

**SUNNYBANK**  
COMMUNITY & SPORTS CLUB

# COMMUNITY GRANTS

Helping our community.

**Making a difference together:  
Reporting on initiatives in 2007**

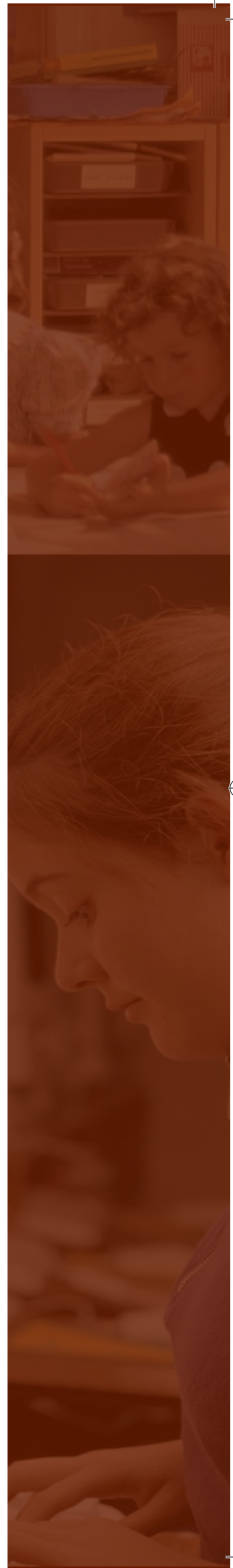


# Sunnybank Community & Sports Club Community Grants Program

At Sunnybank Community & Sports Club, we are proud to be part of a community that supports grass-roots initiatives on the local level. Because we believe in the spirit and future prosperity of the Sunnybank area, we were inspired in late 2006 to establish our own Community Grants Program.

The primary objective of these Community Grants is to do whatever we can to engage the whole community and improve the quality of life for as many people as possible. So we provide financial assistance that promotes, supports and encourages community based non-profit organisations in their invaluable work.

We see our Community Grants Program as a great way to make an equitable contribution back into the community we operate in – thereby aiding the future social and economic growth of the area.



# Community Grants for 2007

In little more than twelve months since establishing our Community Grants Program, directors of the Club have considered numerous applications and recommendations for support.

## **Some of the smaller contributions for the year are:**

### **• Refund of membership as a donation for the following associations:**

- Brass Band
- Cathay Association
- Capri Car Club
- Macgregor Netball
- Sunnybank Community Social Bowls Club

### **• Sponsorship of some local organisations:**

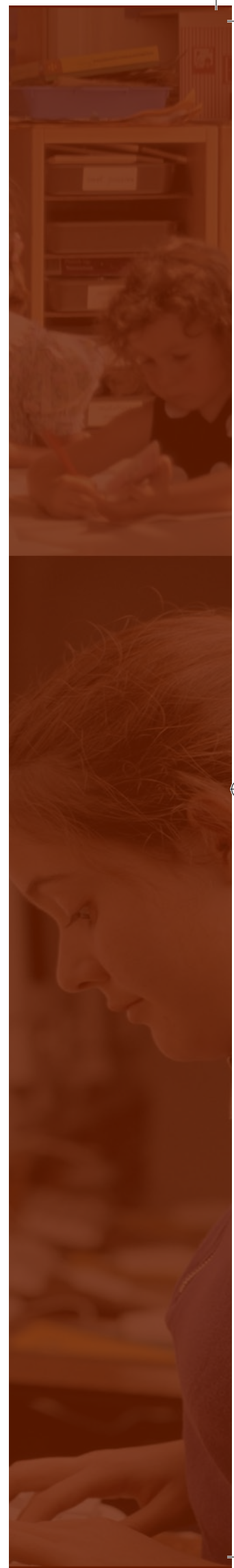
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| ◦ Macgregor Netball State League Teams    | <b>\$3,000</b> |
| ◦ Runcorn Swimming Club                   | <b>\$3,000</b> |
| ◦ Macgregor Primary School - Kids Fun Run | <b>\$1,000</b> |
| ◦ Student Care Welfare - School Diaries   | <b>\$1,000</b> |

### **• Funds committed to support Major Facilities applications for improved facilities:**

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| ◦ Macgregor Netball | <b>\$15,000</b> |
| ◦ Macgregor Cricket | <b>\$15,000</b> |

### **• Support to the Sunnybank Senior and Junior Rugby Club which follows the \$2.1m to build the new main field, playing lighting, amenities and fully lit car park:**

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| ◦ Funding of Director of Rugby and Development Officer        | <b>\$150,000</b> |
| ◦ Funding for ground, electricity, water, grounds person etc  | <b>\$160,500</b> |
| ◦ Funding of viewing decks on each side of Amenities Building | <b>\$200,000</b> |



# Sunnybank State Special School

A very rewarding partnership is the one that we've formed with Variety Queensland Inc. Our combined aim is to work together to contribute funds for children in need within our local community.

The Club has donated \$40,000 to Variety Qld, enabling them to purchase a much-needed Sunshine Bus (valued at \$45,000) for the Sunnybank State Special School at 79 Troughton Road.

Our contribution also means Variety Qld will be able to assist Student Care Welfare to buy a light commercial vehicle, to pick up and deliver indispensable furniture donations.

Both Variety Qld and Sunnybank Community & Sports Club have a dedicated community focus. So we expect this strong partnership to flourish in coming years, helping to maximize our contributions in Sunnybank and the surrounding community. The hard work of staff, at every level, is playing a vital role in the size and success of these endeavours.



## Home and Not Alone Program

We have also formed a productive partnership with Centacare Aged Care Project, part of the Lady of Lourdes Parish. They will implement and administer the Home and Not Alone Program for the Club.

The Club has committed \$100,000 to this program over five years, at \$20,000 per year.

Initially this funding will allow for the purchase of twenty personal safety devices (Tunstall 400), to be loaned to older members of our local community as required.

Our funding will also allow senior support workers to serve and monitor these vulnerable people. They will keep in touch through weekly phone calls, be responsible for installing the safety devices, provide information about other available services and be a point of contact in times of need.



## Community Integration Program

We are also in partnership with the Cathay Association, which will implement and administer our Community Integration Program – Where East Meets West. The Club has committed \$50,000 over five years, and \$10,000 per year, to continue to cultivate the integration of Asian members of our community. The aim is to help achieve this through monthly seminars, basic computer/internet training, DVDs and books on Australia, and respite care for older clients.



# Talking Through Toys Program

For more than seven years, the Club has been supporting Student Care Welfare with donations to sustain the supply of diaries into schools in the fight against drugs and child abuse. Student Care Welfare's aim is to assist in these areas when needed.

In 2006 we contributed \$3,000 to fund counselling services for children in crisis within our local community. In recognition of increasing need, the Board increased this donation to \$10,000 in 2007.

With this extra support, more cases are able to be assessed in a shorter timeframe, and quicker progress is being made in helping children on the road to psychological and physical recovery.



# Christmas Food Hampers - Children's Toys

Recently the Club approved a \$5,000 donation to St Peter's Parish St Vincent de Paul Conference, in support of a program providing Christmas food hampers and children's toys to a number of needy families within our local community.

Different circumstances place each of these families in difficult situations, where a helping hand will make a world of difference at what can be a tough time of year. Our donation helps St Vincent de Paul to ease some of the pressures Christmas brings to single parent families, families affected by domestic violence, families where the main breadwinner is out of work and so on.





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