



Inclusive Participation Grants program

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) Inclusive Participation Program (IPP) provides financial support to organisations to create inclusive, accessible, safe and welcoming sport and recreation opportunities for low participation groups. The program has invested approximately \$6.4 million since 2023 supporting a wide range of projects and delivering inclusive outcomes for the Western Australian community.



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CRICKET**

WA Cricket - Connecting Cultures through Cricket

Connecting Cultures through Cricket is a WA Cricket cultural awareness initiative funded through the Inclusive Participation Grants program that helped the Willetton Junior Cricket Club create a welcoming and inclusive club environment.

The initiative is available to club coaches, managers, committee members and volunteers focused on inclusion and participation.

It helps club members identify the importance of nurturing a welcoming club environment through engagement and sharing ideas and experiences with people from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) backgrounds.

The Willetton Junior Cricket Club participated in the initiative to build cultural awareness and understanding to complement its growing trend of club members and stakeholders with CaLD backgrounds - particularly within its committee.

Fifteen coaches, managers and committee members took part in a 'MY Youth Connect' Cultural Awareness session.



Here, they developed their knowledge of multicultural communities, with topics covering building cultural capability, strategies to bridge across cultures and creating welcoming and inclusive clubs.

“Coupling cultural awareness with the community coach course helped deliver a clearer message to clubs and coaches about creating an inclusive and safe space for their players to learn a sport they are interested in.”

**Greg
WA Cricket Project Officer,
Community Coaching**

FAIRGAME

recycling sports equipment inspiring healthy communities.

Fair Game Australia - Fit and Active in the Pilbara with Fair Game

The Inclusive Participation Grants program through Fair Game Australia's 'Fit and Active in the Pilbara' initiative is growing youth engagement in sport and recreation while promoting healthier lifestyles and community connections.

The not-for-profit organisation works in remote areas of the Pilbara to improve participation and provide access to facilities, services and equipment to youth in need with preloved equipment.

Its programs are fun, engaging and interactive aimed at building fitness, knowledge and skills, and support a healthy lifestyle through health education programs.

The program has established strong partnerships between community Elders, local Police and Community Youth Centre's (PCYC), youth officers and local government.

In 2023, the program has delivered more than 35 sessions to 8 different communities, reaching more than 300 participants, with more than 90% identifying as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.



Teachers reported higher school attendance when Fair Game is running programs, such as its 'Healthy Communities' sessions which focus on general hygiene, lung health and nutrition.

Fair Game's approach follows early intervention strategies outlined in the WA Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing Framework 2015-2030.





ACTIVATE & ENGAGE
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55 Central - Activate and Engage

The Inclusive Participation Grants program has played a vital role in supporting 55 Central's objective of helping its clients form friendships, creating a renewed sense of belonging and transforming lives.

55 Central is a community service provider of crisis accommodation and community support programs. Its Activate and Engage initiative is an inclusive multisport program allowing participants to design and engage in sport and recreation activities.

The initiative supports vulnerable and at-risk groups in rebuilding their lives and rekindling their passions and involvement in their community. Activate and Engage provides guidance, mentorship and access to resources for participants and organisations involved.

Avley and his journey showcases the success and benefit of the program. Facing homelessness and financial instability, Activate and Engage was able to connect Avley with the Maylands Cricket Club as his enthusiasm towards the sport was identified as a way to reengage him with the community.

Avley's individual needs and required support were provided through the efforts of 55 Central, Activate and Engage, the Maylands Cricket Club community and Fair Game. Avley is now active, forming friendships and has a renewed sense of belonging and self-worth.

His story and Central 55's Activate and Engage initiative are a testament to the positive impact of community organisations and the power of sports in helping individuals rebuild their lives.



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