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### **Mackay community groups receive welcome funds**

A ride on mower for Northern Suburbs Cricket Club, phone operating system for PCYC and new vehicles for other organisations have all been made possible in Mackay through the latest round of Gambling Community Benefit fund grants.

Member for Mackay Tim Mulherin said a number of community groups and non-profit organisations had benefited from the latest round of grants which has injected more than \$158,000 into the Mackay area alone.

"It is always good to see these grants helping a broad range of community groups.

"In this round, the Australian Red Cross received \$31,480 to install a wheelchair lift and paint their building while the Northern Suburbs Cricket Mackay received \$27,500 for a ride on mower.

"Other smaller grants were also given out with Mackay PCYC receiving \$7,681 to purchase a phone operating system while the Slade Point State School received \$13,218 to purchase shade tents."

Mr Mulherin said the Gambling Community Benefit Fund uses a percentage of state revenue raised from gaming activities to offer grants of up to \$35 000 to assist community organisations in Queensland.

"Since its inception, more than 36 800 applications have been funded, totalling in excess of \$451 million," he said.

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

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

Community groups and not for profit organisations can now apply for solar sport and community group grants through the Gambling Community Benefit Fund.

New guidelines on this initiative will be available from 1 June 2010.

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

A full list of Gambling Community Benefit Fund recipients for Mackay is listed below.

If you or a loved one is experiencing problems with gambling, please contact the Gambling Helpline on 1800 222 050, or visit [www.olgr.qld.gov.au](http://www.olgr.qld.gov.au)

<b>Legal Entity</b>	<b>Sponsored Organisation</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Australian Red Cross Society	Mackay Branch	Install wheelchair lift and paint building	\$31 480
Northern Suburbs Cricket Mackay		Purchase ride-on mower	\$27 500
Mackay Women's Centre		Purchase motor vehicle	\$23 741
Crossroad Arts		Purchase AV equipment	\$15 000
Youth Information & Referral Service		Purchase vehicle	\$27 273
Slade Point State School	Slade Point State School Parents and Citizens Association	Purchase shade tents	\$13 218
The Pioneer Community Pre-School and Kindergarten Association		Purchase roof for meal area and extend verandah roof	\$12 269
Queensland Police Citizens Youth Welfare Association	Mackay Branch	Purchase phone operating system	\$7 681
		Total:	\$158 162

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