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Change in dates makes applying for Gambling Community Benefit Funding easier

'In response to feedback from the community, the funding timetable for the Gambling Community benefit Fund has been adjusted,' said Member for Ipswich Ms Rachel Nolan.

'Previously funding dates clashed with school and Christmas holidays and the end of the financial year.

'The change will make it much easier for community groups, P & C organisations, charitable and other not for profit organisations to submit their applications, and I can see an even more enthusiastic pursuit of grants in the future.'

Presently, grants ranging up to \$30 000 are available through the fund which is financed from a percentage of taxes collected from Golden Casket Lotteries, wagering, keno and gaming machines.

In the most recent round of grants, over \$70 000 was allocated to the following Ipswich organisations:

- Cribb Street Child Care Centre Inc for the purchase of equipment and play resources;
- Ipswich Orpheus Chorale for the purchase of radio microphones; and
- St Mary's Primary School Parents and Friends Assoc. to install a soft fall area.

'Each funding round carries the promise of improved facilities in our community and I would encourage local groups to take advantage of the more convenient closing dates and enter submissions to the Gambling Community Benefit Fund,' said Ms Nolan.

The new closing dates for funding applications will be:

- 28 February
- 31 May
- 31 August
- 30 November

More information about the Gambling Community benefit Fund can be obtained by calling 1800 633 619 or on the web at www.gcbf.qld.gov.au