

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 89

asked on Tuesday, 4 March 2014

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise how the Get in the Game program has benefited sport and recreation clubs in the Broadwater Electorate?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the Question.

This 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 3,336 clubs (as at 2 April 2014) registered for the program. In the Broadwater electorate, 273 vouchers totalling \$39,435 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 Broadwater electorate, 338 vouchers totalling \$50,390 (as at 2 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, six organisations based in the Broadwater electorate have been approved funding totalling \$55,843 as follows:

- Arundel Park Riding for Disabled Inc (\$8,000);
- Runaway Bay Baseball Club Inc (\$6,593);
- Runaway Bay Soccer Club Incorporated (\$2,620);
- Southport Yacht Club Inc (\$10,000);
- Seahawks GC Inc. (\$19,450); and
- Runaway Bay Touch Association Inc (\$9,180).

Under the first two rounds of the *Get Playing* program, no organisations based in the Broadwater electorate have been approved funding.

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.