



SUNNYBANK
COMMUNITY & SPORTS CLUB

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Making a difference together:
Reporting on initiatives in 2008

Sunnybank Community & Sports Club Community Grants Program

Sunnybank Community & Sports Club is very proud to be part of an inclusive and caring community. That spirit is the basis for our Community Grants Program: to support grass-roots initiatives that provide community-based programs and services, bringing invaluable benefit to many.

In the two years since the scheme has been in operation, dedicated funds have been made available to various non-profit community, sporting and recreational organisations.

All grant recipients are chosen because they support innovative responses to identified community issues; give children an opportunity to participate in sport based on the values of fairness and fun; or assist in the development of local community skills and access.

We're delighted with the progress of our Community Grants Program and the opportunities it provides to assist financially in promoting, supporting and encouraging our area's social and economic growth



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Community Grants for 2008

It's a pleasure to provide this update on the strength of our Community Grants Program. During the last year, directors of the Club once again gave careful consideration to numerous applications and recommendations for support.

Football Contributions for 2008:

◦ Funding of Director of Rugby and Development Officer	\$150,000
◦ Funding for purchase of tiered seating at the football facility	\$28,000
◦ Funding for ground, electricity, water, grounds person etc	\$166,576
◦ Funding to assist Browns Plains Junior Rugby Club	\$10,000

Master planning is underway currently, to allow for possible future expansion of the rugby facility to incorporate further seating, shade cover of this seating, extra office facilities and potentially a gym facility for the development of those dedicated footballers in the club.

Some of the smaller contributions for the year are:

◦ Sponsorship of MacGregor Netball Stage League teams	\$3,000
◦ Sponsorship of Runcorn Swimming Club – winter training	\$3,000
◦ Support to allow two elite athletes (from Sunnybank State High School) to attend National Championships	\$2,000
◦ Sponsorship of MacGregor Primary School Kids Fun Run	\$1,000
◦ Student Care Welfare – school diaries	\$1,500
◦ Donation towards a QuoCka Reading Program	\$1,000
◦ Sponsorship of Live Life Villages – Brookland Village	\$500



Mt Gravatt State Special School

Variety Queensland Inc continues to be our valued partner, as we work together to contribute funds for children in need within our local community.

In 2008, the Club donated \$25,000 to Variety Qld to help enable the purchase of a much-needed Sunshine Bus (valued at \$50,000) for the Mt Gravatt State Special School at 50 Newnham Road. The school's P & C raised \$15,000 to help fund the acquisition, plus a further \$5,000 towards on-road and running costs of the bus for the first twelve months.

These contributions, along with that of Variety Qld, means that the students have improved access to high quality programs actively preparing them for work, living and everyday interaction in the community. These include work experience venues, vocational recreational transition programs, learn to swim and horse riding programs, TAFE disability-specific programs, school camps and independence activities, and more.

Since both Variety Qld and Sunnybank Community & Sports Club have a dedicated community focus, we're confident that this strong partnership will only continue to grow in coming years. The dedication of staff, at every level, plays a crucial role in the scope and success of these activities.



Talking Through Toys Program

The Club has committed \$100,000 over five years to support the work of Student Care Welfare in the fight against drugs and child abuse.

The Talking Through Toys program, which began in 2007, enables young children to articulate what they want to say, particularly when speaking to an adult in a counselling environment. It's a gentle yet powerful way for youngsters aged around six to nine to express themselves and receive the help they need in a positive non-judgmental environment.

Student Care Welfare aims to assist young Queenslanders to overcome their problems, find happiness and fulfil their dreams. The Club is proud to sustain its commitment to such a valuable program.



Christmas Food Hampers - Children's Toys

In 2008, the Club continued its backing for St Peter's Parish Vincent de Paul Conference. Our \$5,000 donation helped provide hampers of Christmas food and children's toys to needy families within the Rochedale, Springwood and Underwood communities.

As well as holding out a helping hand at Christmas, St Vincent de Paul supplies other much-needed assistance – for example, special funding for essentials like school uniforms and books. They also provide compassionate support through a Winter Blanket Appeal, which provides blankets, bedding, warm clothes and other necessities.

Donations like ours help to ease some of the economic pressures faced by single parent families, those struggling as a result of domestic violence and families affected by illness, disability or retrenchment.



Michael Callaghan (General Manager) presenting a \$5,000 cheque to Tom Hamill (President Rochedale St Vincent de Paul Conference) from the Sunnybank Community Grants Program in 2008.

Emergency Grocery Voucher Program

We are also in partnership with the Sunnybank Our Lady of Lourdes Parish of the St Vincent de Paul Society. Our contribution of \$10,000 over twelve months supports a program that gives a 'hand up' to disadvantaged families.

Our contribution will be used to buy grocery cards from Coles and Woolies, which families who've fallen on hard times can use for essential purchases.

In the current difficult financial situation, underprivileged families are under added stress and food vouchers like these can provide substantial emergency relief.



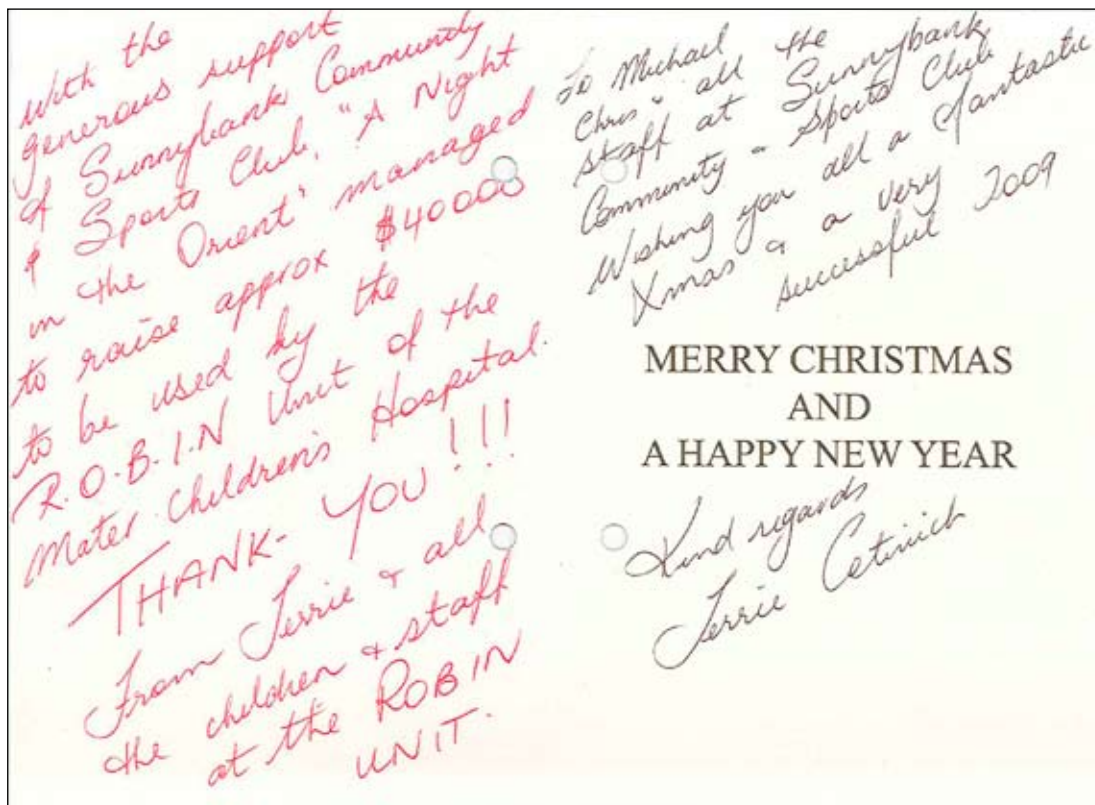
Michael Callaghan (General Manager) congratulating Theresa Badke (President Sunnybank St Vincent de Paul Conference) on receiving a \$10,000 grant from the Sunnybank Community Grants Program in 2008

Mater Little Miracles

In 2008, the Club was very gratified to be able to contribute to the magnificent work of Mater Little Miracles and its R.O.B.I.N. Unit.

R.O.B.I.N. (Rehabilitation Of children with acquired Brain Injuries and Neuromuscular disorders) is there for seriously injured children who – due to accidents or illness – need intensive help to relearn basic tasks like walking, eating and talking.

At a fund-raising event held in November at Michael's Oriental Restaurant, the Club was the major sponsor, making a donation of \$10,000. We also put in the winning bid for a painting that was auctioned during the evening – boosting our contribution to this very worthy cause by an additional \$3,795.



MacGregor/Souths Cricket Club

In 2007, the Club committed \$15,000 to support the MacGregor/South Cricket Club's efforts to construct a storage facility in D.M. Henderson Park, adjacent to their upgraded practice wickets.

We were happy to assist in MacGregor/South Cricket Club's ongoing efforts to improve their cricket facilities, with the resultant increase in both participation and skill levels of junior and senior players.

It's a pleasure to report that the project is on target and will be completed by the middle of 2009.



MacGregor Netball Association

A commitment of \$15,000 was made in 2007 to the MacGregor Netball Association, in support of their project to build new toilets, disabled toilets and a storage room as an addition to their facility at D.M. Henderson Park.

The Association had already carried out significant work in the preceding five years, including disabled ramps and fencing, car parking, court upgrading and resurfacing.

The Club was pleased to support MacGregor Netball Association in the provision of improved toilet facilities, and their continuous efforts to advance netball in the area.

The project will be completed by May 2009, ready for the current season.



Home and Not Alone Program

Our productive partnership continues with Centacare Aged Care Project. Part of the Lady of Lourdes Parish, they are handling the implementation and administration of the Home and Not Alone Program, which commenced in 2007, on the Club's behalf.

We have committed \$100,000 to this very worthwhile program over five years, at \$20,000 per year. The initial funding was allocated to the purchase of twenty personal safety devices (Tunstall 400), to be loaned as required to older members of our local community.

Making this grant also means that senior support workers can serve and monitor these vulnerable people. The support workers keep in touch through weekly phone calls, take responsibility for installing the safety devices, provide information about other available services and serve as a point of contact in times of need.



Community Integration Program

Our Community Integration Program – Where East Meets West, is another initiative we're very proud of. The Cathay Association implements and administers the program, which continues to cultivate the integration of Asian members of our community.

The Club has committed \$50,000 over five years, at \$10,000 per year, to help achieve this through monthly seminars, basic computer/internet training, DVDs and books on Australia, and respite care for older clients.



Deputy Consul General Wang Fukang, Paul & Ann McNeil representing SC & SC and Ken Cheung



Cr. Angela Owen-Taylor representing Lord Mayor, Jasmine & Ken Cheung, Cathay CA, Consul General Ren Gongping & Hon. Graham Perrett, Member for Moreton.





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