

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 227

asked on Thursday, 20 March 2014

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise how the Get in the Game funding initiative is helping to grow sport in my community?

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 Waterford electorate, 538 vouchers totalling \$76,090 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 Waterford electorate, 607 vouchers totalling \$86,750 (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, 12 organisations based in the Waterford electorate have been approved funding totalling \$92,640 as follows:

- Logan Cobras Women's AFL Club Inc (\$5,208);
- Beenleigh - Logan Cricket Association Inc (\$8,895);
- Beenleigh Australian Rules Football Club Inc (\$9,045);
- Beenleigh Tennis Inc (\$10,000);
- Beenleigh PCYC (\$10,000);
- Greater Logan Canoe Club Inc (\$9,350);
- Beenleigh BMX Club Inc (\$4,280);
- Beenleigh Netball Association Inc (\$9,228);
- Logan City Rugby Union Club Incorporated (\$1,920);
- Beenleigh Cricket Club Inc (\$5,159);
- Beenleigh Touch Association Inc (\$9,720); and
- Kingsridge Touch Association Inc (\$9,835).

Under the first two rounds of the *Get Playing* program, three organisations based in the Waterford electorate have been approved funding totalling \$258,244 as follows:

- Beenleigh and Districts Baseball Club Inc (\$100,000);
- Tansey Park Sports Club Inc (\$58,244); and
- Beenleigh Multisports Association Inc (\$100,000).

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.