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MEDIA RELEASE

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Palaszczuk Government sets sporting clubs on road to recovery

More than 20 Central Queensland sporting clubs will restart activities with renewed vigour after being approved up to \$20,000 each to spend on minor upgrades, equipment and repairs.

The Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said the \$15.5 million Active Restart Infrastructure Recovery Fund would provide a mini-stimulus for Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton clubs to return to play.

“Labor is delivering it’s plan for economic recovery across Queensland and as part of that we’re supporting community clubs to fire the starting gun on reopening,” she said.

“We know that COVID has impacted fundraising capacity, so we’re stepping in to support clubs in their time of need.

Ms Lauga said the Rocky Amateur Swimming Club would use its \$14,576 to purchase underwater video equipment to support swimming at Norman Gardens.

She said the Capricorn Coast Outrigger Canoe Club Inc would spend its \$11,330 on refurbish canoe trailer to support outrigger canoeing at Lammermoor.

“Here in Central Queensland we know that COVID-19 has meant some clubs are doing it tough.

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“We’ve got some of the finest grassroots sporting clubs, players and officials and, with our support, they can continue to flourish.”

Ms Lauga said this funding support would be flowing to the clubs right away.

“This isn’t an election commitment, it’s part of the Palaszczuk Government’s \$51.3 million return to play stimulus package to be invested to support COVID-19 recovery efforts in the sport, recreation and fitness industries.”

Approved projects include the purchase of equipment to deliver activities or events, assist in facility maintenance, or to assist with reducing operational costs.

“We have already delivered \$7.6 million worth of \$2,000 grants to 3,811 clubs across Queensland as part of the COVID SAFE Active Clubs Kickstart program to invest in hygiene or catering supplies, equipment, maintenance, training courses or to pay utilities bills.

“And now these valued clubs in our community received this funding and the extra support,” she said.

Ms Lauga said whether it’s marqueees for a fundraising event, white goods for the canteen, or a fresh coat of paint for the clubhouse, organisations are being provided funding to improve their facilities and purchase relevant equipment to encourage Queenslanders to return to play.

She said the return to play is possible because Queenslanders have done such an outstanding job of listening to the health advice and keeping each other safe during COVID-19.

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Rockhampton and Capricorn Coast recipients: Capricorn Coast Mallet Sports Club Inc. \$3123; Capricorn Coast Outrigger Canoe Club Inc \$11,330; Capricorn Coast Parkana Cricket Club Inc. \$8908; Capricornia Cruising Yacht Club Inc \$9840; Cawarral Cricket Club Incorporated \$4933; Central Qld Apda Dance Inc \$3975; Central Queensland Athletic Club Inc. \$4889; Emu Park Rugby League Club Inc. \$13,872; Emu Park Surf Lifesaving Club Inc. \$12,851; Emu Park Swimming Club Inc. \$9525; Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club Inc \$3328; Rockhampton Pistol Club Inc. \$9052; Rockhampton Water Polo Association Incorporated \$5000; Rocky City Amateur Swimming Club Inc. \$14,576; Sailability Capricornia Inc \$2174; The Scout Association Of Australia Queensland Branch Inc. \$5000; Yeppoon Australian Football Club Incorporated \$17,272; Yeppoon Bowls Club Inc. \$20,000; Yeppoon Golf Club Inc. \$5249; Yeppoon Gymnastics & Movement Centre Inc \$12,232; and Yeppoon Rugby League Football Club Incorporated \$18,080. TOTAL \$195,209.

PHOTOS:

1. **Brittany with Yeppoon Bowls Club members at a presentation day**
2. **Brittany officially opening the new track at the Little Athletics Club.**

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