

Question on Notice

No. 1038

Asked on Thursday, 2 September 2004

MR FOURAS asked the Minister for Communities, Disability Services and Seniors (**MR PITT**) -

QUESTION:

With reference to the funding round for Building Inclusive Communities Grants which is open again — What sorts of projects have benefited from this funding in the past and when will the successful submissions for 2004 be announced?

ANSWER:

The Building Inclusive Communities Grants have funded a diverse range of community events and initiatives across the state, activities that promote the role of people with a disability as active citizens.

Many of the funded events, including expos, sporting events, and awareness campaigns, were staged during Disability Action Week 2004 and more will be staged on International Day of People with a DisAbility on 3 December 2004.

Of the \$200 000 allocated to the 2003/2004 grants programs, \$140 000 was allocated to local community events and \$60 000 was spent on statewide initiatives.

In all, 37 Building Inclusive Communities Grants of up to \$5000 each were approved for local community activities and six grants of up to \$15 000 each were approved for events with a statewide flavour.

These broader events were:

- **Queensland Radio for the Print Handicapped Ltd** produced and broadcasted a twice-weekly, radio program about disability issues that could be downloaded from the internet.
- **Queensland Narrating Service** narrated and recorded Indigenous stories and history on audio tapes and CDs.
- **Hub Community Network Inc** toured five South Burnett communities with an interactive performance roadshow that showcases the abilities of people with a disability.
- **Queensland Police Citizens Youth Welfare Association Inc** hosted overnight canoe camping adventures for young people with different abilities.
- **Community Resource Unit** organised three leadership-building retreats for people with a disability, families and other community members.

- **Inala Elders Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation** displayed artworks by people with a disability in a series of workshops.

Some of the funded projects around regional Queensland included:

- **Mareeba Shire Council** hosted community forums on inclusion in a multicultural community.
- **Hope Vale Aboriginal Council** staged arts activities for people with a disability.
- **Cartmill Centre – Burpengary Riding for the Disabled Association Inc** ran an equestrian training camp in Pine Rivers.
- **Queensland Police Citizens Youth Welfare Association Inc - Biloela** hosted a community wheelchair basketball fun day during Disability Action Week.
- **Queensland Wattle League** established a writers' group in South Brisbane for people with mental illness and physical disabilities.
- **Gladstone Community Linking Agency** and Central Queensland's **Community Employment Options** each organised sports days.
- **Bundaberg Disability Resource Centre Inc Toy Library** ran kite workshops.
- **Andergrove/Beaconsfield Community Neighbourhood Association Inc** hosted a series of photographic workshops in Mackay, that will culminate in the launch of a calendar on International Day of People with a DisAbility (3 December).
- **Maryborough City Council's Access Advisory Committee** held a Community Awards Ceremony to recognise champions of inclusiveness.
- **Ipswich Vision Impaired Support Group – Royal Blind Foundation of Queensland** staged a dinner dance for people with impaired vision who have learned to dance.
- **Lifeline Darling Downs & South West Queensland Ltd – Charleville** ran a "Get More Out of Life Day" including physical and cultural activities and information about the School of Distance Education.
- **Redlands Bayside Disability Services Inc** held introductory art workshops for people with a disability and an art show.
- **The Gold Coast Family Support Group** produced a video and CD about how adults with a disability were able to access employment options.

The recipients of the Building Inclusive Community Grants for 2004/2005 will be announced during International Day of People with a DisAbility celebrations on 3 December 2004.