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Clubs can benefit from Council's Community Investment Program

The ongoing COVID-19 health emergency has seen delays, cancellations and changes to the way clubs and community organisations have gone about their business in 2020.

However, Gladstone Regional Council's Community Investment Program continues to provide opportunities to support local community initiatives, projects and events across the Gladstone Region despite global uncertainty.

Council has four separate funding streams under its Community Investment Program – Connected Communities Fund, Regional Enhancement Fund, Community Celebration Fund and Community Education Fund – with funding rounds currently open under the Connected Communities Fund and Regional Enhancement Fund.

The following rounds are open to applications up until 31 August 2020:

- **Regional Enhancement Fund – Strategic Projects**
 - Strategic Projects funding is to support sport and active recreation organisations with funding to upgrade existing or build new facilities where the organisation has land tenure

- **Regional Enhancement Fund – Community Projects**
 - Community Projects funding is to support sport and active recreation organisations that own, lease or control land to enhance their facilities to enable increased sporting participation

- **Regional Enhancement Fund – Environmental Care**
 - Environmental Care funding is to provide assistance to the community to undertake initiatives that conserve or enhance the environment across the region. This includes application fees for the annual Tidy Towns competition

- **Connected Communities Fund – Sport & Recreation Operations**
 - Sport & Recreation Operations funding is to provide support for the operation of the region's sporting organisations and active recreation groups (e.g., equipment purchases, training and education, participation initiatives, programs that contribute to health and vitality, and planning).

Gladstone Region Councillor Natalia Muszkat said Council recently approved four applications under the Connected Communities Fund – Sport & Recreation Operations funding stream.

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“BITS Junior Golf Club, The Community Shed Boyne Valley Inc., Boyne Tannum Football Club and Agnes Water Active Riders were all successful applicants from the previous round of Sport & Recreation Operations funding,” Councillor Muszkat said.

“This fund will help deliver items such as junior golf training equipment, five spin bikes, two sets of portable soccer goals and obstacles and equipment for horse training.

“The spin bikes, totalling \$1200, will be particularly useful for Boyne Valley residents as there are no gyms located in that area, so it will be great to see residents enjoying the health and wellbeing benefits of exercise.”

Please visit www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/community-investment for more information about the current funding streams available under the Connected Communities Fund and Regional Enhancement Fund or contact 4970 0700.

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