

GRANTS APPROVED BY MINISTER BURKE**Equine Influenza Non Government, Not for Profit Equestrian Organisation Grants**

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Grant Recipient	Amount (Incl GST)
4 Rivers Trail Horse Riders' Club Inc.	\$700
Albion Park Harness Racing Club Inc.	\$79 600
Australian Bushmen's Campdraft and Rodeo Association Ltd – Application 1	\$17 600
Australian Bushmen's Campdraft and Rodeo Association Ltd – Application 2	\$9000
Australian Horse Industry Council – Application 2	\$152 600
Australian Miniature Pony Society Inc. NSW Branch	\$400
Australian Professional Rodeo Association – Application 2	\$20 000
Australians' Campdraft Association – Application 1	\$8900
Australians' Campdraft Association – Application 2	\$5000
Bell Race Club	\$1100
Brisbane Turf Club	\$22 000
Cartmill Community Centre – Burpengary Riding for the Disabled Association	\$400
Condobolin Pastoral, Agricultural, Horticultural and Industrial Association Inc.	\$1500
Currumbin District Horse Club	\$13 400
Equestrian Federation of Australia (NSW Branch) – Application 2	\$200 000
Equestrian Queensland – Application 2	\$60 300
Equine Veterinarians Australia	\$26 100
Far North Queensland Amateur Turf Club	\$38 100
Gold Coast Turf Club	\$70 500
Good Samaritan Donkey Sanctuary Inc.	\$6200
Gunalda and Districts Western Performance Clubs Inc.	\$1300
Harness Racing Gold Coast	\$45 000
Hawthorne Equestrian Park	\$69 200
Living Legends	\$18 400
Mackay Turf Club Inc.	\$8600
Metropolitan Harness Racing Club Rocklea Inc.	\$52 800
National Rodeo Association – Application 2	\$8000
Polocrosse Queensland Association – Application 1	\$22 200
Polocrosse Queensland Association – Application 2	\$18 700

Pony Club Association of NSW	\$10 200
Racing NSW – Application 2	\$200 000
Redcliffe Peninsula Harness Racing and Sporting Club Inc.	\$20 000
Reining Australia	\$2800
Riding for the Disabled Association of Queensland Inc.	\$5000
Rockhampton Jockey Club – Application 2	\$23 800
Royal National Capital Agricultural Society	\$6400
RSPCA NSW	\$11 900
Shahzada Memorial Endurance Test Inc.	\$13 600
Southern Queensland Reining Horse Association	\$1900
Sunshine Coast Turf Club	\$74 700
Toowoomba Turf Club – Application 2	\$11 500
Tweed Valley Thoroughbred Owners, Trainers and Connections Association	\$2000
Warwick Turf Club	\$2000
Welsh Pony and Cob Society of Australia Inc.	\$1800

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Grant Recipient	Amount (Incl GST)
Australian Professional Rodeo Association Inc.	\$62 200
Balaklava Racing Club Inc.	\$12 700
Equestrian Queensland	\$33 400
Horse Safety Australia	\$20 000
Racing New South Wales	\$200 000
Rockhampton Jockey Club	\$7200
Toowoomba Turf Club	\$25 100

Funding to Gippsland Lakes to create an attractive and functional harbour precinct in the heart of Lakes Entrance

This commitment to Gippsland Lakes was announced by the Labor Party in November 2007. This funding is to help secure the local fishing industry and community and cover a wide range of developments and construction works that will create new job opportunities in the marine, tourism, recreation and seafood industries of East Gippsland. On 21 May 2008, the Hon. Tony Burke MP, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry approved the grants for the following organisations:

Grant Recipient/ Grant Description	Amount (Incl GST)
Gippsland Ports – for the on-water development component of the Cunninghame Arm Quay Precinct	\$3 135 000
East Gippsland Shire – for the foreshore development component of the Cunninghame Arm Quay Precinct	\$1 760 000
Lakes Entrance Fishermen’s Cooperative – in addition to the already awarded \$0.5m to replace the existing ice works at the Cooperative.	\$55 000
Lakes Entrance Fishermen’s Cooperative – in addition to the already awarded \$1.2m to construct a deep water heavy duty jetty at the Cooperative	\$880 000

Tasmanian Community Forest Agreement Industry Development Program

The Tasmanian Community Forest Agreement Industry Development Program (TCFA) consists of three competitive, discretionary grant programs administered by the Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry to assist investment in re-tooling the forest industry to assist its adjustment to the change in wood supply resulting from the Tasmanian Regional Forest Agreement and TCFA. The three programs are the \$42 million Tasmanian Forest Industry Development Program, \$10 million Tasmanian Softwood Industry Development Program, and \$4 million Tasmanian Country Sawmills Assistance Program. Responsibility for the approval of grants under these programs rests with the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and the Tasmanian Minister for Resources, the Hon. David Llewellyn MHA.

On 27 March 2008, the Hon. Tony Burke MP, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry approved the grants for the following organisations:

Grant Recipient	Amount (Incl GST)
AG & GR Padgett Pty Ltd	\$75 000
H & K Timber Pty Ltd	\$61 500
McKay Timber	\$1 356 250

Grant Title

Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS) Program

Description

The RFCS is an ongoing program that aims to assist farmers, fishers and small rural businesses experiencing financial difficulty. Rural financial counsellors provide free and impartial decision and options support to help clients identify ways to become more self reliant and better equipped to manage industry change and adjustment pressures.

The program has been allocated \$42.7 million administered funding for the 2008-11 period. A further \$10 million over 4 years is identified for the program within the Climate Change Adjustment Program.

A competitive grants process was advertised nationally in September 2007, and on 20 March 2008 the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry agreed to the preferred applicants recommended by the grant assessment panels convened in each state. The minister also authorised the department to negotiate with the preferred applicants, decide on grant funding and advise applicants of the amounts to be provided.

These negotiations have now concluded and the preferred applicants have been made public. Deeds of Grant for each of the preferred applicants are in the process of being signed off ready for a commencement date of 1 July 2008. While legal processes are underway involving the minister and the incumbent service provider in Western Australia, it is expected that rural financial counselling services will also be available in Western Australia from 1 July 2008.