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## Ipswich community group hits the jackpot

An Ipswich community group received \$20 000 in the latest round of community benefit fund grants from the Queensland Government.

Member for Ipswich and Minister for Transport, Rachel Nolan MP, announced Ipswich Hospice Care as the recipient of the latest round of Jupiters Casino's Community Benefit Fund, saying the much needed funds would go to a good cause.

"With interest rates on the rise, and Queenslanders still in recovery mode, these funds are vital to community-run groups," said Ms Nolan.

"Community groups go out of their way every day to make a difference within their local area, and these grants are just one way of acknowledging their tireless efforts."

"The money will go towards a new volunteer garden shed with awning, an outdoor marquee for shade and wet weather protection, and outdoor directional signage.

"There will also be funds available for an upgrade of power access to the Memorial Gardens which will enable catering, entertainment and lighting for fundraising and volunteer functions." Ms Nolan said

The Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund uses a percentage of state revenue raised from gaming activities to offer grants of up to \$150 000 to assist community organisations in the South East Queensland area.

Since its inception, in excess of 3,300 applications have been funded, totalling more than \$84 million.

Last year the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation introduced an online grants management system, which allows community groups and not-for-profit organisations apply for funding via its website.

"The new process is part of our efforts to reduce red-tape, and it's been working well," said Ms Nolan.

To apply for community benefit fund grants, visit the website at [www.olgr.qld.gov.au](http://www.olgr.qld.gov.au) and click on grants.

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