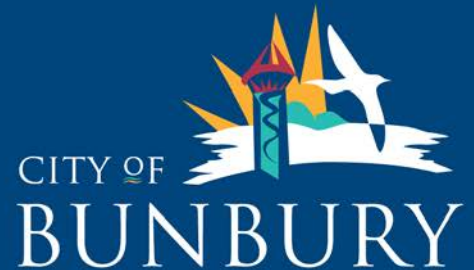


MEDIA STATEMENT



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SilverSport program to help keep seniors active

Bunbury seniors will soon be able access funding through the expanded SilverSport program that can go towards fees, uniforms and equipment needed for eligible seniors' sport and recreation activities.

The State Government's SilverSport program – which is based on the highly successful KidSport program – will provide up to \$200 to help seniors to stay active in their community.

It is being extended to Bunbury following a successful trial in Belmont, Kwinana, Northam and Kalgoorlie-Boulder/Coolgardie.

The program would help eligible seniors, who might not otherwise be able to join a sport or recreation club, with the aim to keep seniors 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 a participating local government, be aged 60 years or over and have a valid health care card or pensioner concession card.

Funding under the program will be available from 1 April and applications can be made from that date by visiting www.bunbury.wa.gov.au and searching for "SilverSport", or collecting an application form from the South West Sports Centre or City's administration centre at 4 Stephen Street.

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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