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Welcome to the second edition of the Maitland Sports and Recreation Advisory Board Newsletter. This financial year Maitland City Council has allocated \$2.2 Million for community lifestyle including recreation planning and services, community and cultural services and land management. The Maitland Sports and Recreation Advisory Board will have a busy time prioritising proposals and will have input to these matters. As Maitland grows we must plan to meet the future requirements of the community. At present, Council is investigating the feasibility of providing an Indoor Aquatic and Leisure Centre and a Synthetic Hockey Facility. In addition, Council will commence stage one of the former Anambah landfill redevelopment and the continuation of floodlight and fencing improvement programs. I hope you enjoy the second edition of Activ8 and we look forward to your feedback.

Chairman
Maitland Sports and Recreation Advisory Board
Councillor Henry Meskauskas

NSW Sporting Injuries Committee — Safe Sport Seminar

On Wednesday 7 June 2006, around 60 people attended a Safe Sport Seminar. Speakers from the NSW Sporting Injuries Committee, Enrights Solicitors and NSW Arts, Sport & Recreation covered topics such as legal issues, sports insurance and sports rage. For those who were unable to attend, information on these topics and more can be found at:

Sports rage — a guide for sports administrators
www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/sportrage

Play by the Rules — fair and safe behaviour in sport & recreation
www.playbytherules.net.au

Australian Sports Commission — codes of behaviour, job/role descriptions

www.ausport.gov.au/junior

There are limited numbers Information Packs available at Council's Administration Building also.



Over 60 volunteers registered for the safe sports seminar on 7 June at the Maitland Town Hall.

Club Development Network — a boost for local sporting clubs

Clubs are the cornerstone of the Australian sporting system and an integral part of our local community.

Running a sporting club was once a simple process that committed parents and other volunteers could perform effortlessly. The complexity of industry & government regulation and the time pressures of modern life can make this process a daunting experience for all involved.

However, there is help at hand. The Sports Commission's 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 improve their management and provide the best possible service to their members.

To access all the benefits for your club, get on the Internet, go to www.ausport.gov.au/clubs and click on 'Free Membership'.

For more information contact the Club Development Network directly toll free on 1300 130 121 or email — club.development@ausport.gov.au



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Inclusive Recreation

Inclusion and integration—is there a difference?

The term **inclusion** is relatively new to Australia. The terms **integration** and **mainstreaming** have been used more frequently and describe the processes by which people with disabilities are placed in regular physical activity programs.

Inclusion should also be viewed as a temporary concept. The notion that programs are permanently inclusive suggests that young people with disabilities are being accommodated and that changes to the regular program are necessary.

An inclusive program should be the regular program that doesn't need constant change to accommodate certain individuals.

Vandalism

Did you know in the last financial year, Maitland City Council spent in excess of \$12,000 on Vandalism at Sporting facilities alone across the Local Government Area?

If you see any inappropriate or anti-social behaviour in or around Sporting facilities, contact Council's rangers on 4934 9700 (BH) or 4934 8263 (AH) or Maitland Police on 4934 0200.

New Appointment to the Maitland Sport & Recreation Advisory Board

Congratulations to David Merchant who was appointed to the Maitland Sport & Recreation Advisory Board. If you would like to know how to nominate to become a member, contact Council's Recreation Planner, Luke Erskine on 4934 9700 or email recreation@maitland.nsw.gov.au

Current Sporting Grants Open To Groups

Regional Sports Facility Program:

Funds are used to enhance the range, availability and quality of sport and recreational facilities

throughout NSW that meet the needs of both talented and elite athletes and the general community.

Opens: 30 June Closes: 31 August 2006

Country Athletics Scheme:

The Country Athletes Scheme is designed to assist talented young athletes from country areas of NSW access training, coaching and competitions similar to those enjoyed by athletes from the city.

Opens: 1 November Closes: 31 December

For more information on these grants go to http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/industry/ryc_grants_avail.asp

Foster's Community Grants

Foster's Community Grants will support projects in our three core focus areas: wellness, culture and the environment. We define "wellness" as both physical and mental health, "culture" as artistic, sporting and educational activities and "environment" as all aspects of the natural environment.

Opens: 1 August Closes: 29 September

For more information on these grants go to <http://www.fosters.com.au/about/fosterscommunitygrants.htm>



Do you have an article for the next issue? Send them to recreation@maitland.nsw.gov.au or care of Maitland City Council at PO Box 220 Maitland NSW 2320.