

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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MS J PEASE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON M DE BRENNI)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise how the Palaszczuk Government is assisting grassroots sporting clubs and young people to access sport in the Bayside area?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government recognises the need for, and importance of, sport and recreation and the benefits associated with leading a healthy lifestyle. This Government is committed to increasing participation in active sport and recreation, in particular for grassroots sport and women's and girls' sport.

We want more Queenslanders to have access to a wider range of quality local sporting and active recreation opportunities and infrastructure and various initiatives and grants are being funded across the state and, in particular, in the Brisbane Bayside area.

As at 20 February 2017, this Government has provided a total of \$1,941,686 to organisations and individuals in the Bayside electorates of Lytton, Cleveland and Capalaba. This includes funding provided under the *Get Started Vouchers*, *Get Going Clubs*, *Get Playing Places and Spaces*, *Get Playing Plus*, *Young Athletes Travel Subsidy* and *Indigenous Community Sport and Recreation* programs.

The *Get Started Vouchers* program opens biannually and provides vouchers, valued up to \$150, to assist children and young people who can least afford or may otherwise benefit from joining a sport or active recreation club. Round 9 of this program opened for voucher applications on 25 January 2017 and are now allocated after unprecedented demand. Under the Palaszczuk Government, the Bayside electorates have redeemed a total of \$278,777 worth of vouchers (Lytton - \$70,131; Cleveland - \$123,209; and Capalaba - \$85,437). Round 10 of *Get Started Vouchers* will open on 12 July 2017.

Under the *Get Going Clubs* program, eligible organisations can apply for up to \$7,500 funding for participation projects, education and training or equipment. Across Rounds 4 and 5, the Bayside electorates received a combined funding of \$155,782. Lytton organisations received \$50,717; Cleveland organisations received \$68,166; and Capalaba organisations received \$36,899. This program will also open for applications again on 3 July 2017 and is available to organisations every two years, should they be successful.

Under the *Get Playing Places and Spaces* program, eligible organisations can apply for up to \$100,000 funding for new or upgraded sport and recreation facility projects. Across the state, 164 applications were approved under the last round, amounting to over \$13 million in funding. Under Rounds 4 and 5 of the program, \$867,480 has been approved across the Bayside electorates. Lytton has received \$433,332; Cleveland has received \$100,000 and Capalaba has received \$334,148. Round 6 of this program opens for application again on 3 July 2017.

Under the *Get Playing Plus* program, eligible councils and organisations can apply for funding between \$300,000 and \$1.5 million for infrastructure projects. A project has been funded in Lytton for \$384,363 under Round 2 of *Get Playing Plus*.

The *Young Athletes' Travel Subsidy* (YATS) program aims to foster the development of young athletes and support elite athlete pathways by providing financial assistance to help alleviate the costs associated with attending championship events. The travel subsidy provides financial assistance through three event tiers and supports attendance at specific state, national and international events. Across four rounds of the YATS program under the current Government, applicants from the Bayside electorates have redeemed a combined total of \$89,600. Lytton has received \$31,000; Cleveland has received \$29,200; and Capalaba has received \$29,400.

Capalaba has also received \$165,685 in funding from the *Indigenous Community Sport and Recreation Program 15-17*.

The Queensland Government also provides free education and training opportunities for grassroots sporting organisations through the *Building Active Communities Workshop* (BACW) program and the *Get Active Queensland Accreditation Program* (GAQAP). Fifteen BACW days have been held in various locations across the Bayside electorates. Topics have included Volunteer Management; Using Social Media; Financial Management; Strength and Conditioning; Member Protection Information Officer; Sports Psychology; Grant Writing; Re-write your Constitution; Strategic Planning; Marketing and Sponsorship; Athlete Recovery; and Succession Planning. Four GAQAP days have been held at Cleveland and Manly West.