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Clubs get a \$51m boost to resume playing

Central Queensland sporting clubs and players will be able to get active soon by sharing in \$51.3 million in funding from June 12, the Member for Keppel Brittany Lauga said today.

She said when Central Queenslanders are given the green light to play their beloved sport again in Stage 2 (starting June 12), the Palaszczuk Government will be standing shoulder to shoulder with sport and active recreation clubs to support them to be COVID SAFE.

Ms Lauga said the \$51.3 million COVID SAFE Return to Play package consists of:

- COVID SAFE Active Clubs Kickstart with grants of \$2,000 for up to 7,000 clubs
- \$150 FairPlay vouchers to cover sign on fees for 73,000 children from low income families
- Active Restart Infrastructure Recovery Fund with grants for minor works of up to \$20,000 for clubs
- Active Industry Fund providing \$10.8 million across 77 state-level sporting and recreation organisations.

“The Queensland Government is working hard to help physical activity clubs and organisations restart play, while also keeping Queenslanders healthy and safe.

“We recognise that times have changed; that clubs are doing it tough and will need assistance to get back on their feet, while also acknowledging that to get back into organised physical activity we need to build on the progress we

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have made - listen to the health advice, maintain a safe distance from others and keep up good hygiene.

“Community sport is the thread that stitches our community fabric together, and while we recognise a return to play is vital for the physical and mental health of your club members, it must also be done carefully and safely,” she said.

More information is available via www.covid19.qld.gov.au/returntoplay

Please contact email SR_Covid19@npsr.qld.gov.au or call (07) 3330 6166 if you need further detail.

For the Return to Play guide for Queensland sport, recreation and fitness industries go to

https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0026/127943/return-to-play-guide.pdf

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