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CQ community groups share in \$580,000 grant funding

A rowing boat, bus and solar panels are just some purchases local community groups will make thanks to the latest round of the Palaszczuk Government's Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF).

Member for Keppel Brittany Lauga said more than \$580,000 would be shared between 24 groups across the region, including \$214,000 on the Capricorn Coast.

"The Gambling Community Benefit Fund is a real lifeline for hundreds of community and sporting groups, as well as local councils," Ms Lauga said.

"Without it, many worthy projects would simply never come to fruition, like upgrades to the Emu Park Men's Shed.

"A \$35,000 grant will allow Graham and his team to extend their existing building and install an awning, which I know the regulars will appreciate come summer.

"Yeppoon Golf Club was another big winner from this GCBF round, having secured more than \$34,000 for a major facility upgrade and to purchase equipment – what a hole in one!"

Ms Lauga is hosting a morning tea in Yeppoon on Friday for local recipients.

Member for Rockhampton Barry O'Rourke said it was wonderful to again see community groups reap the rewards of the GCBF.

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“As we start to deliver Queensland’s plan for economic recovery, I’m really pleased that Rockhampton’s share of the GCBF pie is benefitting so many tremendous groups and worthy causes,” Mr O’Rourke said.

“What that looks like locally is a brand-new bus for Darumbal People Aboriginal Corporation, a ride-on mower for Gracemere Lake Golf Club and a new cold room for the Rockhampton Bowls Club.

“We’ve also got the green light for a fresh coat of paint on the Rocky South Kindy, equipment for the Historical Society and portable cattle yards for the Central Rodeo Cowboys Association.”

Attorney-General and Minister for Justice Yvette D’Ath said the latest Gambling Community Benefit Fund would provide \$14.6 million worth of grants to 586 groups throughout the state.

The GCBF grants are worth between \$500 and \$35,000 and applications are open to not-for-profit organisations. Over the past 25 years, GCBF has distributed more than \$947 million to community groups helping Queenslanders.

The grants are merit based and funding is allocated by an independent panel.

A full list of recipients is available at www.justice.qld.gov.au/grants

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