent humour and you are in Brisbane or the Lockyer Valley/Toowoomba, tune into Danny, it is the best fun on weekend radio while also being very informative as well.

## Current Grant Opportunities

### **QUEENSLAND BASED ORGANISATIONS**

**Gambling Community Benefit Fund** - One-off grants of up to \$35,000 are allocated to approved not-for-profit organisations to help them provide community services or activities that benefit the community. Applications must be from Queensland-based organisations. The majority of Queensland not-for-profit community organisations are eligible to apply for a grant, either in their own right (if incorporated) or through a sponsor (if not incorporated). Applications close every three months, with the next round closing on 31 May. If your eligible application is not successful in the first funding round, it is automatically considered in the next funding round, so it's well worth considering an application.

**Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund** - One-off grants of up to \$150,000 are allocated to approved not-for-profit organisations to help them provide community services or activities that benefit the community. Applications must be from Queensland-based organisations, located within the geographical jurisdiction from the Queensland and New South Wales border, to the northern boundaries of Boulia, Winton, Barcaldine and Isaac. The JCCBF has four annual funding rounds. The closing dates for applications are 28 February, 31 May, 31 August and 30 November.



**BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL** - Brisbane City Council's *Community Development and Capacity Building Grants* provide funding to local non-profit groups to improve and develop services that respond to local and city-wide issues in Brisbane.

Projects that achieve one or more of the following criteria may be eligible for funding:

- to increase community identity and connections
- to increase social inclusion
- to build innovative and effective responses to emerging community needs and social issues
- to increase the skills, knowledge and understanding within the community sector to respond to community issues and need

Funding amounts range from \$2,000 to \$10,000 and applications close on April 2.

Council's *Healthy and Physical Activity Grants* provide funding to local non-profit community groups for projects to increase participation in community sport, recreation and physical activity in Brisbane.

Projects that achieve one or more of the following criteria may be eligible for funding:

- to increase community participation in sporting and recreational activities through innovative programs and activities
- to increase the community's health through participation in physical activity
- to support community organisations to develop new sport and recreation opportunities in Brisbane
- to generate long-term, ongoing participation in physical activity

Funding amounts range from \$2,000 to \$10,000 and applications close on April 2.

Council's *Access and Inclusion Community Partnership Program* provides funds to community organisations, groups and networks (under the auspice of a community organisation) for projects or services that improve access and inclusion in Brisbane (in particular community led access and inclusion initiatives).

Council recognises that better access and inclusion will benefit all Brisbane residents and visitors, in particular:

- people with a disability or long term chronic condition
- people experiencing temporary impairment
- seniors with age-related access concerns
- parents with young children
- and their family, friends and carers.

## ***SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BASED ORGANISATIONS***

***Adelaide City Council*** - are now accepting applications to their Community Development Grants Program. Council provides funds to ensure the provision of essential social services and community building activities within the city and to ensure that the provision of programs, services, activities and events in the city reflect the principles of community development and reconciliation. Funds are also provided so that city-based community organisations and their clients can participate in, and make a positive contribution to, city life.

The Community Development Grants Program has five funding categories:

- Strategic Partnership Grants - Maximum funding is \$50,000
- Community Grants - Maximum funding is \$5,000
- Reconciliation Grants - Maximum funding is \$5,000
- Reconciliation Strategic Partnerships - Maximum funding is \$20,000
- Emergency Grants - Maximum funding is \$1,000

Applications to this program close on April 13, 2012. More details can be found at [adelaidecitycouncil.com.au](http://adelaidecitycouncil.com.au)

Recreation and Sport Grants - Funding is available for eligible community clubs, groups and organisations:

- ✓ to offer a diverse and interesting range of opportunities for the community to be active and participate in recreation and community sports programs and events; and
- ✓ to improve the provision of recreation and sport facilities within the city.

The Recreation and Sport Grants Program has three funding categories:

- Strategic Partnerships - Maximum funding is \$20,000
- Facility Grants - Maximum funding is \$50,000
- Community Programs and Events - Maximum funding is \$8,000

Applications to this program close on April 13, 2012. More details can be found at [adelaidecitycouncil.com.au](http://adelaidecitycouncil.com.au)

## **WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BASED ORGANISATIONS**

Lotterywest provide grants for various types of events, supporting the cost of publicity, advertising and the hire of venues or equipment. The fund may also cover entertainment, administrative needs, salaries and consumables where the cost cannot be met through other sources.

For an event in a small country town or remote location, the fund can also help with the cost of travel and accommodation for entertainers.

Grants are limited to \$20,000 per organisation, for each financial year. An organisation holding a major event drawing high attendance that's run in partnership with a local government, businesses or community organisation may apply for more.

Grants are not made for competitions, exhibitions, fundraising activities or events of a commercial nature. Applications can be made at any time.

Offered by the Western Australian Government is the '*Grants for Women*' program. Funding of up to \$5,000 is available for community organisations to develop projects that strengthen the health and wellbeing of women, encourage women's economic independence, encourage women's leadership and/or encourage women's sense of safety in the home or community.

Projects are expected to be completed within 12 months of the grant allocation. Applications close 5 April 2012.

Also offered by the WA Government are the Youth Activity Grants. Funding of up to \$5000 each is offered for community organisations to develop projects that encourage young people to get involved in innovative and challenging community projects and activities. Projects must benefit young people between 12-25 years.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

The project should address one or more of the following priorities:

- Improving mental and emotional well being
- Increasing drug and alcohol awareness
- Changing community perceptions about young people

In the event that there is no grant in this newsletter that suits your organisation or matches a project for your organisation would like to achieve, don't hesitate to drop us an email at [admin@redtapebusters.com.au](mailto:admin@redtapebusters.com.au) to tell us what you are looking for and we are happy to discuss with you what other funding options may be available.

## **TASMANIAN BASED ORGANISATIONS**

The Tasmanian Community Fund was established in 1999 to provide grants to not-for-profit organisations. Applications are now being accepted for Round 34.

To be eligible to apply for a Tasmanian Community Fund grant organisations must be:

- Not for profit;
- Incorporated, or sponsored by an incorporated organisation; and
- Based in Tasmania, or proposing to undertake a project in Tasmania.

Preference in funding will be given to projects that best demonstrate:

- Benefit to the Tasmanian community;
- Innovation and proactivity;
- An integrated and collaborative approach, avoiding duplication;
- Value for money;
- Community support for the project, particularly from any partners;
- Other financial or in-kind contributions;
- The ability to build and strengthen community capacity;
- Good prospects for successful implementation; and
- Volunteer and community involvement with the project.

## **NEW SOUTH WALES BASED ORGANISATIONS**

Sydney City Council is calling for applications to their Community Services Grants Program. This program provides funding over \$5,000 to community organisations that work in or for the City of Sydney Local Government area. These community organisations provide significant benefits to the city community through the development and delivery of activities, projects or resources. The work they undertake helps meet the need of the diverse city community, in particular the needs of more disadvantaged residents. This is an annual program for which applications are accepted yearly. Applications close on 16 April 2012.

The Council also have on offer their Environmental Grants Program providing funding to support projects that demonstrate clear environmental benefit to the City community by delivering services, activities or resources that result in direct environmental improvement and/or develop knowledge, skills and confidence in the community to encourage environmental improvement with the City of Sydney area. Priority will be given to projects that help the City further the aims identified in Sustainable Sydney 2030. Preference will also be given to innovative projects that address one or more of the priority environmental needs. This is a biannual program for which applications are accepted twice a year with the current round closing on 16 April 2012.



## **NORTHERN TERRITORY BASED ORGANISATIONS**

Our Northern Territory readers have a good lead time to prepare for the opening of the NT Community Benefit Fund.

The Fund's Major Community Grants Program opens on 1 June and closes on 30 June. Grants are available to non-profit Territory-based organisations to help them provide services that benefit the community.

The maximum grant available for each project is \$200,000. The amount of funding for individual projects will be governed by budget availability and the relative merit of applications.

Each submission will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Demonstrates a strong community development focus
- Demonstrates the capacity of the organisation to deliver the project
- Evidence of sound financial management
- Clear plan and proposed outcomes
- Evidence of community support and involvement
- Accurately costed and viable budget including support from other sources.

Darwin City Council are about to open their City of Darwin's Community Grants Program which assists projects or events directly benefiting and promoting the City of Darwin and which have broad community appeal. Each year Council allocates \$100,000 for community projects and \$50,000 for community based climate change and environment projects.

To be eligible, applicants must be an incorporated not-for-profit community organisation or a community group that is not incorporated but has an auspicing incorporated body.

Submissions for funding are invited in March and September of each year.

Submissions from community organisations for funding of community projects occurring in the second half of 2012 (1 July 2012 - 31 December 2012) and for climate change and environment projects occurring in the 2012/2013 financial year will be invited on Saturday 10 March 2012 with a closing date of Friday 13 April 2012.

More details are available at [darwin.nt.gov.au](http://darwin.nt.gov.au)

## VICTORIAN BASED ORGANISATIONS

Our Victorian based readers can start preparing for the Community Facility Funding Program which helps provide high quality, accessible community sport and recreation facilities across Victoria. The program encourages:

- increasing sport and recreation participation
- increased community access to leisure opportunities
- better planning of sport and recreation facilities
- innovative sport and recreation facilities
- environmentally sustainable design

There are two categories of funding available:

- **Planning:** provides for the future sport and recreation needs of communities through better information gathering, consultation and strategic planning
- **Building Community Infrastructure:** for improving places where communities meet, interact and participate in sport and recreation. There are four sub-categories available:
  - **Minor Facilities:** for community groups, working in partnership with local councils, to develop or upgrade community sport and recreation facilities
  - **Major Facilities:** to develop major sport and recreation facilities
  - **Seasonal Pool Renewal:** for rejuvenating seasonal swimming pools in rural and regional areas and interface councils
  - **Better Pools:** new or redeveloped aquatic leisure centres

### **Eligibility**

Only local government authorities are eligible to apply directly to the Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD).

Community organisations have the opportunity to access the Minor Facilities category by submitting an Expression of Interest directly to their local council (note, this program is currently closed).

Category of funding		Funding Range
Building Community Infrastructure	Major Facilities	up to \$650,000
	Better Pools	up to \$3,000,000
	Seasonal Pool Renewal	up to \$200,000
	Minor Facilities	up to \$100,000
Planning	Recreation Planning and Facility Feasibility	up to \$30,000
	Regional Planning	up to \$50,000

***We will keep you informed when this grant opportunity opens.***

## **NATION WIDE**

Volunteer Grants for 2012 are most likely to reopen in April. The program recognises the important role of Australia's volunteers and is part of the Government's ongoing commitment to supporting volunteers, assisting disadvantaged communities and encouraging social inclusion to assist vulnerable individuals, families and communities. In 2011 funding of \$16 million was available to eligible non-profit community organisations to assist their volunteers and encourage volunteering.

Volunteer Grants 2012 will most likely provide funding between \$1,000 and \$5,000 to help not-for-profit organisations to:

- Purchase portable, tangible, small equipment items to help volunteers
- Contribute to the reimbursement of fuel costs for their volunteers who use their own car to transport others to activities, deliver food and assist people in need
- Contribute to the reimbursement of transport costs incurred by volunteers with a disability who are unable to drive
- Contribute to the costs of training courses and/or undertake background screening checks for volunteers.

This is a fantastic program for any community, sporting or non profit group across Australia that rely heavily on volunteers.

Red Tape Busters will keep you informed once this program is announced for 2012.

## **Your stories**

**Is there an article you would like to see included in next month's newsletter?**

**We receive many requests to cover specific topics in our newsletters - you can leave your request at [www.redtapebusters.com/contactus.aspx](http://www.redtapebusters.com/contactus.aspx)**

***Advice in this newsletter is general in nature, individuals and organisations should obtain specific advice dependent on their circumstances before making any decisions.***

***Contact us now and let us assist in developing project concepts that are likely to be funded, Allow us to find the funding opportunities and have us prepare great submissions to access funding. The time has come to professionalise your approach to funding. We certainly can help. We look forward to your contact and working with you soon.***