



Foundation Sponsorship of Members Policy

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RGYC Foundation Sponsorship Program

Why is the process necessary?

The application process involves several steps, but it is in itself a demonstration by the applicant that they are serious about their endeavors and the support they are seeking.

Applicants will be welcome to consult with the Foundation Trustees and/or the RGYC Sailing Manager about their application. Younger Members will benefit from reflecting on the reasons they are pursuing their higher goals and how it can be of assistance to others.

The RGYC Foundation is accountable to Foundation Members for the expenditure of Foundation funds and requires a clear and open process for this to be possible.

All applicants will know that there is an opportunity for them to apply and know that the selection process is fair. The Foundation Trustees will accept applications and will then consider each application before making any further recommendations and/or the signing off on funding for approval.

The Goals of the Sponsorship Program

1. The Foundation is formed to assist Royal Geelong Yacht Club (RGYC) to maintain, improve, develop and foster the sport of sailing.
2. To support Members in the pursuit of excellence in their chosen field of yachting and boating.
3. To support the development of the RGYC Club through Members' higher-level experiences.
4. To promote RGYC via Member participation in State, National and International and other championships and events.
5. The RGYC Foundation aims to attract and retain for RGYC the continuing interest and financial support of the community at large.
6. To support young people whose access to sailing is limited financially, but who have demonstrated a keenness to make progress in the sport. This support would usually be of limited duration.

Funding

1. The Trustees will put aside ???XXX an amount of 'say' \$5000.00 or a percentage % of earnings each year to support the program (s).
2. The sponsorship funds granted will be for an individual in an event and/or individuals of an event closing date for an event that occurs within a current budget financial year i.e.. July 1 to June 30th. The Trustees may vary this in exceptional circumstances.
3. The Foundation may decide to support an application for sponsorship

of an application in part or in full.

4. Where funding has been provided via a government grant, details of funds will be provided to the RGYC and all funds granted will ONLY be used in its entirety for which the grant was approved.
5. The Foundation will **NOT** fund applications that have already attracted funds via the RGYC Sponsorship of Members Policy (BP01) – REMOVE?
6. The Foundation will consult with RGYC on applications received, on a case-by-case basis, because clear transparency is required.

Eligibility

1. A Member (Foundation or RGYC) (or Persons) may apply for an allocation of sponsorship from the Foundation if they demonstrate the following:
 - a. The Member is a current financial Member of RGYC. ??
 - b. The Member has been an RGYC Member for a minimum of two continuous years. (To Be Discussed)
 - c. The Member has been an active participant in the life of the Club.
 - d. The Member will provide an outline budget for their costs of participation in the event. Appropriate official documentation will be required. The Member will nominate the eligible part(s) of their budget for which they are seeking sponsorship support.
 - e. A Member will be eligible for sponsorship support only once in every financial year unless the Foundation advertises that there is an open opportunity for **all** eligible Members to apply even if they have been successful within the past financial year.
 - f. A young person who has been introduced to sailing through the VIC Schools Sailing School (or other) and who has shown a keen interest in pursuing the sport of sailing.

Types of events the Foundation may consider as appropriate for a successful application:

1. State, National or International (World) Championships, Commonwealth Games or Olympic Games in any recognised type of yachting or boating, particularly classes sailed at RGYC. Applicants will need to have performed at a very high level as demonstrated by competitive selection or finishing near the top of the yacht class in events supported or recognised by RGYC, or other similar suitable courses.
2. Training courses offered by or endorsed by the Australian Institute of Sport, Victorian Institute of Sport or Yachting Australia for high performance sailors.
3. State, national or international conferences, seminars, regattas or other events that are aimed at the development of yachting and boating and are directly relevant to the RGYC Strategic Plan or major events held at RGYC.

The Application

1. Applicants will use the application form available from the Foundation Trustees or from <https://rgycfoundation.com.au>
2. Applicants should take note of the information provided in this document describing the Sponsorship Fund, its goals and other elements that the Foundation trustees need to make their decision.
3. Applicants will provide all the relevant documentation required by the application document. Failure to do so may delay the decision provided, or have the application rejected.
4. Applicants will support their application with a written recommendation from previous sponsored delegates and/or their Class Teacher/Sailing School teacher AND School Principal.
5. Applicants will provide an explanation of how their participation in the event will enhance their yachting and boating skills or the activities of the Club.
6. Applicants will provide an explanation of how they will share the benefits of their experiences at the event with other RGYC Members.
7. Applications may be made at any time, but they may arrive outside the time when previous applications have been granted funding.?
8. An applicant should be prepared to participate in an interview with the Foundation should it be requested.
9. An applicant will be required to actively promote the Foundation and provide marketing outcomes such as social media posts, images and footage that will assist the Foundation in its promotional activities.

Applicants should be aware that the Foundation trustees meet on a monthly basis. Please allow at least 6 weeks in advance of any activity you are requesting sponsorship for, to be reviewed and for the process to take place.

An application, if successful, will be notified to RGYC-Foundation Trustees via RGYC and the Foundation's publications.