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### **STATE GRANTS TO LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS**

Six local organisations had received funds totalling \$73,827 to help them enhance their good work and services in the local community, the Member for Ipswich, Rachel Nolan, announced today.

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

She said the grants were an important source of funding for thousands of Queensland community and sporting groups.

“The grants benefit a variety of local organisations who commit substantial time and effort to enhance quality of life in the community,” Ms Nolan said.

“I am very pleased that the grant recipients in my electorate will be able to access the funds straight away to purchase their items or carry out their projects.”

The March funding round for the Gambling Community Benefit Fund will distribute more than \$8 Million to 533 projects across Queensland.

Local grant recipients for the March round are:

- **Central Districts Cricket Club of Ipswich Inc**
- **Ipswich City Big Band**
- **Ipswich Vigoro Association Inc**
- **Seniornet Association Inc**
- **Swifts Bowls Club Inc**
- **University of the Third Age – Ipswich & West Moreton**

Since it kicked off in 1994, the Gambling Community Benefit Fund has granted over \$264 Million to Queensland not-for-profit, community based organisations.

Over the 10 years the Fund has provided significant benefits to Queensland communities by funding 26,216 projects including training programs, new equipment, community development activities, vehicles and building upgrades. Benefits to communities include the improved safety of facilities, opportunities to learn new skills, better access to services and facilities and greater involvement in community activities.

The Fund is 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](http://www.gcbf.qld.gov.au) or call 1800 633 619 for an application package.