



NSW Sports Federation
The Voice of Sport

Members' Forum Notes

Tuesday 10th February 2009, 9am-12pm
Ken Brown Rooms, Sports House, 6a Figtree Drive, Sydney Olympic Park
Facilitated by Debbie Kemp (DK), CEO, NSW Sports Federation (NSWSF)

Welcome

- DK welcomed all attendees and provided an overview of the Forum schedule. Additionally DK gave an overview of the NSWSF, including vision, mission, key operational areas, the NSW Association of Disability Sports and the Australian State Sports Federations Alliance.
- Ian Harkness, the NSWSF Chairperson, addressed the Forum and introduced all Board Directors.

Industry Updates

- **Confederation of Australian Sport (CAS) meeting**
DK explained that CAS has scheduled a Special General Meeting on 16th March with proposed constitutional changes that will enable the Board to cease operations such as advocacy and representation of National Sporting Organisations. DK will attend this meeting with other members of the Australian State Sports Federation Alliance and will keep members updated. Hopefully CAS will keep its website updated – www.sportforall.com.au
- **Independent Sport Panel (ISP)**
The ISP is a 5 person panel headed by David Crawford and appointed by Minister Kate Ellis to review sport in Australia, from grass roots to elite. The Australian State Sports Federation Alliance made a submission to this panel and followed up by meeting with David Crawford, late in 2008. David was interested in our submission and asked good questions to give him a thorough understanding of the system. He indicated that he is required to complete a report on elite sport first, so he is likely to call upon the Alliance again this year. The ISP's website is www.sportpanel.org.au
- **Australia: The Healthiest Country by 2020**
This is a Discussion Paper prepared by the National Preventative Health Taskforce. Feedback Forums were conducted across Australia, one of which DK attended. The paper is written from a broad health perspective and addresses Overweight and Obesity, Tobacco, and Alcohol. The Taskforce is expected to provide recommendations to the Government later this year. The paper and more information is available at www.preventativehealth.org.au
- **Australia's Future Tax System Review Panel**
DK reported that the Australia's Future Tax System Review is currently underway and is inviting submissions. More information is available at www.taxreview.treasury.gov.au and submissions are open until 1st May 2009.

Game Plan 2012 – Projects

The Game Plan 2012 Steering Committee has identified that last year's Game Plan 2012 meetings all revealed common themes, and created 6 projects that will enable some achievements in these areas:

- The Voice of Sport (NSWSF)
- New Models for Funding and Volunteering (NSWSF)
- Working towards integrated recreation planning (PLA)
- Community use of school facilities (PLA)
- Knowledge Sharing (DSR)
- Consistency: Doing Business Better (DSR)

Feedback Session

Minister's letter regarding NSW Sport & Recreation programs

DK shared a letter she recently received from the Minister and asked participants to comment.

Comments made were:

- What are the budgets allocated to 'It's Your Business', 'Coloured Vest Program', 'Sport Rage Prevention', and what are the evaluations of these programs?
- Sports Rage is good for outdoor sport but is not pushed as much in other sports.
- The Coloured Vest Program has been picked up by NSO's, we utilise ours.
- Assistance in training of volunteers needs to be specific to particular sports.
- Regarding 31,400 education participants, what courses did they participate in?
- With more coordination between SSO, governing or local bodies, programs could develop and be better utilised.
- 'It's your Business' (or similar) needs to continue.
- The online, generic coaching course is useful and used.
- Is there a breakdown on the age brackets of volunteers?
- There was nothing in the letter we didn't already know. Other than 'Engaging the Ageing' what other plans are there for sport?
- Our volunteers are required to pay their own costs of education. If 130 million volunteer hours is real, surely cost free education should apply?
- Suggest NSWSF work with affiliated sports to get their success stories in recruitment, retention of volunteers, officials, and distribute the information.
- The integration of disabled sport was not commented on... how DSR can assist in regional areas?
- We need to have key messages re. support

Additional funding... the money is a tool to achieve what?

DK explained that we are aware that sports want more money and will continue to advocate for that.

We'd also like to explore opportunities to support members where partnerships could be developed etc.

Members were asked the above question and responses were:

- Access to facilities; not having access stalls development (in metro areas particularly)
- Promotion of sport; increasing profile and community awareness; developing the grass roots sector
- The preventative health aspect of improving health through sporting development
- We need to visit each association regularly and currently have no budget
- Education of volunteers and paid staff; development of online training
- Equipment for smaller clubs; care and maintenance of equipment
- Travel expenses
- Infrastructure
- Sustaining administration
- Elite level competition, including TV coverage, creating heroes, icons for young people
- Developing university sport
- To employ development officers to develop sports
- To assist those with a disability

Calendar of NSW sporting events

DK explained that the NSW Sports Federation will host a calendar of NSW sporting events on our website. This will be promoted to all contacts, to the media, etc. We intend that this will help promote all sports, so please let us know when your events are so that they can be added.

NSWSF Updates

- **2009 calendar**
The NSWSF 2009 calendar was distributed and will be available on our website from March – www.sportnsw.com.au. Already the NSW Association of Disability Sport dates are posted.
- **2009 courses**
NSWSF 2009 courses are confirmed and are available on our website – www.sportnsw.com.au. Julie Stafford spoke to the group and explained that she can deliver a wide range of topics, is willing to travel, and that the NSWSF is offering a discounted group rate if sports are willing to coordinate the course (promote, schedule, confirm venue, etc).
- **2008 NSW Annual Sports Awards**
Kristin Alisch reminded members that the 2008 NSWSF Annual Sports Awards will be held on 26th February. Booking forms were made available for anyone who was yet to book.
- **eBlues News**
DK reported that our eBlues News is a fortnightly newsletter which contains important, succinct information. Please read your eBlues to stay informed.

Thank you for coming and for providing us with the information we need to represent you.
Information from this Forum will be posted on our website.