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### Record grant funding reaches Ipswich community groups in time for Christmas

Community groups in Ipswich will share in more than \$206,000 in funding from the latest round of the Queensland Government's Gambling Community Benefit Fund, Treasurer Andrew Fraser announced today.

Mr Fraser announced grants of up to \$29,926 each for the 10 community groups.

"The Gambling Community Benefit Fund helps grassroots community and not-for-profit groups deliver services to their local community," Mr Fraser said.

"In the lead up to Christmas, these grants will provide a much-needed boost to these groups and their local communities."

Mr Fraser said almost 700 Queensland community groups would share in a record \$12 million in funding from the Fund's 58<sup>th</sup> round. The record funding was due to a change in application closing dates.

"The Gambling Community Benefit Fund invests in community groups to enhance their ability to provide services, leisure activities and opportunities to Queenslanders in their local communities," he explained.

"In giving something back to the community, the grants recognise the excellent work of these groups and ensure that the whole State, on balance, derives tangible benefits from gambling revenue."

The successful grant recipients in Ipswich are:

Organisation	Purpose	Amount
Ipswich West Special School Parents & Citizens Association	Purchase interactive whiteboards and projectors	\$29,926
Queensland Police Citizens Youth Welfare Association - Ipswich	Purchase vehicle	\$28,915
Australian Red Cross - Ipswich Employment Services	Purchase wireless enabled laptops	\$28,381
West End Rugby League Football Club Inc	Upgrade toilet block	\$24,556
Blackstone Ipswich Cambrian Choir Inc	Purchase multi-function printer	\$21,711
Ipswich Hospice Care Incorporated	Purchase information communication technology	\$21,233
Anglican Parish Of All Saints - Booval	Upgrade hall roof	\$20,922
U3a - Ipswich And West Moreton Incorporated	Towards workshop costs	\$18,427
Brothers Netball Club, Ipswich Inc	Purchase administration and sporting equipment	\$7,224
Yamanto Community Kindergarten & Preschool Association Inc	Purchase computer equipment	\$4,795

Following the 58<sup>th</sup> round of grant allocations, the Fund has provided more than \$390 million to more than 33,600 community projects since its inception. Funding is sourced from taxes collected on Golden Casket lotteries, wagering, keno and gaming machines.

Almost all not-for-profit groups in Queensland are eligible to apply, and applications from both large and small organisations are encouraged.

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