

# Joining IN

## SPORTS SUBSIDY PROGRAM OF HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY CENTRES



Highlands Community Centres (HCC) is an independent, non-political and non-denominational community organisation that provides such services as:

- General information and advocacy
- Youth services
- Emergency Relief
- Assistance with community development projects and starting new groups
- Referral services
- No Interest Loans
- Financial Counselling
- Tax Help

HCC operates from two premises - Stafford Cottage at 22 Bendooley Street, Bowral and the Highlands Youth Centre at Loseby Park in Bowral.

### PROJECT TITLE

Joining IN – Sports Subsidy Program

### WHERE DOES THE FUNDING COME FROM?

Funding was obtained for this project from Communities NSW, Sports & Recreation Participation Program. The budget will be used for club fees, uniforms or sports equipment. In the future, ongoing funding will be sought from local businesses and service groups so that this project can become sustainable and continue long-term.

### WHY IS THIS PROJECT NEEDED?

Families who struggle with everyday costs have little or no extra money to pay for sporting activities for their children and this project will provide much needed financial assistance to provide such opportunities. Participating in a regular sporting activity can lead to many positive benefits such as:

- Being part of a team
- Increased self-esteem
- Better fitness/health
- Gaining of new skills
- A happier outlook and increased general wellbeing
- A sense of achievement;
- Bringing the family together for regular social outings
- Connecting with the community
- Exposure to positive role models
- Making new friends from different backgrounds.

### WHO CAN APPLY?

- Families of children up to the age of 18 who are finding it hard to meet costs of sporting and recreational activities.
- Sporting clubs or community members who wish to nominate a child.

### HOW MUCH MONEY WILL BE PROVIDED?

The project has limited funds so the amount given will be considered on a case by case basis and the family's ability to contribute towards costs. Money will only be given for sports fees, uniforms and sports equipment.



### **WHAT DO I NEED TO APPLY?**

- An application form
- Name, address and phone number/s of the sport/recreational club
- Name of contact person at the club
- If applying for equipment or uniforms: quotes from two separate suppliers
- If applying for Fees: a statement of fees from the club

### **WHERE DO I GET AN APPLICATION FORM?**

Application forms can be mailed, faxed or emailed out to you or can be picked up from:

Highlands Community Centres  
Stafford Cottage  
22 Bendooley Street  
BOWRAL NSW 2576

Tel: 4862 1122  
Fax: 4862 2858  
Email: [mail@highlandscommunity.org.au](mailto:mail@highlandscommunity.org.au)

### **WHERE ARE COMPLETED FORMS SUBMITTED TO?**

Completed forms can be dropped in or mailed, faxed or emailed back to:

Highlands Community Centres  
(Details above) or

Post to: PO Box 545, Bowral, 2576

### **WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

Once your application has been assessed you will be notified whether you are successful or not. If successful, payment will be made directly to the supplier or sports club.

### **ANY QUESTIONS?**

Please contact:

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## Application Form (one form per child)

DATE OF APPLICATION: ...../...../.....

- I am nominating my child       I am a sports/recreation club nominating a child
- I am a community member nominating a child

NAME OF PARENT OR NOMINATOR: .....

NAME OF CHILD: ..... D.O.B.: ...../...../.....

ADDRESS: .....

PHONE: ..... MOBILE:.....EMAIL: .....

SCHOOL: .....

IN WHAT RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY DOES YOUR CHILD WANT TO BE INVOLVED?

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SCHOOL/SPORT/REC CLUB'S NAME: .....

ADDRESS: .....

CONTACT NAME: ..... PHONE: .....

IN WHAT AREA DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE?

- Uniforms or sports equipment (attach quotes from two separate suppliers)
- Fees (attach a statement of fees)

HOW MUCH CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE REQUESTED ITEM/S? \$.....

- Unable to contribute

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I have attached the requested items, as above

I have filled out the "Requested Information" Form (next page)

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## Information for statistical purposes

NAME: ..... CONTACT NO: .....

REFERRED BY (if not self): .....

WHY ARE YOU APPLYING FOR THIS SPORTS SUBSIDY? (e.g. a change of circumstances, my family has never been able to afford to play sport before, I can afford to send some children to sport but not all of them, etc):

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HAS YOUR CHILD PLAYED SPORT/S BEFORE? (please circle):      No                      Yes – What sport/s?:

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IS THIS A NEW SPORT FOR YOUR CHILD TO PLAY? (please circle):      No                      Yes

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN FAMILY: ..... AGES: .....

DO OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS PLAY SPORT? (e.g. “sister (age 13) – hockey”)

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INCOME SOURCE (please circle):      Centrelink                      Salary                      Other

ARE YOU A SOLE PARENT? (please circle):      Yes                      No

HOUSING TYPE (please circle):      Private rental                      Own house/unit                      Public Housing

ABORIGINAL/TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ORIGIN (please circle):      Yes                      No

**THANK-YOU FOR FILLING OUT THIS SURVEY!**