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## Kicking goals for community's sport and recreation



*Caption: Warburton school holiday program successfully receives funding for the next 3 years.*

The Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku was successful in receiving \$150,000 over 3 years from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries grant application to deliver the School Holiday Program for youth.

The School Holiday Program serves as a structured sport and nutrition program aimed to meet the strategic objectives outlined in the Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku's Sport and Recreation Plan including, increased community connectedness, promoting physical and mental wellbeing, enhancing opportunities for young people, and improving social outcomes.

The program has been running in Warburton for the last 3 years without any grant assistance or ratepayer funding, straining the Council's finances and risking the School Holiday Program's future. Shire President Damian McLean said the grant funding will provide much needed financial support to ensure the delivery of the program for upcoming years.

“The Council is pleased to be able to continue the School Holiday Program and promote healthier, happier and more productive lives within the community,” said Cr McLean.

“This outcome is aligned with the future strategic direction of our Sport and Recreation to ensure that all residents of the Ngaanyatjarra lands will have fair access to basic safe Sport and Recreations facilities and activities.”

Local youth benefit from the structure, routine, socialisation, and sport and education that the regular school term provides. The School Holiday Program gives youth similar benefits during the term break, encouraging young people to continue the routine of attendance when the next school term begins again.

Sport and recreation play a critical role in creating more opportunities for positive youth development and behavioural reinforcement. The Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku is dedicated to seeking funding needed to implement the Shire’s Sport and Recreation Plan, a community-wide plan for sport and recreation programming which the School Holiday Program is a component of.

Service offerings in sport and recreation has ceased completely in remote communities such as Blackstone, Jameson, Warakurna and Wingelina due to lack of funding. The Shire has been actively engaging with the state and federal governments for 12 months to advocate for adequate sport and recreation services for local communities.

“Council would like to thank the State Government for the grant. We will continue to work towards implementing the Sport and Recreation Plan and pursue funding for improved sport and recreation facilities across our communities,” said Cr Mclean.

To learn more about the Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku’s Sport and Recreation Plan, [please visit the website](#).

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