

Media Release – The Hon Shelley Payne MLC

Gnowangerup receives sports event funding

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- More than \$1 million goes towards local, national and international sport and recreation events
- 35 local events will benefit from Sport and Recreation Events Funding 2024/25
- Community sport and recreation events keep WA active and engaged

Sport and recreation events across Western Australia have received \$1,193,119 in funding, including the Shire of Gnowangerup's Wild Gravel.

The Shire received \$50,000 for the cycling and running event, one of 35 WA events to have received a boost in the 2024-25 round of the Sport and Recreation Events Funding Program.

Administered by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, the program supports sport and active recreation organisations to plan, secure and deliver sport and mass participation events in Western Australia.

The recipients are staging events which involve a varied mix of activities and sports such as running, swimming, surfing, skating, wrestling, water polo, tenpin bowling, kiteboarding, badminton, and cycling.

Funding in this program can be used towards helping organisations develop a strategic event plan or an event tender bid, but most applicants use the grants to support running a local, national or international pinnacle event, or a mass public participation event. In regional Western Australia, the funding can provide support to conduct high level event competition at a state, national or international level or sporting initiatives outside of Perth.

Comments attributed to Member for the Agricultural Region Hon Shelley Payne MLC:

"Congratulations to the Shire of Gnowangerup on receiving funding for Wild Gravel, which promises to be an exhilarating event that will bring many visitors to the region.

"I wish the organisers all the best in the leadup to the event in October, and I hope to be there to catch all the action!"

Comments attributed to Sport and Recreation Minister David Templeman:

"I am delighted to announce more than \$1 million towards local, national and international sport and recreation events.

"Sport is great for fostering community wellbeing, as well as individual mental health and I am committed to supporting as many sporting events as possible."

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