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**MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Grants set to benefit the whole community**

Member for Burdekin Dale Last has welcomed a nearly half-a-million-dollar boost to community groups across the Burdekin electorate.

New air conditioners, lighting, vehicles and infrastructure are among the projects given the tick of approval to receive almost \$446,000 from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund.

Mr Last said the grants would go a long way to assisting community groups in the Burdekin Electorate who had already done it tough in 2020.

“Grants of between \$5000 and more than \$30,000 have been awarded to 17 community groups and sporting clubs across the electorate and that is definitely welcome news,” Mr Last said.

“Not only will the members of those groups and sporting teams benefit from the final projects but so will the contractors and retailers engaged for these projects.”

“After a year that has been tough on all areas of the community it is great to know the benefits from grants such as these will go right around our communities.”

Mr Last encouraged other community and sporting groups looking to provide more services, leisure activities and opportunities to their community to apply for grant funding with the next round closing soon.

“We all know our community groups and sporting teams are among the heart and soul of the towns they live in, grants such as these are about not only supporting those hard working volunteers but the whole community.”

To see the full list of recipients visit <https://bit.ly/3tF2Xcj>

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