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LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS RECEIVE STATE FUNDING BOOST

Four local organisations had received a post-Budget funding boost totalling \$61,312.00 in State Government grants, the Member for Ipswich, Rachel Nolan, announced today.

Ms Nolan said the extra funds to flow through the community would be most welcome and were a bonus after the Beattie Government delivered an outstanding State Budget for the electorate earlier this month.

She said the grants were awarded under the latest round of the popular Gambling Community Benefit Fund which was 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 June funding round for the Gambling Community Benefit Fund will distribute more than \$8 Million to 540 projects across Queensland.

Local grant recipients for the June round are:

- **Blackstone Ipswich Cambrian Choir Inc.**
- **Ipswich Community Youth Service Inc.**
- **Ipswich Kindergarten Association Inc.**
- **St Mary’s Parish Historical Society Inc.**

Since it kicked off in 1994, the Gambling Community Benefit Fund has granted over \$272 Million to Queensland not-for-profit, community based organisations.

The Fund has provided significant benefits to Queensland communities by funding 26,754 projects including training programs, new equipment, community development activities, vehicles and building upgrades.

Benefits to communities include maintenance and upgrades to 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 or call 1800 633 619 for an application package.

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