

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 172

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MRS SMITH ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATIONAL PARKS, RECREATION, SPORT AND RACING (MR DICKSON)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise how the LNP Government's *Get in the Game* program, Sport and Recreation Infrastructure program and Sport and Recreation Disaster Recovery program are benefiting local sports clubs and organisations in the Mount Ommaney Electorate?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the Question.

The Queensland Government's *Get in the Game* initiative comprises of three funding programs providing \$47.8 million to support grassroots sport and recreation participation. The three programs — *Get Started*, *Get Going* and *Get Playing* — are designed to get more people, especially children and young people, playing sport and involved in recreation activities.

*Get Started* is designed to help kids who can least afford, or would otherwise benefit from getting involved in sport or recreation, with vouchers of up to \$150 to help pay for membership and/or participation fees at a registered club. *Get Going* provides grants of up to \$10,000 to local sport and recreation clubs to help them grow through initiatives such as promotional activities, equipment and membership drives. *Get Playing* provides grants of up to \$100,000 for clubs to upgrade existing facilities and develop new minor facilities to support increased club membership.

*Get Started* has been very well received with 3,353 clubs (as at 16 April 2014) registered for the program. Across Queensland, the first two rounds of the program have seen almost 19,000 children and young people assisted with the cost of joining a club. In the Mount Ommaney electorate, 95 vouchers totalling \$14,065 were redeemed by local clubs in the first two rounds.

Round 3 of the *Get Started* program closed on 28 February 2014 due to overwhelming demand. In the Mount Ommaney electorate, 71 vouchers totalling \$10,441 (as at 16 April 2014) have been redeemed by local clubs. This is likely to increase as clubs have until 30 May 2014 to redeem vouchers. Across Queensland, it is expected that Round 3 will assist more than 20,000 children to join a club.

Under the first two rounds of the *Get Going* program, eight organisations based in the Mount Ommaney electorate have been approved funding totalling \$53,247, as follows:

- Centenary Rowing Club (\$10,000);
- YMCA of Brisbane (YMCA Fitness Jamboree Heights) (\$4,220);
- Jindalee Golf Club Incorporated (\$4,320);
- Cementco Bowls Club Inc (\$3,395);
- The Mcleod Country Golf Club (\$9,480);
- Jindalee Districts Australian Football Club Inc (\$7,947);
- St. Catherine's United Soccer Club Inc (\$4,085); and
- Centenary Rowing Club Inc (\$9,800).

Under the first two rounds of the *Get Playing* program, two organisations in the Mount Ommaney electorate have been approved funding totalling \$188,028 as follows:

- Jindalee Golf Club Incorporated (\$91,258); and
- Jindalee Districts Australian Football Club Inc (\$96,770).

These grassroots sport and recreation initiatives are another way the Queensland Government is helping to ease the cost of living for Queensland families, and ensuring Queenslanders have access to sport and recreation opportunities and facilities wherever they live.

The Sport and Recreation Disaster Recovery program provides financial support to clubs in times of flood and water devastation. In May 2013, two clubs in the Mount Ommaney electorate received much-needed funds under this program totalling \$50,000, helping them to get back on their feet after the heavy rains in the early part of the year, as follows:

- Jindalee Golf Club Incorporated (\$25,000); and
- The Mcleod Country Golf Club (\$25,000).

The Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Program provided funding for the development of infrastructure to support participation in sport and recreation activities. Four projects in the Mount Ommaney electorate were approved funding totalling \$863,637 from this program between 2010 and 2012, as follows:

- The Mcleod Country Golf Club (\$102,035);
- Jindalee Swimming Club Incorporated (\$192,097);
- Centenary Soccer Inc (\$271,958); and
- Centenary Rowing Inc (\$297,547).