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STATE GOVT PROVIDES MORE FUNDS TO LOCAL GROUPS

Five local not-for-profit groups would share in a total of more than \$89,287 in State Government grants to help them continue their great work in the community, the Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan, announced today.

Ms Nolan said the State Government provided the grants under the latest round of the popular Gambling Community Benefit Fund.

She said the Fund, in its 10th year of supporting communities throughout Queensland, was an important funding source for not-for profit community and sporting organisations.

“These grants help a variety of local organisations that commit a substantial amount of time and effort to enhance the quality of life of many members in our community,” Ms Nolan said.

The Gambling Community Benefit Fund’s September round will distribute more than \$8.3 Million for 549 projects across Queensland.

Local grant recipients are:

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| • Cribb Street child Care Centre Inc | \$21,641 |
| • Ipswich Bowls Club Inc | \$22,510 |
| • Ipswich Music Inc | \$29,749 |
| • Roderick Street Community Preschool & Kindergarten Assoc | \$8,100 |
| • Silkstone Baptist Community Preschool & Kindergarten Assoc | \$7,287 |

Since it began in 1994, the Gambling Community Benefit Fund has provided more than \$248 Million to not-for-profit organisations.

Over the past 10 years the Fund has provided significant benefits to Queensland communities by funding 25,145 projects, from employment and training programs to sport and recreation equipment and upgrades to community halls.

Benefits to communities include the improved safety of facilities, opportunities to learn new skills, better access to services and facilities, improved physical health and greater involvement in community activities.

Ms Nolan said the fund was generated from a tax placed on Golden Casket lotteries, wagering, keno and gaming machines.

To find out more about the Gambling Community Benefit Fund grants, visit www.gcbf.qld.gov.au or call 1800 633 619 for an application package.
