Member for Noosa

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SUPPORTS AVAILABLE FOR OUR CHILDREN TO JOIN IN SPORTS AND FUN ACTIVITIES

It is vital for young Noosans to access sporting and recreational opportunities; hence Sandy's support to clubs who apply for our grants to provide additional support to the 'Fairplay'/ 'Play on' vouchers, and to this initiative by Vinnies Noosa for playing and creating! A list of programs and resources for families and carers is below.

Sporting clubs

We have so many Noosa sport and recreation clubs, visit this link to find one to suit your child's interest: www.noosa.qld.gov.au/Services-and-Facilities/Sport-and-Active-Lifestyles/Sports-Club-Hub/Find-a-Club. Information on community supports Noosa Council provide including during school holidays is available at www.noosa.qld.gov.au/Community/Community-support or call council on 5329 6500.

State government vouchers

'Fairplay'/ 'Play on' vouchers are to help pay for your child's sports or recreation activities, including for membership, registration, or participation fees. More information is available at www.sport.qld.gov.au/sport/funding-programs/play-on

Emerging Athlete Pathways (EAP) program:

This supports eligible young athletes, coaches and officials aged 10 to 18 years by providing financial assistance to help alleviate the costs associated with attending state, national and international events. Further information is available at www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/emerging-athlete-pathways. There are various funding avenues to provide assistance in the sport and active recreation sector, with more at www.clearinghouseforsport.gov.au/kb/participation-grants-and-funding#other_programs_and_initiatives.

All Abilities

The Dylan Alcott Foundation help young Australians living with disability overcome the barriers of entry to sport and education by providing grants, scholarships and mentoring. Find more on this at <u>www.dylanalcottfoundation.com.au</u>. There is also the Sport Access Foundation, who provide similar, and they can be found at <u>www.sportaccessfoundation.org.au</u>.

The Arts

Noosa Council provides holiday workshop programs for kids through the Noosa Regional Gallery and there is the kids' creative space, with more information available at <u>www.noosaregionalgallery.com.au/kids-creative-space</u>. Noosa's libraries at Noosaville (5329 6555) and Cooroy (5329 6555) regularly run kids' programs that often have an arts component. The Cooroy Butter Factory also run a range of arts programs, some of which are targeted for kids. There are a number of scholarships available, which can be accessed by searching online.

Noosa's Youth Hub

Located at Tait-Duke Community Cottage, 14 Earl Street Tewantin is a vibrant and welcoming space designed to empower young people aged 12-17. Along with recreational activities, the hub provides access to a variety of services, including health and wellbeing support, educational resources, career development, and creative programs. It is open Thursday and Friday 4pm to 8pm as well as Saturday 12pm to 5pm. For more information, please call Noosa Council on 5329 6500.

Stay updated:

On opportunities by visiting <u>www.sport.qld.gov.au/sport/funding-programs</u> or via following the department's Facebook page at <u>www.facebook.com/QldSportAndRec</u> or council via <u>www.facebook.com/noosacouncil</u>.You can also follow Sandy on Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/SandyBoltonNoosa</u>, as she includes alerts in her weekly wrap every Friday. As always, if you don't know where to start, please feel free to contact Sandy's office on 5319 3100 or via <u>noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au</u>.

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