

Do You Know a Local Sporting Champion?

Several times each year I have the privilege of awarding some of the Gold Coast's rising sports stars a grant to assist them in achieving sporting success.

The Local Sporting Champion Grants were created to help young people offset competition expenses such as travel, accommodation, uniforms and equipment. The grants are open to individual or team athletes, coaches, umpires or referees aged 12-18 years who participate in sporting competitions at state or national level. Young people who are participating at state or national championships travelling over 250 kilometres must submit their applications prior to the commencement of the competition to be eligible for consideration. Individuals are eligible for a \$500 grant with teams eligible for a grant of \$3000.

To assist me in awarding these grants I have created a panel of some of the Gold Coasts most respected sports representatives including, the head of a local professional sports institution, an Olympic medallist and the Physical Education Head of Department at a local State High School. The grants are awarded to the successful applicants on the advice of this panel.

More information on eligibility or an application can be found by visiting www.robert.com.au.

I wish you and your family all the best for 2011 and remind you that my door is always open, I look forward to catching up with you throughout the year.