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### **Ipswich Community Groups benefit from Gambling Grants**

Over \$124,000 will be awarded to six Ipswich community organisations, Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan announced today.

“For the 51<sup>st</sup> round of the Queensland Government’s Gambling Community Benefit Fund, more than \$8.5 million will be distributed between 526 community groups across Queensland,” Ms Nolan said.

“Through the Fund, the State Government continues to support not-for-profit organisations, and ensures the benefits of services and activities offered by hard-working community groups remain accessible to local communities.”

In conjunction with programs like the Responsible Gambling Strategy, the work of the Fund shows the State Government’s commitment to ensure that on balance the State benefits from gambling.

Grant recipients include:

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
• Australian Red Cross - Ipswich	Purchase photocopier & fridge	\$3,362
• Co-ordinating Organisation for the Disabled in Ipswich Inc	Purchase digital copier	\$10,000
• Ipswich & District Junior Tennis Association Inc	Resurface tennis courts	\$30,000
• Raceview State School Parents & Citizens Association	Create fenced play area with portable soccer posts	\$20,944
• Scouts Australia Queensland Branch - Moreton Region	Upgrade regional headquarters	\$29,963
• State Emergency Service - Ipswich City Unit	Purchase welfare trailer	\$30,000

Since its inception in 1994, the Gambling Community Benefit Fund has distributed \$316 million to more than 29,000 community projects.

Gambling Community Benefit Fund Committee Chairperson Madeleine McPherson said the Fund continued to have an important role in supporting the community sector.

“I’m pleased that the Fund is again able to provide real help to local community groups, as they are such a significant part of Queensland society,” Ms McPherson said.

Revenue for the Fund is generated from levies placed on Golden Casket lotteries, wagering, keno, and gaming machines in Queensland.

Queensland based organisations can apply for up to \$30,000 for standard projects, and larger grants may be considered for complex projects.

For more information on the Gambling Community Benefit Fund, or to obtain a funding application package, visit [www.gcbf.qld.gov.au](http://www.gcbf.qld.gov.au) or call (07) 3247 4284 or 1800 633 619 (freecall outside Brisbane).

Visit [www.responsiblegambling.qld.gov.au](http://www.responsiblegambling.qld.gov.au) to find out more about the State Government’s Queensland Responsible Gambling Strategy.