

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 469

asked on Wednesday, 4 June 2014

MR HOBBS 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 assisting sport and recreation in regional Queensland and in particular in the Warrego Electorate?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the Question.

The Queensland Government's Get in the Game initiative comprises three funding programs that provide \$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 3,380 clubs (as at 3 July 2014) registered for the program. Across Queensland, the first three rounds of the program have seen over 43,500 children and young people assisted with the cost of joining a club. In the Warrego electorate, 57 vouchers totalling \$6,803 were redeemed by 13 local clubs in the first three rounds of the program.

Round 4 of the *Get Started* program will open on 15 July 2014, for eligible families to apply.

Under the first two rounds of the *Get Going* program, 20 organisations based in the Warrego electorate have been approved funding totalling \$139,287, as follows:

- Augathella Pony Club Incorporated (\$5,700);
- Charleville & District Cricket Association Inc (\$9,893);
- Charleville & District Junior Rugby League Inc (\$10,000);
- Charleville Golf Club Inc (\$9,751);
- Chinchilla Junior Rugby League Inc (\$7,550);

- Chinchilla Suns Australian Rules Football Club Inc (\$9,980);
- Cunnamulla Golf Club Inc (\$4,545);
- Maranoa Equestrian Club Inc (\$4,854);
- Maranoa Netball Association Incorporated (\$1,890);
- Miles & District Junior Netball Association Inc (\$9,167);
- Miles Bowls Club Inc (\$3,300);
- Miles Golf Club Incorporated (\$5,769);
- Miles Tennis Club Inc (\$4,052);
- Morven & District Tennis Club Inc (\$5,000);
- Nockatunga Polocrosse Association Inc (\$10,000);
- Roma And District Bowmen Association Inc (\$5,250);
- St George Golf Club Inc (\$5,140);
- Thargomindah Polocrosse Club Inc (\$10,000);
- The Charleville Endurance Riders Club Inc (\$7,540); and
- Warrego Pony Club Incorporated (\$9,906).

Under the first two rounds of the *Get Playing* program, three organisations based in the Warrego electorate have been approved funding totalling \$245,064, as follows:

- Chinchilla Rugby League Football Club Inc (\$95,040 to install lighting to support rugby league and touch football at Chinchilla);
- Miles Bowls Club Inc (\$100,000 to upgrade the grass green to artificial turf to support lawn bowls at Miles); and
- Morven & District Tennis Club Inc (\$50,024 to construct a new multi-sport court to support tennis, cricket, volleyball and netball at Morven).

Round 3 of the *Get Going* and *Get Playing* programs will open on 1 July 2014 for eligible sport and recreation clubs, with projects being delivered in 2015.

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.