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GAMBLING GRANTS TO LOCAL GROUPS

Six local not-for-profit groups have been given State Government funding totalling more than \$104,000 to help them continue their great work in the community, the Member for Ipswich, Rachel Nolan announced today.

Ms Nolan said the grants were awarded under the year's first round of the popular Gambling Community Benefit Fund.

"Gambling Community Benefit Fund grants provide valuable assistance for community and sporting groups to deliver local services and activities," Ms Nolan said.

"They also help keep the local economy ticking along.

"When funds are distributed, often the recipients purchase their goods and services from local suppliers."

The Gambling Community Benefit Fund March round will distribute more than \$8.1 Million to 554 projects from the Gold Coast to Cape York.

Local grant recipients are:

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| • Anglican Parish of All Saints | \$24,555 |
| • Bindarra Childrens Day Care Centre | \$27,459 |
| • Focal Extended Inc | \$10,046 |
| • Ipswich Vigoro Assoc Inc | \$17,000 |
| • Ipswich Visitors & Tourism Assoc | \$10,082 |
| • Ozcare – Ipswich Accommodation Project | \$15,000 |

Ms Nolan said each grant recipient played an important part in building a vibrant community spirit.

"Our Government is committed to ensuring that, on balance, the community benefits from gambling," she said.

"One way we do this is by investing gambling taxes straight back into the community, through the Gambling Community Benefit Fund."

Since the Fund began in 1994, it has provided more than \$230 Million to help more than 24,000 Queensland community projects become a reality.

Grants are provided to Queensland not-for profit, community organisations for a variety of purposes, including equipment and community development activities.

Further information about the Gambling Community Benefit Fund can be found at www.gcbf.qld.gov.au or freecall 1800 633 619.
