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Steve Smith in Hornsby with the Blowfly Cricket team players.

## SMITH DELIVERS BIG CASH BOOST FROM THE BANK TO HELP OUT BLOWFLY CLUB

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CRICKETING legend and Australian Test captain Steve Smith met with members of the Blowfly Cricket Club in Hornsby last week and presented them with a CommBank Cricket Club sponsorship.

He also held a cricket clinic with club members, who have learning and health difficulties.

"I've been involved in cricket for my entire life, and if I wasn't playing for Australia I'd still be padding up on weekends to play for the Illawong-Menai Cricket Club in Sydney's Sutherland Shire," Smith said.

"Local cricket clubs are the lifeblood of the game in Australia and the CommBank Cricket Club sponsorship program really makes a difference to these local clubs."

The sponsorship initiative is offering ongoing support for grassroots cricket and is helping the next generation of Test

cricketers get involved in the game.

Smith also urged other clubs across the region to apply for the two-year \$4000 sponsorship grant.

"The team at CommBank do an exceptional job of supporting our local clubs, helping thousands of Australians and our next generation of Test cricketers get involved in the game we all love," he said.

The sponsorship program has provided support to more than a third of all local cricket clubs across the country through grassroots programs.

A new partnership with Cricket Australia will focus on local grassroots clubs, the women's national team, indigenous cricket and players with disabilities.

Applications are open to local cricket clubs across the country until August 2017.

To apply for a 2017 CommBank Cricket Club sponsorship, visit [commbank.com.au/cricket](http://commbank.com.au/cricket).