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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE AUSTRALIAN SPORTS FOUNDATION

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From the Chairman

Three years ago, the Australian Sports Foundation (ASF) was faced with a series of challenges. These included relocation to Canberra, an expectation from key stakeholders that more sporting and community organisations would benefit from the services of the ASF and a new management team. I am pleased to confirm that the ASF continues to broaden and strengthen its project base. Our team manages an active project base of over 370 and handles in excess of 120 enquiries every month. Since relocating to Canberra in 2001, the ASF has returned over \$22 million to sport and communities in the form of discretionary grants.

It is particularly pleasing to note the numbers of new projects registered and the increasing numbers of referrals from existing clients. Like all service-based organisations, one of our measures of success is client satisfaction.

The ASF continues to occupy a strategically important place in Australian sports funding. It is the only mechanism through which individuals and businesses can make tax-deductible donations to projects designed to enhance Australia's sporting infrastructure.

With a focus on supporting projects designed to offer opportunities for increased participation

in sport as well as the development of programs for elite athletes, the benefit from the grants distributed by the ASF is significant. Sport plays a major role in community participation and the health and welfare of the general population. Quality sporting facilities encourage more participants in sport.

This edition of the newsletter has a focus on clubs and is consistent with an ASF objective to reach more grassroots sporting organisations, particularly in regional and rural areas. Club administrators, coaches and supporters all obtain benefit from the role the ASF fulfils within sport in Australia. The ultimate result is a broader base from which our elite athletes will develop.

The ASF is all about helping you make a difference by offering unique support as you work to turn your sporting vision into a reality. It takes time, enthusiasm and a huge effort from all concerned to make that difference. The continued success of the ASF is a solid indicator of the ability to build partnerships between business, communities and sport.

I look forward to the continued growth of the ASF in the coming year and your continued support.

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From the Manager

It is truly satisfying to work in an industry where your client base is driven by a passion to achieve and the results of the services offered are tangible and positive. That is the unique nature of the services offered by the Australian Sports Foundation (ASF) and is the shared view of the ASF team.

The capability of the ASF to offer tax deductibility for donations in support of sporting projects is continuing to be a major incentive in fundraising for sports development. As can be seen by the increased listing in this newsletter, our client base and range of sports and community groups is continuing to grow in number and diversity.

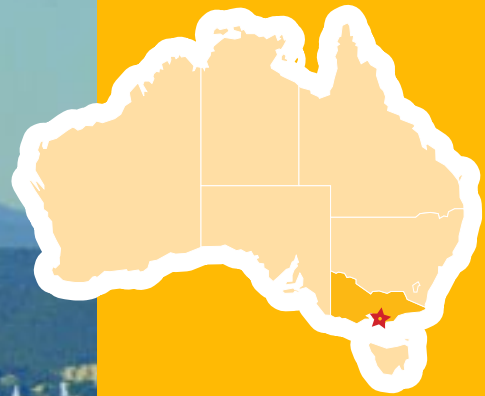
We have completed another year of growth with more projects registered, more projects receiving discretionary grants, and enquiries matching those of the previous year. Since 1986, the ASF has issued in excess of \$89 million in grants and that is largely due to the fundraising efforts of those involved in projects registered with the ASF.

The ASF team looks forward to continuing to work with you in 2004–05 and to welcoming new project initiatives and organisations.



Rod Philpot, Manager

Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron Inc.



Location

Blairgowrie is on the Mornington Peninsula on Port Phillip Bay, approximately one and a half hours by road from Melbourne.

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The Project

Inflatable rescue boat appeal.

The need

Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron has 1700 members, including 120 children enrolled in its Sail Training school. Its sailing fleet covers the range from the smallest eight-foot minnows to 60-foot keel boats. There is no coastguard in the area and several hundred boats are likely to be on the water on Saturday afternoons. While the Squadron has both hard boats and some small inflatable craft used for rescue, in the interests of safety and manoeuvrability and after assessing how many rescue calls the Squadron receives, it was decided to purchase an inflatable rescue boat capable of carrying eight people and an operator.

The goal

To raise \$40,000 from members to purchase the inflatable rescue boat, Patrol 9. The decision to purchase a large inflatable rescue

vessel is in line with world trends that are moving away from hard rescue boats. The Patrol 9 has a soft surface, ideal for rescue operations in craft of all sizes and particularly those dealing with small yachts. It is also the most suitable craft for rescuing children without injuring them.

The approach

Club Manager Allan Cayzer says that Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron is very family oriented, with a strong awareness among members of the importance of safety. 'Raising funds for the safety issue is not difficult. Members are concerned for their own safety and that of their children.' The Squadron has been in operation for over 50 years and began as a club for small boats. It now has a mix of sail and powerboats, with its new 170-berth marina housing 50 per cent power boats. The Squadron also assists with the rescue of fishing boats in distress and is called on at various times to give assistance to the water police.

When it decided to raise funds for the inflatable rescue boat under the guidelines of the ASF, enabling donations to be tax deductible, Allan Cayzer said that members were very willing to contribute. The appeal was launched at the Squadron's annual general meeting, followed by an individually addressed letter sent to every member giving full information about the appeal. Many members gave donations immediately and others were generous with pledges. When \$33,000 had been raised within nine months, it was decided to purchase the Patrol 9. The remaining \$7,000 came from general funds.

The challenge

Making sure initially that the goals and needs of the Squadron are understood by members and that the reasons behind major purchases such as the Patrol 9 are recognised as beneficial to all those in the Squadron, as well as the wider boating public.

The successful strategies

- Making a case for the safety of members, their families and others likely to need an efficient rescue boat.
- Ensuring members are aware of the tax-deductibility opportunities offered by the project, meeting the guidelines of the ASF.
- Providing opportunities for immediate donations or accepting pledges.
- Giving donors the choice of remaining anonymous.

Footnote: Since the completion of this case study, and following the success of the first campaign, the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron has re-registered their project with the ASF to raise funds for a second rescue boat.

About your organisation

Sporting and community organisations operate in a climate of change. Your details are incorporated on project files, donation forms and ASF records. If you have changed or updated your:

- project contact or committee list
- logo
- email address and/or web site

the ASF would be pleased to receive the most recent data.



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Melbourne Amateur Regatta Association Inc.

The Project

To host the annual Australian Henley Rowing Regatta, held on the Yarra River in Melbourne.

The need

The Australian Henley Regatta has been run by the Melbourne Amateur Regatta Association on the Yarra River every year since 1904, except for the period during the two World Wars, when all Regatta racing was suspended. Originally modelled on the Henley Royal Regatta, a series of Challenge Cups was established for various events. In its heyday, the Australian Henley ranked with the Melbourne Cup and Australian Football League grand final as a major sporting and social occasion. Decorated houseboats lined the river bank, there was strong support from Melbourne retail traders and a Miss Henley contest was held. While times have changed, the Committee is seeking to revive interest in the Regatta as one with particular meaning for Melbourne. Due to the Regatta's amateur status, the Committee needs to raise funds to support the event.

The year 2004 is the centenary year of the Regatta.

The goal

To raise \$10,000 each year towards the cost of holding the event.

The approach

The Regatta is one of the few held on the Yarra River and because it gives rowing a presence in the heart of Melbourne and is able to raise the profile of rowing, the Regatta Committee is working to attract a range of rowers to take part. Since the finishing of the Citilink Freeway and the establishment of new parklands near the course, the Regatta is starting to rebuild its competitor and spectator base.

A significant change since the Regatta's early days is the number of women taking part. In recent years there have been almost as many female rowers as male. Historically, the Regatta had a number of handsome silver Challenge Cups donated for men's events and some of these have now been dedicated for women's events.

In 2003, races were held throughout the day and 237 crews entered, paying an entry fee to take part. In addition to entries from all over Australia, crews from Asia and Japan take part in the Regatta. Previously held in March each year, the Regatta will be moved to December in 2004 to allow for the return of competitors from the Olympics. The Regatta is used by many crews as an opportunity for competitive training. There is also a Corporate Cup, which is an invitational event for mixed coxed eights and which includes a significant entertainment component. The aim of the Corporate Cup is to introduce rowing and the Australian Henley to

corporations as a dual vehicle for team building and corporate entertainment. It also provides an excellent avenue for fundraising for the Regatta.

Immediate past-chairman and current Treasurer, Rob Stewart, says that the Regatta's registration with the ASF has made a significant difference to its ability to fundraise. 'We call on our members and people associated with the Regatta and they are very pleased to have the opportunity to give support through the ASF,' he said. Donors receive recognition in race programs and in the annual report.

The challenge

As the Australian Henley Regatta is run totally by volunteers, the major challenge is to find people with the time and motivation to assist with the organisation of the event. A challenge also exists to secure increased participation by senior crews to supplement the considerable interest shown by school and veteran crews.

The successful strategies

- Celebrating a historical event and bringing it up to date.
- Inclusion on the Victorian rowing calendar and distribution of promotional posters to clubs around Australia.
- Giving corporations the opportunity to take part in the Australian Henley.
- Competition opportunities for a breadth of rowers, from junior to corporate to overseas crews to masters level.

Are you in the SMART list?

This is the list of SMART organisations and communities who shared in the \$7.7 million the Australian Sports Foundation (ASF) issued in discretionary grants in 2003–04. Ask the ASF about how to register your sports project and join the SMART list. We may have some innovative ideas to kickstart your fundraising for those vital sports projects.

Adelaide Hills Hockey Association, SA
 Advance Camperdown Inc., Vic
 AIS Gymnastics Program, ACT
 Albert Bell Club, Vic
 Albion Park Oak Flats Rugby League Club, NSW
 Altona Hockey Club, Vic
 Arncliffe Scots–St George District Hockey Association, NSW
 Associates Rugby Union Club, WA
 Australian Little Athletics, Qld
 Australian Motor Sport Foundation, Vic
 Australian Olympic Committee, NSW
 Australian Parachute Federation, ACT
 Australian Real Tennis Association, Vic
 Australian Touch Association, ACT
 Australian Underwater Federation, WA
 Australian Water Polo, Tas
 Baseball WA
 Bemm River Progress and Improvement Society, Vic
 Black Rock Yacht Club, Vic
 Blackwood Community Recreation Centre, SA
 Box Hill Athletic Club, Vic
 Brisbane Boys' College, Qld
 Brisbane Lions Football Club, Qld
 Canberra Church of England Girls Grammar School Rowing, ACT
 Carlton Cricket and Football Social Club, Vic
 Christian Brothers College, SA
 Circular Head Council, Tas
 City of Bunbury, WA
 City of Port Lincoln, SA
 Claremont Yacht Club, WA
 Coomera Watersports Club, Qld
 Croydon North Cricket Club, Vic
 Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, NSW
 Drummoyne Water Polo Club, NSW
 Esperance Bay Yacht Club, WA
 Fremantle Football Club, WA
 Friends of Ruyton Inc., Vic
 Glenelg District Cricket Club, SA
 Glenelg Football Club, SA
 Glenelg Golf Club, SA
 Glenhuntly Athletic Club, Vic
 Goodlife Community Baptist, Qld
 Gordon District Cricket Club, NSW
 Grace Park Lawn Tennis Club, Vic
 Grammarians Rowing Club, Qld
 Greg Norman Golf Foundation, Qld
 Harlequin Club, Vic
 Hawthorn Football Club, Vic
 Hockey Tasmania
 Huntingdale Golf Club, Vic
 Kardinia Park Sports Foundation, Vic
 Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club, Vic
 Kooyonga Golf Club, SA
 Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation, WA



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Lesmurdie Baptist Church, WA
 Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development, NSW
 Loreto Kirribilli Rowing Club, NSW
 Loreto Mandeville Hall and Lauriston Girls School, Vic
 Loreto Mandeville Hall, Vic
 Macabbi Australia, Vic
 Maccabi Victoria
 Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Vic
 Manly Warringah Soccer Association, NSW
 Melbourne 2005 Deaflympic Games, Vic
 Melbourne Rugby Union Football Club, Vic
 Melville Water Polo Club, WA
 Mentone Track and Field Club, Vic
 Mercantile Rowing Club, Vic
 Mordialloc Sailing Club, Vic
 Mornington Peninsula Shire Council, Vic
 Mosman Rowing Club, NSW
 Mudgeeraba District Sporting Association, Qld
 National Aboriginal Sports Corporation of Australia, NSW
 Newcastle Rowing Club, NSW
 Northern District Hockey Association, NSW
 Northern Suburbs Rugby Club, NSW
 North Shore Rowing Club, NSW
 NSW Amateur Boxing Association
 NSW Institute of Sport
 NSW Ski Association
 Orienteering Federation of Australia, ACT
 Pembroke School, SA
 Perth Football Club, WA
 Perth Torpedos Water Polo Club, WA
 Port Adelaide District Hockey Club, SA

Port Adelaide Football Club Foundation, SA
 Port Adelaide Rowing Club, SA
 Port McDonnell Football Club, SA
 Port Melbourne Yacht Club, Vic
 Power House Rowing Club, Vic
 Prince Alfred College Foundation, SA
 Queensland Cricket Association
 Queensland Rugby Union
 Richmond Football Club, Vic
 Richmond Rowing Club, Vic
 Royal Brighton Yacht Club, Vic
 Royal Melbourne Golf Club, Vic
 Royal Melbourne Tennis Club, Vic
 Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, NSW
 Royal Queensland Tennis Association
 Royal Yacht Club of Victoria
 SA Rowing Association
 Sandringham Yacht Club, Vic
 Shentons Club, WA
 Shoalhaven Rowing Club, NSW
 Skiing Australia Ltd, Vic
 Somers Yacht Club, Vic
 Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club, Vic
 Sport Australia Hall of Fame, Vic
 Sporting Shooters Association of Australia, Vic
 Sports Foundation Geelong, Vic
 Squadron Yacht Racing Foundation, NSW
 St Catherine's School, Vic
 St Joseph's College, NSW
 St Margaret's Anglican Girls School, Qld
 South Gippsland Indoor Aquatic Centre, Vic
 Sydney Australian Football Club, NSW
 Sydney Boys High, NSW
 Sydney Women's MLC Rowing, NSW
 Tara Anglican School for Girls, NSW
 Tasmania Golf Club
 Tasmanian Water Polo
 The Bobby Pearce Foundation, NSW
 The Friends School, Tas
 The Golland Club Scotch College, WA
 The Royal Adelaide Golf Club, SA
 The Royal Melbourne Tennis Club, Vic
 The Scots College, NSW
 Torrens Rowing Club Inc., SA
 Town of Narrogin, WA
 UCA Kinross Wolaroi School, NSW
 Union of Master Rowers of SA
 Vaucluse Amateur 12ft Sailing Club, NSW
 Victorian Golf Foundation
 Victorian Lacrosse Association
 Victorian Motorless Flight Group
 Victorian Sail Training Foundation
 Wangaratta Rural City Council, Vic
 Warren Jones Memorial Youth Regatta, WA
 Warringah Bowls Foundation, NSW
 Warrnambool Council, Vic
 Waverley Hockey Club, Vic
 Western Bulldogs Forever Foundation, Vic
 Westfields Sports High School, NSW
 Woden Valley Soccer Club, ACT
 Woollahra Colleagues Rugby, NSW
 Woollahra Colleagues Rugby (Sydney Convicts), NSW
 Yachting Australia, NSW
 Yachting NSW
 Yarra Yarra Golf Club, Vic

About the Australian Sports Commission's Club Development Network

The Club Development Network is a free, web-based program that supports the development and management capacity of sporting clubs.

The aim of the network is to assist clubs across Australia to identify ways in which they can develop their clubs so they can provide the best possible service to their members. The principle on which the network has been established is one of promoting continuous improvement.

To be a successful, well-run club you need a clear understanding of leadership, planning, people and organisational performance, while maintaining a strong member focus. These areas are emphasised in the Club Development Network.

By developing and promoting products and services from the Australian Sports Commission, national sporting organisations and other groups, clubs can improve their management.

On becoming involved in the network, a club/association undertakes an internal review using a simple checklist. The checklist helps to identify how the club is performing in various aspects of its management and

operation. In doing so, it identifies a number of areas for improvement and develops an action plan for addressing those areas.

From here the club can access the resource library, which has a wealth of club-friendly resources to help the club address its agreed actions. Members have asked for examples they could print off and use at their next committee meeting. Resources range from a template for a strategic plan through to a fact sheet on how to run a safe sausage sizzle. It is all there waiting for you to log on and print it off.

Members will also benefit from regular updates via the club development electronic newsletter, E-news. The newsletter covers a wide range of topics dealing with all aspects of running an effective club.

Over 4,000 clubs are already members of the network and your club can join by logging onto www.ausport.gov.au/clubs and then clicking on 'free membership'.

For more information:

Tel: 1300 130 121

Email: club.development@ausport.gov.au

Web site: www.ausport.gov.au/clubs

Schedule of grant rounds

2004-05

July 2004

For donations deposited into the ASF bank account by 30 June 2004

September 2004

For donations deposited into the ASF bank account by 31 August 2004

November 2004

For donations deposited into the ASF bank account by 29 October 2004

January 2005

For donations deposited into the ASF bank account by 31 December 2004

March 2005

For donations deposited into the ASF bank account by 28 February 2005

May 2005

For donations deposited into the ASF bank account by 29 April 2005



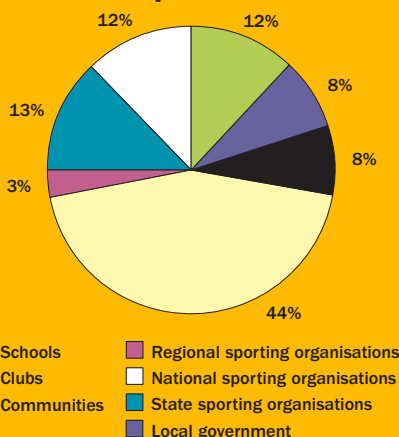
Tips

The Australian Sports Foundation (ASF) has a philosophy and practice of wanting eligible registered projects to benefit from discretionary grants sooner rather than later.

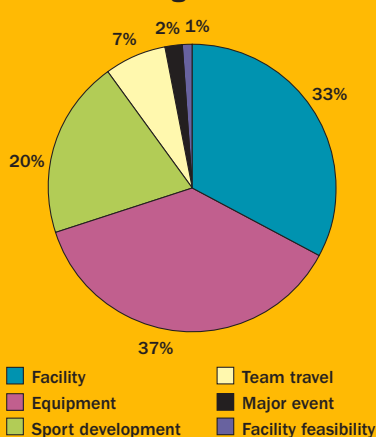
Donations received by the ASF form the source of funds for issuing discretionary grants to registered projects. However, where donations have been banked into the ASF bank account but the corresponding donation form is missing or incomplete, the funds cannot be included in discretionary grant rounds.

Providing the ASF with signed and completed donation forms that match banked donation amounts enables receipts to be quickly issued to donors. The ASF Board is also then able to optimise the return of funds to sport and communities in the form of discretionary grants.

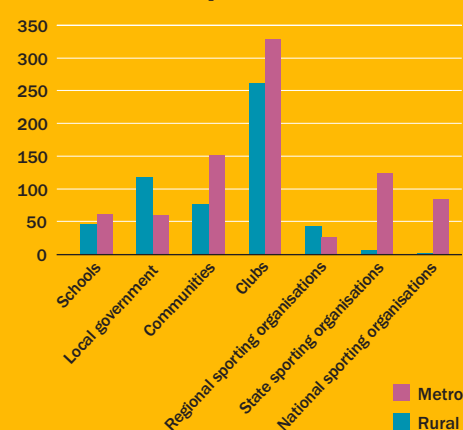
Who registers with the Australian Sports Foundation?



What types of projects are registered?



Who makes enquiries to the Australian Sports Foundation?



SMART bodies

These sports and sporting bodies are SMART because they work each year with the ASF to get funds to improve facilities for their participation and their communities. Work with us to become a SMART body.

Participating sports

Athletics	Lawn bowls
Australian rules football	Motor sports
Baseball	Netball
Basketball	Orienteering
Biathlon	Parachute
Boxing	Rowing
Canoeing	Rugby league
Cricket	Rugby union
Cycling	Shooting
Equestrian	Skiing
Flight	Soccer
Gaelic football	Swimming
Golf	Table tennis
Gymnastics	Tennis
Handball	Touch football
Hockey	Underwater hockey
Ice hockey	Volleyball
Karate	Water polo
Lacrosse	Yachting/sailing

Other

Shires and councils
Schools
Community groups

National bodies

Athletics Australia
Australian Canoeing
Australian Commonwealth Games Association
Australian Cycling Federation
Australian Handball Federation
Australian Little Athletics
Australian Olympic Committee
Australian Parachute Federation
Australian Real Tennis Association
Australian Sports Commission
Australian Touch Association
Australian Underwater Federation
Australian Water Polo
Bicycle Federation of Australia
Confederation of Australian Motor Sport
Deaf Sports Australia
Maccabi Australia
Melbourne 2005 Deaflympics
National Aboriginal Sports Corporation of Australia
National Rifle Association
Netball Australia
Orienteering Federation of Australia
Rollersports Australia
Skiing Australia
Sport Australia Hall of Fame
Yachting Australia

More frequently asked questions

Why can't I give our club members the option of donating to the ASF instead of paying their club membership levy?

By its nature, a levy associated with club membership is compulsory. If a club offers members the option of paying the levy or donating to the ASF, the club is making the levy non-compulsory which might cause it some problems down the track. More importantly, from the ASF's point of view, the member is not donating unconditionally to the ASF. The member is expecting a benefit (removal of the levy). Donations with associated benefits are not tax deductible and not able to be accepted by the ASF.

My club would like to register a project with the ASF to renovate our clubhouse. Plans include change rooms and toilets, gym, storage areas, kitchen, dining and bar. What can be included in the project with the ASF?

Projects registered with the ASF must be sport related. Matters relating to supporting everyday operational activities of clubs or commercial activities are unable to be registered with the ASF. In the case in question, the ASF could register a facility development project with the club, including plans for the areas that will directly benefit the sporting nature of the club (change rooms, toilets, gym, storage areas). The commercial areas of the club (kitchen, dining, bar) could not be included in the ASF project.

However, most facility projects include a number of funding streams, possibly including state and local government, sponsorship, self funding and fundraising via the ASF. Subject to availability of other funding options, the facility upgrade could still go ahead in its planned entirety, with non-ASF funding used for the commercial areas.

Why do donations have to be made payable to the ASF?

To enable the ASF to issue a tax receipt, a donation must be deposited in the ASF's bank account and funds cleared by the bank. The ASF must also receive a completed donation form, signed by the donor, declaring that the donation is voluntary, unconditional and there is no expectation of benefit.

The ASF is the only sporting organisation listed as a deductible gift recipient in the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

Why does my organisation have to have an ABN to register with the ASF?

The ASF requires that organisations intending to register a sporting project must be incorporated and not-for-profit. The ABN is a further recognition by government of the entity status of an organisation. The ABN is a requirement of the ASF taking into account the nature of the grant agreement that is signed by both the registering project organisation and the ASF, and the resultant obligations on the parties.

GST registration is a matter for determination by your organisation and you are encouraged to get independent advice on this matter if you have not already done so.

Do you hand out money?

No. Only projects registered with the ASF are eligible to receive discretionary grants. The ASF receives funds in the form of donations from businesses and individuals associated with the fundraising activities of registered projects and contributions from philanthropic foundations and trusts.

Discretionary grant rounds occur six times per year and are approved by the ASF Board.





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Promotion of fundraising strategies

Promotional material

Project registration enables the project organisation to fundraise using the tax-deductible status of the Australian Sports Foundation (ASF). Any material designed to promote a fundraising campaign offering tax deductibility must be approved by the ASF prior to printing and distribution. This includes donation forms, membership forms, flyers, brochures, speeches, video texts and inserts in magazines.

The ASF has a range of best-practice templates to assist project organisations and ensure consistency and accuracy of presentation. These are designed to demonstrate that donors can support a project by unconditionally donating to the ASF.

Tax deductibility involving the ASF cannot be promoted by project organisations without ASF approval.

Fundraising strategies

Project organisations must contact the ASF to discuss their plans for fundraising where tax deductibility is to be offered. Discussions should include strategies for recognition of the contributions of donors.

No benefit can accrue to donors, their relatives or associates, as a result of their contribution to a tax-deductible fundraising campaign. Donations resulting from agreements or contracts where an action is dependent on a donation will not be accepted by the ASF.

Where it is planned that a benefit be offered in conjunction with a fundraising strategy, the project organisation must work with the ASF to produce promotional material that clearly distinguishes between the cost of obtaining the benefit (payable to the organisation) and the option of making a voluntary tax-deductible donation, payable to the ASF. The examples that follow illustrate this principle.

Examples of approved strategies are:

- Membership drives — Membership fee is to be paid to the club and members can be separately asked on the membership form or an attached approved donation form to make a voluntary donation of their choice, payable to the ASF.
- Fundraising dinners — The cost of the dinner is payable by all attendees to the function holder. Attendees can be separately asked on an approved booking form to make a voluntary donation of their choice payable to the ASF, in addition to the cost of the dinner.
- Fundraising events — Such as golf days and sailing or rowing regattas, where the cost of participating is paid to the host organisation, and participants can be separately asked on a booking form to make a voluntary donation of their choice payable to the ASF, in addition to the cost of entry.
- Asking — Voluntary donations can be sought at any time from individuals and businesses, at gatherings, by mail-outs or by placing donation forms in club publications.

The donation to the ASF cannot be in lieu of payment for a benefit. For example, a donation cannot be made instead of paying for the cost to attend an event or function, or instead of a membership fee or compulsory levy.

Donations must be made payable to the ASF and not to the project organisation. Payment to the ASF is evidence of the unconditional nature of the gift and enables tax deductibility to apply.

Sponsorship

There is a clear distinction between sponsorship, which is the result of an agreement between two parties and results in mutual benefit, and donation, which is the act of choosing to unconditionally give without expectation of benefit. While both are legitimate fundraising strategies, funds resulting from sponsorship will not be accepted as donations by the ASF.

Auctions

Many organisations conduct auctions of sporting memorabilia or products as part of their overall fundraising strategy. Again, while this can be a lucrative way of raising funds, proceeds of auctions are unable to be donated to the ASF. Clearly, the bidder has undertaken a process of offering money for goods and then received the goods. This constitutes a benefit to the bidder and removes it from consideration by the ASF. This is regardless of the perceived gap between a notional market value of the goods and the price paid at auction or if the bidder returns the goods to be auctioned again on the night.

New project approvals since 1 December 2003

The ASF welcomes the following new projects that have been approved since 1 December 2003:

- Alice Springs Town Council, Northern Territory — sports festival
- Ambarvale Recreation Centre, New South Wales — outdoor court
- Australian Handball Federation, New South Wales — team travel
- Avalon Sailing Club, Victoria — equipment for juniors
- Baw Baw Hockey Club, Victoria — new Gippsland pitch
- Black Mountain Rowing Club, Australian Capital Territory — rowing equipment
- Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron, Victoria — rescue boat
- Burleigh Heads Tennis Club, Queensland — new court
- Collegians Football Club, Victoria — equipment
- Deaf Soccer Australia, New South Wales — team preparation
- Deaf Sports Australia, Victoria — team preparation
- Grafton Hockey Association, New South Wales — new pitch
- Grange Golf Club, South Australia — environmental irrigation facility
- Henley Water Polo Club, South Australia — junior development
- Hockey Queensland — scholarship fund for junior development
- Leongatha Golf Club, Victoria — fairway development
- Lorne Skate Park, Victoria — facility for extreme sports
- Melville City Hockey Club, Western Australia — new pitch
- Metung Yacht Club, Victoria — marina feasibility study and facility development
- Mosman Park Golf Club, Western Australia — course improvements
- Old Ignatian's Sports Association, New South Wales — facility upgrade
- Sailing Ship Trust of South Australia — equipment and youth development
- Shire of Kojonup, Western Australia — junior cricket nets
- Shire of Manjimup, Western Australia — aquatic centre
- Shire of Rockingham, Western Australia — sporting precinct
- Soccer Queensland — game development
- Somers Tennis Club, Victoria — new court
- South Adelaide Football Club, South Australia — junior development
- Swan Christian College, Western Australia — netball development
- Sydney University Football Club Foundation, New South Wales — trust fund
- Walford Foundation, South Australia — rowing equipment
- Woollahra Colleagues Rugby Club, New South Wales — team development
- Yarra Yarra Golf Club, Victoria — junior development
- YMCA of Katherine, Northern Territory — equipment.

We wish all registered projects a successful fundraising year in 2004–05.

Next edition

The next edition of the Australian Sports Foundation Newsletter will be in December 2004. Please contact the ASF if there are topics that you would like included in the next edition.

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Regan Harrison

Olympic swimmer and ASF Client Services Officer

Brief profile

Age: 25

Home town: Brisbane

Home swimming club: Yeronga Park

Major achievements: Olympic silver medal in the 4x100 medley relay and fourth in the 200m breaststroke at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, and a gold medal in the 4x100 medley relay at the World Championships in 2001.

Elected to be part of the leadership group in the Australian swim team in Athens, 2004.

Swimming goals: To be the best I can be

Personal goals: To be happy and enjoy whatever I choose to do in life

A few moments with Regan

As an AIS scholarship holder since 1997 and a member of the Australian swimming team since 1999, what keeps you at the top of your sport?

Keeping motivated each and every day is very hard. I set daily, monthly and yearly goals, and that helps me to achieve each day.

What is your daily training load in the build up to the Olympics?

A lot of hard work! Every day I have two swim sessions for two hours at a time and a one-hour gym session. We have Sundays off, so they are very valuable. This time of the year also means travelling a lot. Therefore, unfortunately, I might not be in the office to take calls from projects.

When you get time, how do you unwind?

I love to relax and have fun with my friends. I especially like getting out to my fiancée's farm in the bush and relaxing.

If you had not chosen swimming as a sport, what other sport might you have chosen?

I would want to be a part of a traditional team sport. Rugby union would be my first choice, as the Wallabies are a great team.

How do you balance swimming, work and personal time?

I plan my days the day before. I know when my training sessions are, and my job at the ASF gives me great flexibility, so I can also have some time for fun in my personal life.

Which aspect of working with sport has the greatest impact on you?

Working with sport is great as I know what everyone goes through, from the athletes to the administrators. I know how small clubs work and I know how the peak sporting bodies work, therefore I hope I can be understanding to everyone's needs.

The future?

After the Olympics in August, I'll be getting married to my long-term girlfriend, Kate Cramsie. Kate is also a sportsperson, and played for both the Queensland Firebirds and the Sydney Sandpipers in the National Netball League.

The ASF wishes every success to Regan and all Australian athletes, officials and volunteers participating in the Olympic Games in Athens.



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