

Council

COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM 2025/2026 –
CATEGORY 3, ROUND 1 APPLICATIONS

3. Extract – Mount Barker Amateur Swimming Club
Application

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Application Form Community Grant Program (CGP) Category 3 & 4 Grants

The Community Grants Program offers four (4) categories, allowing applicants to select the one that best fits their needs.

1. CEO Donation (up to \$1,000) *(Do not use this form)*
2. Quick Response Grant (less than \$3,000) *(Do not use this form)*
3. **Community Grant (more than \$3,000)**
4. **Industry Support (Triennium Community Grants)**

**** Only use this form for Category 3 and 4 grant applications ****

Important Dates:

Round 1: Open between 1 August 2025 and 30 September 2025 (Applications will be considered at the Public Ordinary Council Meeting in October.)

Round 2: Open between 1 February 2026 and 31 March 2026 (Applications will be considered at the Public Ordinary Council Meeting in April.)

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

APPLICATION ROUND/YEAR	
Which round and financial year are you applying for? (eg. R1 - 2025/2026)	
What category are you applying for?	☒ 3 - Community Grant ☐ 4 - Industry Support
GROUP/ORGANISATION DETAILS	
Group/Organisation:	Mount Barker Amateur Swim Club
Postal address:	PO BOX 397 MT BARKER 6324
ABN:	49997106520 <i>If not supplying ABN, please complete and attach a Statement by Supplier form available on the ATO website here</i>
Does your group/organisation have Public Liability Insurance?	☒ Yes - Please attach a copy of your Certificate of Currency ☐ No - You will need an auspicng organisation with a current Public Liability Insurance policy and provide a copy of their Certificate of Currency.

Is your organisation (or auspicings organisation) registered for the Goods and Services Tax (GST)?	☐ Yes ☒ No
Is your group/organisation an Incorporated Association, Not for Profit Company or any other type of institution? (Please tick all that apply)	☒ Incorporated Association ☒ Not for Profit Company or charity ☐ Other (please specify) _____ <i>If you are not an Incorporated Association, Not for Profit Company, charity or other appropriate organisation you must have an auspicings organisation that will manage the funds and provide a Certificate of Currency for Public Liability Insurance.</i> <i>Please attach a letter of support from the auspicings organisation and a copy of their Certificate of Currency.</i>

GROUP/ORGANISATION CONTACT PERSON	
Contact Title & Name <i>E.g. Mr Joe Bloggs</i>	Mr Jeffrey Osborne
Position title within the group/organisation:	President
Contact number: (mobile preferred)	0436 862 442
Email:	mtbarkerswimclubpresident@gmail.com
GROUP/ORGANISATION ALTERNATE CONTACT PERSON	
Contact's Title & Name	Nigel Rowe
Position held within the group/organisation:	Treasurer
Contact number: (mobile preferred)	0428512324
Email:	mtbarkerswimclubtreasurer@gmail.com
AUSPICING ORGANISATION (IF APPLICABLE)	
Auspicing organisation name:	
ABN of auspicings organisation:	
Contact Person, Title & Name <i>Eg. Mr Joe Blogs</i>	
Position title within the group/organisation:	
Contact numbers:	
Email:	

ABOUT THE APPLYING GROUP/ORGANISATION

Briefly describe your group/organisation's goals?

Mount Barker Amateur Swimming Club's main goal is to provide coaching and training in competitive and fitness swimming and to support the Mount Barker Community in swimming and water related activities. Our goals are to be an inclusive, fun and competitive club where our kids enjoy the sport of swimming at any level.

MBASC has 100 members with 60 swimmers ranging from 5 to 21 years old. We have four swim squads Dolphins, Sharks, Orcas and Barracudas who are all different age groups and swim levels. Some kids swim for fitness and fun. Other kids swim at various competition levels including State and National level.

We conduct local Club Meets- competitions to gain personal best times. We compete at regional level for the Great Southern Championship which we are hosting this year. We compete a Country Championships in Perth, which you need qualifying times to be eligible but there is also a Rookie meet the day before for those who need an entry level competition. But the most important competition is Country Pennants because you swim as a club not an individual.

Describe all services/activities your group/organisation provides to the community?

We are a volunteer-run, seasonal swimming club that regularly competes against year-round programs. All our coaches and technical officials are volunteers who have undertaken training in their own time to give back to the community. Our swimmers, aged 5-21, progress from learn-to-swim (Junior Dolphins) through to a Performance Squad.

The club actively supports the community by assisting with school and interschool carnivals, while senior swimmers contribute community service hours toward vocational certification. With four trained technical officials, we run meets using dolphin timing systems, enabling official times for both our swimmers and visiting clubs such as Albany. Many older swimmers also gain casual employment at the Mount Barker Pool.

Beyond competition, MBASC has made a financial and practical contribution to the redevelopment of the local swimming pool, reflecting our commitment to the wider Plantagenet community.

Select your main target groups?

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| ☐ General community | ☐ Women | ☒ Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people |
| ☒ Children 0-10 | ☐ Men | ☒ People with disabilities and/or carers |
| ☒ Youth 11-25 | ☐ Seniors | ☐ Other (please specify) _____ |

If your application is successful, how will you recognise the Shire of Plantagenet's contribution to this project?

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| ☒ Press release | ☒ Logo on Banners/Posters |
| ☒ Annual report inclusion | ☐ If purchasing equipment: You will need to attach a label or plaque on the item/s purchased recognising the Shire's contribution. |
| ☒ Social media posts | ☒ Other (please specify) <u>naming rights PB meet</u> |
| ☒ Logo on promo flyers | |

Has your organisation received funding from the Shire in the last 3 years?

Please note you cannot apply for a CGP more than once within the same financial year.

- ☒ No – skip to Project Details section
- ☐ Yes – please answer below questions

If yes, please list the dates and amounts of funding received from the Shire in the last 3 years.

Date		Amount	
Date		Amount	

Has your organisation provided a completed acquittal to the Shire for each grant received?

Yes - The organisation's acquittal has been received and accepted by the Shire.

No - If a previous grant has not been acquitted with the Shire **you are not eligible to apply.**

PROJECT DETAILS	
Project Title	Country Pennants 2026
Please outline your project/funding requirements: (attach an extra page if required) The Mount Barker Amateur Swimming Club (MBASC) is seeking financial support to enable our participation in the 2026 Country Pennants competition in Karratha. Country Pennants is the premier swimming event for regional Western Australia, attracting over 30 clubs and 2,500 competitors and supporters annually. Our goal is to send a team of 25 swimmers, 2 volunteer coaches, 5 parent helpers and 3 qualified technical officials to represent Mount Barker and the Shire of Plantagenet. Attendance is essential to retain our place in C Grade competition, which is the highest grade for seasonal clubs, and to continue building on our recent success as Great Southern Regional Champions. The estimated cost of travel, flights, accommodation, and logistics is \$47800. As a volunteer-run, seasonal club with no paid staff, we rely heavily on fundraising, community support, and sponsorship to meet these expenses. While the club contributes significantly through its own fundraising efforts, the distance to Karratha presents an exceptional financial challenge that cannot be met without additional assistance. Funding will ensure that all eligible swimmers, regardless of family financial circumstances, can participate in this pinnacle event. In return, MBASC is able to offer recognition opportunities, including naming rights to a Club Meet held in Mount Barker and strong community engagement for sponsoring organisations. This project is an investment in youth development, community pride, and regional representation, showcasing the Shire of Plantagenet and its young people on a state-wide stage.	
Funding Requested (excluding GST)	\$ 5000
Total Project Cost (excluding GST, please include in-kind and financial)	\$ 47,800
Provide a timeline for your project including start and finish dates and any milestones (Attach a separate page for timeline if required). 27 Feb- 3rd March. March Long Weekend 2026	
How and where will your project/purchases take place? The project takes place in Karratha however we can offer naming rights to a Club Meet during our 2025-2026 season. These take place at our local pool. Naming rights are seen on Swimming WA's Swim Central calendar which is seen by all competitive swimmers in WA. At the Club Meet you are able to meet the swimmers, have PR photo opportunities, banners display on the day and so on.	
What is your group/organisation's contribution to this project? Please include in-kind and financial. We are currently up to \$31,000 towards Country Pennants. Bendigo Bank confirm funding \$5000. Mt Barker Co-op confirm funding \$2500. \$10,000 in kind from the Mt Barker Amateur Swimming Club. \$17,000 raised via fundraising- including wood deliveries, chocolate drive, Camp Draft catering, private donations etc. see attached budgets	
How many people do you expect to attend/participate in your project/event? 25 swimmers, 2 coaches, 5 parent helpers and 3 technical officers plus parents or siblings who are paying their own way.	
How many people from the Plantagenet Shire do you expect to attend/participate in your project/event? Approx 55 will attend Karratha Country Pennants. 3000+ people attend Country Pennants from all over the state. MBASC hopes to build on the success of the 2025 Country Pennants - we came joint 2nd place and if we are able to bring the strongest team we have, we can see us bringing home the Pennant in 2026. Approx 60-100 people attend the Club Meets including clubs from outside the Shire. As you can see by the attached press release in Plantagenet News everyone in the Shire will read and hear about our successes in the pool.	

What benefits will your project provide to the Plantagenet community?

The Mount Barker Amateur Swimming Club's (MBASC) participation in the 2026 Country Pennants will provide lasting benefits to the Plantagenet community. It offers local youth aged 5–21 the chance to compete at the highest regional level, building confidence, resilience, and leadership while promoting active lifestyles. The club champions inclusivity, supporting swimmers from diverse cultural backgrounds and all abilities, including Indigenous athletes and a State Representative multiclass swimmer. Volunteer coaches, officials, and parents strengthen community spirit and skills, while fundraising activities engage local businesses. Success at this prestigious event brings pride, recognition, and positive exposure to the Plantagenet region.

Explain how you know this project is needed and is supported by the community? (research?)

We have a culturally diverse club with 20% ethnic diversity including the Indigenous community. We actively advocate for women and girls in sport and create safe spaces for everyone to compete in. We encourage inclusivity and people with all abilities to be a part of our team. Because of this, we have a State Representative, multi class swimmer (a swimmer with impairments and/or disabilities). 17% of our club have Swimming WA state ranking, including one national ranking. For the first time ever, MBASC recently won the Great Southern Regional Championship at York last Year. A great achievement for a smaller seasonal club. Community support is strong—families, local businesses, and volunteers contribute time, fundraising, and resources, while the club gives back by hosting events and assisting schools. The support from other community groups was evident in the Plant Players dedicated opening night fundraiser in November and the Art Chatter Gallery exhibition opening night fundraiser in July. These two groups helped raise over \$1000 for the Club. Local pride in our athletes' success shows that the community values this project and wants to see Mount Barker represented on the state stage.

Name any other groups/individuals that will be involved in the project? (Attach letters of support)

Swimming WA- letter of support
Mt Barker Bendigo Bank- letter of support
Shire of Plantagenet- letter of support

If you are applying for funds to purchase equipment, describe what equipment and how it will be used in the future?

N/A

If your CGP application is unsuccessful, how will the project be delivered?

Volunteer burnout is a real challenge for our club. While we have worked tirelessly to secure funding so far, the reality is that not attending Country Pennants is not an option for us. Without sufficient support, we would be forced to either continue with additional fundraising, seek alternative funding avenues, or ask families to cover the cost of flights themselves—something that many simply cannot afford.

This puts our team's ranking at risk. Success at Country Pennants relies on full participation: every swimmer earns points for their race, and relays are critical to overall team scores. Points are accumulated not just from winning but from representation—each swimmer competing helps their team. With a limit of four events per swimmer plus relays, clubs cannot stack their strongest athletes; instead, every competitor contributes. This reflects the true country spirit of the event—participation, teamwork, and representing your community at every level. Our club wants to build on our 2025 Country Pennants success. We came joint 2nd place and we want to bring home the pennant.

PROJECT QUOTE RECORD

THREE quotes are required for goods or services purchased with grant funds. At least one quote from a local supplier is required if the item/s is available locally. Please include all quotes with the application.

Detailed description of the goods and/or services to be purchased with grant funds if successful:

Return Flights to Karratha, Bus Hire to drive squad around, car hire, accommodation and meals

LIST OF SUPPLIERS INVITED TO SUBMIT QUOTATIONS: (who you approached for quotes)

SUPPLIER 1

Supplier	QANTAS	Quote \$ (ex GST)	1000 PER PERSON
Contact Name		Contact Number	
Delivery		Availability	TO BE BOOKED

SUPPLIER 2

Supplier	MILLARS PAVILLION HIRE	Quote \$ (ex GST)	2800
Contact Name	K. WALKINGSHAW	Contact Number	9186855
Delivery		Availability	BOOKED

SUPPLIER 3

Supplier	RAW HIRE	Quote \$ (ex GST)	4000
Contact Name	TEGAN KING	Contact Number	1800227444
Delivery		Availability	BOOKED

Have three quotations been obtained:

☒ Yes ☐ No

If no, please explain the reason for not obtaining three quotes:

Is the quotation accepted the lowest price?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If no, please explain the reason for not accepting the lowest price:

PROJECT BUDGET

Please note that applications with multiple funders/contributors are favoured. PLEASE INCLUDE ALL INKIND AND CASH CONTRIBUTIONS.

Use <https://gstcalculator.com.au/> to obtain the amounts excluding GST.

In-kind hours: Please visit <https://volunteeringwa.org.au/resources/volunteer-benefits-calculator/> to determine your organisations in-kind hours for the project.

PROPOSED PROJECT CONTRIBUTIONS	BUDGET (ex GST)	STATUS
<i>For example: This CGP grant request</i>	1000	Unconfirmed
<i>Organisation in-kind contribution (labour/admin hrs in-kind)</i>	200	Confirmed
<i>For example: Lotterywest grant</i>	2000	Pending
<i>For example: Entry Fees</i>	500	Estimated
Shire of Planatgenet	5000	pending
Bendigo Bank	5000	approved
Mt Barker Co-op	2500	approved
swim club cash donation	10,000	approved
swim club fundraising	17,800	approved
25 swimmers@\$300 registration fee (to be adjusted as fundraising comes in)	7500	estimated
TOTAL INCOME:	47,800	

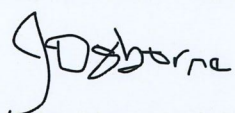
PROJECT EXPENDITURE

PROPOSED PROJECT EXPENDITURE	COST (ex GST)	BUDGET SOURCE
<i>For example: Newspaper Advertisement</i>	500	CGP Grant
<i>For example: Purchase of chairs and tables</i>	500	CGP Grant
<i>For example: Venue hire</i>	200	Own organisation in-kind contribution
<i>For example: Bouncy Castle hire</i>	2000	Lotterywest Grant
Accomodation	2800	confirmed
bus hire 5 days	3000	confirmed
car hire 5 days	1000	confirmed
meals for everyone	6000	estimated
flights for 35 people	35000	estimated
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	47,800	

DECLARATION FROM ORGANISATION AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE

I declare that the organisation I represent does not operate for profit and the information provided in this application is true and accurate. I agree to abide by the Shire of Plantagenet's CGP Guidelines and any funds received will be used for the purpose nominated in this application only.

Signed by TWO senior members of organisation:

Full name:	Jeffrey Osborne	Full name:	Nigel Rowe
Position held:	President	Position held:	Treasurer
Signature:		Signature:	
Date:	12/09/2025	Date:	12/09/2025

DECLARATION FROM AUSPICE ORGANISATION (if applicable)

I declare that no funding will be retained or returned to the auspice organisation by way of fees/charges or administration costs, etc. I agree to manage the funds on behalf of _____ and abide by the CGP Guidelines.

Signed by TWO senior members of auspice Organisation:

Full name:		Full name:	
Position held		Position held	
Signature:		Signature:	
Date:		Date:	

CHECKLIST

Please ensure you have:

- ☒ Read the application guidelines carefully.
 - ☒ Attached Copies of **ALL** required quotes for **all** expenditure
 - ☒ Attached Certificate of Currency for organisation/auspice Public Liability Insurance
 - ☐ Attached a Letter of Support from the auspice organisation (if applicable)
 - ☐ Attached a Statement of Supplier form (if applicable)
 - ☒ Attached additional Letters of support from other groups to strengthen your application
 - ☒ Attached project timeline
- Completed **ALL** sections of the Application Form

PLEASE SEND ALL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND ATTACHMENTS ADDRESSED TO:

ATTN: Community Development Officer

Email: info@sop.wa.gov.au

or

Post: PO Box 48, MOUNT BARKER WA 6324

or deliver in person to: 22-24 Lowood Road, MOUNT BARKER.

THE MOUNT BARKER AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB INC.

PO Box 397, Mount Barker, Western Australia 6324

Home of the Mighty Barker Barracudas



Shire of Plantagenet's Sponsorship Package - \$5000 funding

- **Exclusive Title Naming Rights:** Your business name/logo as the primary sponsor on one of our local Club Meets held at the Mt Barker Pool
- **Logo Placement:** Premium logo placement on handbook, email, newsletters, and A4 Poster in Swim Club rooms at the pool and throughout the 2025/26 Season
In addition to this – The Shire's logo will be printed on the Team's Social Shirt for the competition.
- **Social Media Promotion:** Featured sponsor on the Club's website/social media platforms with dedicated posts in the lead up to the Club Meet date
- **Event Branding:** Company banners displayed at your dedicated Club Meet and on the program of events
- **Speaking Opportunities:** Invitation to address the audience on the day of the Club Meet event and/or present an award at the end of season wind up
- **Press Releases and Newsletters:** Business name mentioned in all media releases and newsletters leading up to and results reporting of the Club Meet
- **Opportunity** to provide branded merchandise for team give aways

As part of the above package for the Shire of Plantagenet's \$5000 sponsorship, MBASC proposes to give the branding/naming rights to our very first Club Meet held in November 2025.

We hope to have swimmers from Manjimup, Kojonup, Albany and Boyup Brook attend too.

For the "Shire of Plantagenet Club Meet" we propose a mixed adult and child relay called the "The Shire Splash" and we would give the Shire the opportunity to donate a prize to the winning team. A Shire representative could present the prize and address the group.

As part of our first Club Meet, the Shire will be invited to our inter-club barbecue lunch. MBASC holds these throughout the season to help foster good relationships in the swimming community and amongst teammates.