

**POLICY NAME:** DONATIONS – AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATION

**POLICY REF:** D05

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## 1. OBJECTIVE

To provide policy guidelines to assist shire residents who represent Australia in sport.

## 2. POLICY

Council will provide financial assistance for accommodation, travel and uniform expenses incurred by Ballina Shire residents who are selected to represent Australia as an individual or as a member of a national team recognised as a **National Sporting Organisation (NSO) or National Sporting Organisation for people with a Disability (NSOD)** by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC).

### ***Guidelines for Selection:***

1. The applicant must be chosen to represent Australia as an individual or as a member of a national team in a sport recognised by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC).
2. The recipient must demonstrate they are a resident of the shire.
3. The recipient is only entitled to one donation each financial year.
4. The selection of an entire team will only result in one donation.
5. The assistance must be provided for accommodation, travel and uniform expenses that are to be incurred by the recipient as part of their role in representing Australia.

### ***Strategies***

The level of assistance to be provided for applicants representing Australia is:

- \$800 for representation overseas.
- \$400 for representation within Australia.

Applications will be reported to the Council when they meet the guidelines for selection.

## 3. BACKGROUND

Council recognises that supporting Ballina Shire residents who represent Australia aids their progress at a national level, demonstrates Council's commitment to sporting excellence, and enhances the profile of sporting talent in Ballina Shire.

Council has developed this policy to provide financial assistance to Ballina Shire residents who represent Australia as an individual or as a member of a national team in a sport recognised by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC).

This policy provides a framework to assist Council when considering donations for Australian sporting representation.

In accordance with Section 356 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, a Council Resolution is required for each donation.

#### 4. DEFINITIONS

<b>Council</b>	Ballina Shire Council
<b>Policy</b>	Donations - Financial Assistance - Australian Representation
<b>Australia Sports Commission (ASC)</b>	is the Australian Government agency responsible for supporting sport in Australia.
<b>National Sporting Organisation (NSO) and National Sporting Organisation for people with a Disability (NSOD)</b>	officially acknowledged by the ASC. Organisations recognised as NSO/NSOD have met the ASC recognition criteria, which assist the ASC in determining whether an organisation is considered the pre-eminent body for the sport they represent in Australia, has sufficient standing within its sport and has adequate governance. NSO are recognised for a defined recognition period.

#### 5. SCOPE OF POLICY

This policy applies to Ballina shire residents selected to represent Australia as an individual or as a member of a national team in a sport recognised by the Australian Sports Commission.

#### 6. RELATED DOCUMENTATION

This policy has been prepared with reference to the following publications:

- Local Government Act 1993
- Council's Operational Plan and Delivery Program
- Australian Sports Commission – Australian Sports Directory

#### 7. REVIEW

This policy is to be reviewed at least every four years.