

## Department of Sport and Recreation

### Assisting our elite athletes to shine on the world stage

The Queensland Academy of Sport (QAS) remains at the forefront of domestic and international sport. The QAS not only boasts a stellar list of current stars, it is widely regarded as one of Australia's leading sport science, rehabilitation and sports technology centres.

The 2008 Beijing Olympic Games will again see a long list of QAS athletes take on the world. The Queensland Government will continue its longstanding tradition of providing bonus grants of \$5,400 to each eligible Queensland athlete who is selected for an Olympic or Paralympic team.

A further \$2 million over four years is also committed to continue the ground breaking research program delivered through the Centre of Excellence in Applied Sports Science Research. This enables the QAS to maintain its internationally competitive edge in sports science and elite coaching, ensuring the QAS remains a breeding ground for future sporting stars.



2.5 million will be spent on getting Queenslanders to lead more active lifestyles.

### Positioning Queensland as a premier sporting destination

The Department is committed to maintaining Queensland's reputation as a premier sporting destination for national and international events. In 2008-09 the Queensland Government will maintain its impressive inventory of major sports facilities and support the staging of international motor racing events. This includes;

- Partnering with Townsville City Council to construct the race precinct and to support the staging of the first V8 Supercars event in Townsville.
- Providing \$11.6 million to support the staging of the 2008 Indy event on the Gold Coast.
- Assisting Stadiums Queensland to oversee the completion of the State Tennis Centre at Tennyson in time for the staging of the Brisbane International Tennis Championships in January 2009.
- \$1.76 million for stage 3 of the State Equestrian Centre incorporating a covered arena, seating for up to 4000 people and related public and competition amenities, at Caboolture.



QAS elite athlete Clint Robinson has been nominated to compete in his fifth Olympic Games in Beijing.



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#### Message from the Minister

##### **The 2008-09 State Budget underpins the Queensland Government's unwavering commitment to providing more active sport and recreation opportunities for Queenslanders.**

The Department of Sport and Recreation plays a key role in building strong and vibrant communities by encouraging healthy, active lifestyles, providing world-class sporting facilities and ensuring Queensland remains at the forefront of elite sport in Australia.

During 2008-09, we will invest more than \$78 million in the development of community sport and recreation facilities and opportunities across the state.

An extra \$20 million over three years will enable us to deliver an enhanced *Minor Facilities Program* with an increased budget in 2008-09 of \$12.5 million, as well as release a new round of the *Major Facilities Program*.

We have also committed \$7.6 million to further enhance participation opportunities in certain Indigenous communities that participate in the Government's alcohol reform measures.

2008 is also the year of the Beijing Olympic Games and Queenslanders are set to shine. Our Queensland Academy of Sport athletes are in full preparation for the games and boasting a team-sheet with names such as Libby Trickett, Stephanie Rice and Christian Sprenger, I am sure our QAS stars will do Queensland proud.

We will also see the completion of the new State Tennis Centre at Tennyson and host the inaugural Brisbane International Tennis Championships in January 2009.

I look forward to continuing to work with Queenslanders to ensure that regardless of where they live – they have the opportunity to lead an active and healthy lifestyle.

Hon. Judy Spence MP  
Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Sport

#### Enabling Queenslanders to live active and healthy lifestyles

The overweight and obesity epidemic has a huge impact on the health of Queenslanders, yet is entirely preventable. The Department is committed to tackling this challenge by encouraging all Queenslanders to lead more active and healthier lifestyles.

More than \$78 million has been allocated in 2008-09 to develop community sport and recreation facilities and programs, which will help Queenslanders to get active including:

- A record \$12.5 million through the *Minor Facilities Program* to support community sport and recreation clubs improve the standard and availability of their facilities.
- \$30 million for a new round of the *Major Facilities Program* to develop major community sport and recreation facilities throughout the State.
- Up to \$8 million over four years (as part of a \$10 million partnership with Tennis Queensland) to deliver a network of regional tennis facilities located in Mount Isa, Cairns, Townsville, Rockhampton and Toowoomba.
- \$3 million to local clubs so they can enhance services and provide training and participation programs to their communities.
- \$9.7 million to State level sport and recreation organisations so they can enhance services and provide training and participation programs.
- \$3 million for a further round of the *Queensland Community Partnerships Program*, which supports innovative and sustainable projects aimed at increasing participation in physical activity and encouraging healthy eating.
- \$5 million to Queensland local governments to provide new and improved community recreation and sporting facilities (such as walking and cycling paths) and locally based sport and recreation programs and services.

#### Eat Well Be Active – find your 30 minutes of activity

During 2008-09, \$2.5 million will be allocated to 'Find your 30', the second phase of the Government's \$8.4 million, three year investment in encouraging more Queenslanders to lead a more active lifestyle. The 'Find your 30' campaign encourages Queenslanders to make small changes to their daily lives, to turn inactive lifestyle choices into active choices. Cycling to the shops rather than taking the car, walking the kids to school, taking the family to the local pool on the weekend or taking the stairs rather than the lift at work, are all simple ways of developing more active daily routines. Complementing these small changes with healthy eating and you are on a short road to better health.

The Department has launched the [your30.com.au](http://your30.com.au) website and is encouraging Queenslanders to get active by joining the 'your30 club'.

#### Improving the health and wellbeing of Indigenous communities

The Department is working with other Government agencies to improve the health and wellbeing of Queensland's Indigenous communities. Practical solutions will be rolled out in 2008-09 to improve sport and recreation opportunities in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. These include:

- \$7.6 million over four years to expand the Queensland Police Citizen's Youth Welfare Association's *Community Activity Program through Education* (CAPE) to those communities that elect to go 'dry' as part of the Government's alcohol reform initiatives.
- This funding will complement a new model to support the employment of sport and recreation officers in Indigenous communities through Police Citizens Youth Clubs and other organisations to deliver practical programs and services.