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MEDIA RELEASE – GREGORY CELEBRATES INVESTMENTS IN COMMUNITY GROUPS

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Community groups throughout Gregory have shared in more than \$700,000 in funding through the latest round of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF).

Member for Gregory Sean Dillon said 25 community organisations in the electorate would be bolstered by this latest funding round.

The program supports a wide range of projects to strengthen local communities, including funding upgrades and renovations, the purchase of equipment and supplies and the delivery of training programs and community events.

The GCBF continues to attract strong interest, with Round 125 receiving more than 1500 submissions from across the state.

"Many in Gregory have again had a tough start to the year after being impacted by severe weather events," Mr Dillon said.

"This funding is a huge benefit to community groups, especially those in regional and remote areas.

"These organisations are the heart of our communities and I congratulate them on the work they are doing.

Among those to receive funding are:

- **Barcaldine Cultural Association:** \$35,000 to upgrade facilities and purchase equipment
- **Bluff Blackwater Amateur Race Club:** \$35,000 to upgrade facilities
- **Emerald Amateur Swimming Club:** \$35,000 to purchase equipment
- **Tower Hill Picnic Amateur Race Club:** \$35,000 to upgrade facilities
- **Muttaborra Men's Shed:** \$15,000 to install a hoist
- **Longreach Arts & Cultural Association:** \$31,592 to upgrade flooring

Attorney-General, Minister for Justice and Minister for Integrity Deb Frecklington said the grants would deliver significant outcomes for community clubs and not-for-profit organisations, funding projects that would make a tangible difference for their communities.

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"The Gambling Community Benefit Fund goes straight back into our communities and I'm proud that this round is supporting so many dedicated organisations across the state," she said.

"Grant funding can be life-changing for community groups facing challenges and I congratulate the successful applicants of Round 125.

"In a state as large and diverse as Queensland, the work of volunteers and not-for-profit organisations is vital, especially in regional, rural and remote communities."

To view the successful Round 125 recipients or to find out more about the Gambling Community Benefit Fund and how you can apply, visit www.justice.qld.gov.au/initiatives/community-grants.

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