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## THE AWARDS ISSUE

The Australian Drug Foundation's (ADF) Good Sports Awards, now in their 4<sup>th</sup> year, acknowledge the significant achievements of Victorian community sporting clubs in delivering safer, healthier and more family orientated sporting clubs. The awards also recognise the dedication and commitment of the Project Officers working with the clubs. Two state finalists, Swan Hill Football Netball Club and Dalyston Football Netball Club were invited to attend the ADF's Dame Elizabeth Murdoch Oration on Tuesday 9 December 2008 at the State Library of Victoria. Guest speaker, Senator the Honorable Jan McLucas, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing, assisted in presenting the awards.

### 2008 State Good Sports Club of the Year

Congratulations to the 2008 winner of the State Good Sports Club of the Year, **Swan Hill Football Netball Club**. Swan Hill was chosen due to outstanding initiatives such as strict function and bar guidelines and safe transport strategies that have been adopted above and beyond the Good Sports program. The club was presented with a framed certificate and cheque for \$1000.

(Pictured L – R) : Bob Beasey, Swan Hill FNC, Hon Jan McLucas and Greg Currie – Northern District Community Health Service



### Congratulations to the runner up...

The 2008 Club of the Year State Finalist was **Dalyston Football Netball Club**. Dalyston was recognised for its dedication and commitment to the Good Sports Program. The club has introduced initiatives such as a shift from full to light strength beer, safe transport bus and taxi options – plus a 'looking after out mates' philosophy, underage teams and developing good relationships with local police and local Liquor Accord. The club was presented with a framed certificate and cheque for \$750.

(Pictured L – R) : Bill McLardy & Noel McRae – Dalyston FNC, Hon Jan McLucas, Mark Lindsay-Gippsport, Paul Dunlop Dalyston FNC.



## 2008 Victorian Good Sports Club of the Year – Regional Winners

### Rural Victoria

Mildura Region	Cardross Football Netball club	Level 2
Bendigo Region	Marong Football Netball club	Level 2
Gippsland Region	Dalyston Football Netball club	Level 2
North West Region	Swan Hill Football Netball club.	Level 3

### Metropolitan Melbourne

South East region	Cranbourne Cricket Club	Level 3
Outer South region	Highett Cricket Club	Level 3
North West Region	Glenroy Cricket Club	Level 3

## Liquor Licence Fees to rise in 2009

Liquor licence fees have risen as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009 to recover the cost of regulating the liquor licensing system. The liquor licencing system currently costs \$15 million a year to regulate, of which only \$9.8 million is paid for by the state's 19,000 licensees. The State Government funds the remaining \$5 million.

The fee rise is the first stage of a two-tiered restructure of the liquor licensing system that was outlined in Victoria's Alcohol Action Plan 2008-2013, the State Government's strategy to reduce alcohol-related harm, particularly violence in and around licensed premises.

All liquor licence renewal fees and some application fees will increase. The amount each fee will rise varies between application and renewal types. First-time application fees will remain the same and several new application fees have been introduced.

For further enquiries email [liquor@justice.vic.gov.au](mailto:liquor@justice.vic.gov.au)

## Victorian Bushfires

The ADF and Good Sports extend their heart felt sympathy to all whom have been affected by the Victorian bush fires. Our thoughts are particularly with those whom are dealing with the loss of relatives and/or friends.

Victoria has 1364 registered clubs in the Good Sports program. It is inevitable that a number of our clubs experienced first hand the wide spread devastation. Many sporting venues have no doubt been severely damaged or totally destroyed throughout the fire affected regions.

On a positive note it has been fantastic to see the support and generosity that sporting clubs have been providing. The Whittlesea Cricket / Football club for example has opened up its club house to enable meals to be prepared and supplied daily to the King Lake community.

Sport truly is at the heart of many communities and Good Sports commends all those lending a helping hand.

To make a donation to the Australian Red Cross Victorian Bushfire Appeal visit:  
<https://www.redcross.org.au/Donations/onlineDonations.asp>

## Rural & Regional Responsible Serving of Alcohol Courses

### Barwon Region

Who: Leisure Networks - Geelong  
 When: 3rd Monday of every month  
 Cost: \$30.00 per person Good Sports Clubs. \$45.00 per person other clubs  
 Registrations: Contact Stephen Illingworth on 5224 9924 or [stephen@leisurenetworks.org](mailto:stephen@leisurenetworks.org)

### Gippsland Region

Who: GippSport – See calendar <http://www.gippsport.com.au/calendar.php>  
 Cost: \$25 per person Good Sports Clubs. \$40 per person other clubs  
 Registrations: Contact Kim Norris on 51358335 or [cgsa@gippsport.com.au](mailto:cgsa@gippsport.com.au)

### Bendigo Region

Who: Sports Focus  
 Cost: \$20 per person Good Sports Clubs, \$40 per person other clubs  
 Registrations: Contact Lauren Riley on 5442 3101 or [lauren@sportsfocus.com.au](mailto:lauren@sportsfocus.com.au)

### Goulburn Valley Region

Who: ValleySport  
 Registrations: Contact Shane Hughan on 5831 8456 or [shane@valleysport.net.au](mailto:shane@valleysport.net.au)

## Metropolitan RSA Courses

<b>Feb 23</b>	Langwarrin Soccer Club	Langwarrin
<b>Feb 23</b>	Newport Baseball Club	Williamstown North
<b>Feb 25</b>	McCrae Yacht Club	McCrae
<b>Mar 11</b>	Doncaster East Football Club	Doncaster East
<b>Mar 16</b>	MCC Hockey Pavilion	South Yarra
<b>Mar 18</b>	Rye Football Club	Rye
<b>Mar 23</b>	Coburg Districts Football Club	Coburg
<b>Mar 23</b>	Healesville Football Club	Healesville
<b>Mar 25</b>	City of Whittlesea (course is part funded & runs: 6:30 – 9:30 pm)	South Morang

### Course information:

- Cost: \$30 per person for Good Sports Clubs. \$60 per person for non-Good Sports clubs. (Please be aware of the price increase as of January 2009 – old prices \$25 and \$50)
- Sessions usually run 7pm-10pm - registration at 6:45pm (unless otherwise noted).
- For future courses check out the Good Sports website - [www.goodsports.com.au](http://www.goodsports.com.au)
- To register your members or for further information about hosting a course at your clubs rooms please contact Laura Thompson on 9278 8135, [laura.thompson@adf.org.au](mailto:laura.thompson@adf.org.au)

## New look Good Sports Website ([www.goodsports.com.au](http://www.goodsports.com.au))

The new look Good Sports website was successfully launched in November 2008. New features include the ability to search for a Good Sports Club and the addition of a number of resources to assist committees e.g. sample policies, fundraising, volunteers and alcohol management. New resources will be progressively added throughout the year.

Please let us know if you have any suggestions or feedback regarding the site. Visit [www.goodsports.com.au](http://www.goodsports.com.au)

## Project Officer Update

The new year has seen a few changes in staff joining the Good Sports team.

A big thank you to *Kev O'Bryne and Sian Yallop* for their dedication and commitment as metro Project Officers. Their hard work and fantastic repair with the sporting clubs has not gone unnoticed. Welcome to *Grant Smethurst* (Central East Region) and *Chaminda Akmeemana* (Outer East Region), our two newly appointed Project Officers whom are sure to continue in the footsteps of Kev and Sian. Congratulations to both on their appointments.

A big thank you also goes to *Tim Widdison* (from The Centre - Good Sports Community Partner) for his excellent work in helping to implement the program in North East Victoria. Good Sports extends a warm welcome to The Centre's new recruit, Elle Milne.

## Australian Drug Foundation Supports FebFast

The ADF has once again given its support to FebFast. A fundraiser encouraging people to have an alcohol-free February. Funds raised go towards organisations (including the ADF) working with young people dealing with substance abuse.

An email reminder was sent in January to Good Sports clubs encouraging all to get involved. Joining FebFast is a great way to get fit for the upcoming season whilst supporting a worthwhile cause at the same time. Participants and teams who join the fundraiser have the opportunity to generate their own personal FebFast webpage, where friends and family can demonstrate their support, and donate online to encourage the individual's alcohol free February. Please let us know if your club or your members have taken on the challenge.



A number of Good Sports and ADF employees are leading the way. To see how the ADF Team is going or to make a donation visit: [http://www.everydayhero.com.au/australian\\_drug\\_foundation\\_team](http://www.everydayhero.com.au/australian_drug_foundation_team)

For those clubs that haven't signed up this year but may wish to consider the initiative next year, visit [www.febfast.com.au](http://www.febfast.com.au) for further details.

## Complete the ADF survey to win cinema passes or ADF bookshop vouchers

Help the Australian Drug Foundation to improve its services by completing a small survey and you can enter the draw to win one of five double passes to Hoyts cinemas or one of five \$100 vouchers for the ADF bookshop.

The ADF's mission is to work together to prevent alcohol and other drug problems in communities. During February we are running a survey to help guide the development of ADF's information services to ensure we are providing the best possible support to professionals who need alcohol and other drug information both now and in the future. We would like to invite anyone in Australia who has a professional need for alcohol and other drug information to complete this survey ([www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=JTV2Lnumw58bSieYMiiLtw\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=JTV2Lnumw58bSieYMiiLtw_3d_3d)).

The survey takes approximately 10–20 minutes to complete and is anonymous and confidential. No person will be individually identified. Limit one entry per person.

The survey closes on Sunday 1 March 2009.