



PARTICIPATION WORKING GROUP MEMORANDUM

(Following the 11th February 2019 Participation Working Group Meeting)

Memorandum prepared by Meredith Hodson (Sporting Schools Coordinator)

Date of meeting: 11/02/2019

Attendees: Richard Vaughan, Meredith Hodson, Lao Biesbroek, Douglas Minchin,
Robert McCormas, Melissa Backhouse (separate meeting)

Apologies: Nathan Turnbull, Dale Robbins, Rod Bannister

1. Sport Australia Grant Strategy

- Noted the change in Sport Australia participation strategy and funding. Noted a potential loss of \$450,000 in core funding from July 1st and replacement with targeted grants aimed at healthy living.
- This is a major change for the sport funding model.

2. Better Aging Grant

- We were unfortunately unsuccessful in receiving this grant funding – however received good feedback for future applications. The process needs to be very in-depth and accompanied by a lot of research.

3. Sporting Schools – OzSquash

- Noted State school participation numbers have been very poor the past two years
- Meredith Hodson has taken over as Sporting Schools Coordinator for 2019 – aim to build participation in this space. The program we target here for Primary School grant is OzSquash.
- This also incorporates the development and delivery of a OzSquash program within the secondary school space (yr 7 and 8).
- Core focus is the delivery of a pilot secondary school programme in the next 4 months.

4. University Squash

- Strategically important area for Squash Australia.
- Have taken action by creating an Advisory Group – first meeting was Wednesday 6th February.
- Concept going forward is being created by Richard Vaughan in order to introduce a viable product within universities.

5. Sport Aus – Participation Grant

- Melissa Backhouse is helping us with this grant, as her understanding and experience is invaluable. The application process has become highly competitive as it is now open not just to sports – but also universities

/schools/other organisations. General theme around not just being about sport, but about participation.

- See Sport Australia's Strategic Plan – Sport 2030:
https://www.sportaus.gov.au/nationalsportplan/home/featured/download/Sport_2030_-_National_Sport_Plan_-_2018.pdf
- Emphasis on communication and collaboration.

6. Squash Girls Can

- Depending on the outcome from the Participation Grant process, SA can go ahead and refine this product based on the current Hits & Giggles program. Aimed at women aged 12+ and has been successful in Victoria (where it was created).

7. Play Move Learn

- Participation product to later use and have ready for an appropriate grant that may come up. Aim is to have product finished and put on the SA website for people to access – however, we just don't have resources to push out right now.
- Targets early development:
<http://www.squash.org.au/w/participation/programmes/play-move-learn>

8. Social Squash

- Rob Bannister is coming into SA as Participation Coordinator and one of his first tasks will be to collate all the different forms of social squash across Australia on a digital platform. Vision is to create a piece that people can use to search for what squash is going on in their local area.
- In 2020 dig deeper and form links to an IT platform – plus include what you need to run social squash.
- This is a process that will take up to 3yrs.

9. Cardio Squash

- This program has been designed, however content needs to be finalised. Following this, SA will run a trial for 10 weeks and feedback what works/doesn't work.
- Aim to have Cardio Squash “parked on a shelf” until suitable grant comes in to finish it off.

10. Para-Squash

- Q4, 2019: set up program, initially at Carrara, to create a fun and suitable option for para-athletes. Grant money to get specialised chairs.

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