

Brisbane West Special Olympics Organization is a volunteer sporting organization that provides athletes with an intellectual disability a year round sports program. Athletes that compete in Special Olympics are aged from 8 years and all ages there after.

Brisbane West special Olympics region is part of Special Olympics Queensland and Special Olympics Australia which provide Olympic style sports to around 2000 athletes currently Australia wide..

Brisbane West region has had a valued association with Queensland Lions Football club at Richland's since 2001 where much in-kind support has been given us over these many years which will continue into the future.

Across Queensland there are 10 regions from the gold cost to Bundaberg and all regions have been able to use the grounds over the years during state events.

Our goal is to provide meaningful sports and social activities for athletes with an intellectual disability, as well as providing a framework for fitness, friendships and networking for athletes and their families.

This year we have been given full use of the Queensland Lions Football Club grounds again as we are hosting a state selection event in April and this usage is invaluable in assisting us in completing a successful event.

The value of the free use of their grounds and past donations on a yearly basis would amount to a cost that this organization could not sustain due to a lack of funds and funding. This amount would be estimated to be around \$3000 to \$4000 per year.

The Queensland Lions Football Club had no hesitation in supporting our organization when they were initially approached back in 2001 and now both organizations have a strong relationship in providing assistance to western suburb athletes with an intellectual disability in the sport of Football.

The Queensland Lions Football Club has given us full use not only of grounds but access to staff members and club facilities without any cost to our organization and this has meant we have been able to provide a very professional approach to our soccer program at Brisbane West.

In this regard I am quite happy to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to the Queensland Lions Football club and will offer support to their organization in whatever way I can.

Kindest regards Terry Visscher Head coach Brisbane West Soccer.

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