REVIEW OF THE STRUCTURE OF SCHOOL SPORT IN VICTORIA

Communication of Review Outcomes – September 2008

Findings, recommendations, ongoing consultation and implementation process

In February 2008, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD), in conjunction with the Victorian Primary and Victorian Secondary Schools Sports Associations (VPSSA and VSSSA), commissioned a project to review the organisational structure that supports the delivery of school sport in Victorian Schools, and to make recommendations about a structure that would support implementation into the future.

The objectives of the review were:-

• To comprehensively map the existing school sport structure;
• To assess the existing structure against leading practice;
• Recommend a structure for the future delivery of school sport;
• Provide a plan for the implementation of the new structure.

Ken Rogers from Rogers Educational Enterprise (REdE) was contracted to undertake the review.

On Thursday 18 September 2008, the Executive Committees of the VPSSA and the VSSSA, their staff and school sports staff employed by DEECD centrally, met to receive a presentation from the author of the Review Mr Ken Rogers. Ms Carol Kelly, Assistant General Manager, Targeted Programs Branch, OGSE; Mr Brad Allen, President, VPSSA and Mr Rob Carroll, Vice President, VSSSA also addressed the meeting.

Key findings of the Review included acknowledgement of the tremendous contribution made by the school sport community on behalf of all Victorian students and the need to more positively promote and support school sport in Victoria. Victoria fares well when compared to other State jurisdictions. The Review also pointed to the need to make changes to ensure sustainability of the program in the long term and ease the workload pressures being broadly experienced.

Major recommendations include the combination of the two associations into one body and reviewing staffing structures across the State.

The Review acknowledges the complexities involved in implementation and recommends that clear strategies are put in place over a period of 12 to 18 months to develop an implementation plan and work with the school sport community to establish a new structure. This would include a resourcing model for the plan. Implementation would be targeted for 2010.
The first step in this process involves the appointment of a highly experienced project director who knows and understands school sport to lead implementation during this period.

The Review provides a rich resource to inform decision making and further work thereby ensuring that a new school sport structure will protect and enhance the outstanding legacy provided by the VPSSA and the VSSSA for over 100 years.

A second report the *Review of physical education and sport in Victorian Government Primary Schools* will be finalised soon and information on the findings of this Review will also be made available.

Both the VPSSA and the VSSSA and the DEECD, through the respective Presidents and Carol Kelly, AGM, Targeted Programs, OGSE will continue to provide overall management of the implementation process through the establishment of a Steering Committee. A Reference Group will also be established made up of representatives from DEECD, the Associations and the Victorian School Sport Council. Nominations will be sought from the Associations for membership of the Reference Group.

The Executive Summary is attached and the full Review can be accessed at [http://www.education.vic.gov.au/studentlearning/programs/schoolsportvic.htm](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/studentlearning/programs/schoolsportvic.htm). A monthly communication update will also be made available at this site. This site will be linked to the web sites of the VPSSA and the VSSSA.

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