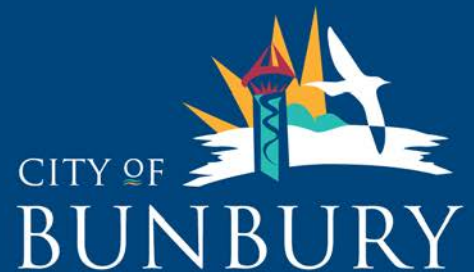


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Wednesday, 17 May 2017

More funding following SilverSport success

The Department of Sport and Recreation has kicked in a further \$40,000 in funding following the overwhelming success of the City of Bunbury's SilverSport pilot program.

More than 320 people have already taken advantage of the SilverSport program in Bunbury, which allows eligible seniors to access funding that can go towards fees for eligible sport and recreation activities.

The State Government's SilverSport program provides up to \$200 to help seniors to stay active in their community.

The pilot program was extended to Bunbury and came into effect on 1 April following a successful trial in Belmont, Kwinana, Northam and Kalgoorlie-Boulder/Coolgardie.

The \$40,000 boost will mean even more seniors can take advantage of the program, which had initial funding of \$90,000.

City of Bunbury Manager of Sport and Recreation John Kowal said the extra funding would allow the City to build on the program's early success.

"The response to SilverSport has exceeded expectations and it is fantastic to see so many seniors taking advantage of the opportunity to either continue being involved in physical activity or returning to sport or other pastimes," Mr Kowal said.

"We are thrilled the Department of Sport and Recreation has provided additional funds as it means even more people will be able to take advantage of this popular program."

The SilverSport program helps eligible seniors, who might not otherwise be able to join a sport or recreation club, to keep fit, healthy, active and socially connected using sport and recreation centres, seniors' fitness classes and clubs.

Activities can include, for example, masters swimming, bowls, group fitness classes, walking groups, gym memberships, yoga, Pilates and more.

To be eligible, applicants need to live in the City of Bunbury, be aged 60 years or over and have a valid health care card or pensioner concession card.

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Applications can be made by visiting www.bunbury.wa.gov.au and searching for “SilverSport”, or collecting an application form from the South West Sports Centre, City’s administration centre at 4 Stephen Street, Bunbury Library or Withers Library.

Eligible clubs and businesses are encouraged to register as a SilverSport provider by downloading and completing the form at the same website address.

More information is available from the City of Bunbury website, Department of Sport and Recreation website at <http://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/funding/individuals/silversport> or by calling 9795 2255.

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