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## CQ community groups share in \$580,000 grants 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 and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said more than \$580,000 would be shared between 24 groups across the region.

"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!"

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

"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 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.

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“Some organisations have had to delay or extend the timeline for their events, purchases or projects as a result of COVID-19,” the Attorney-General said.

“So many organisations rely on the funding this program delivers for things ranging from the purchase of vehicles or musical and sound equipment, the construction of sporting change rooms or to hold trail running events.

A full list of recipients is available at [www.justice.qld.gov.au/grants](http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/grants)

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