

Community Benefit Funds Annual Allocations Report 2013–14

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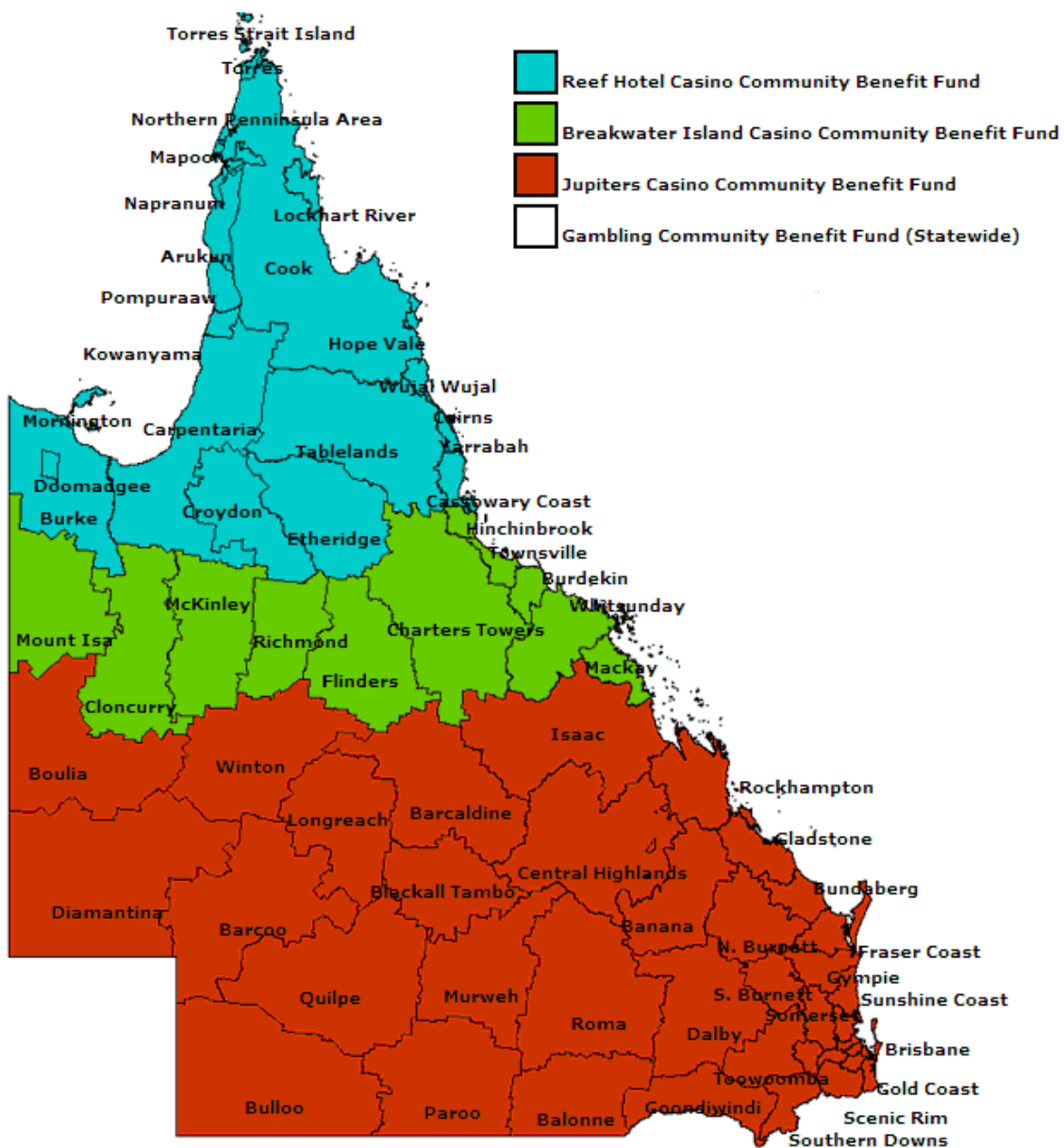
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The Community Benefit Funds Unit

The Community Benefit Funds Unit sits within the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation, Department of Justice and Attorney-General. The unit provides administrative and executive support to the Gambling Community Benefit Committee and the Boards of the former Jupiters; Breakwater Island and Reef Hotel Casino Community Benefit Fund. This support includes the active promotion of the funds, assessment and recommendation of grant applications, as well as general reporting on the progress of each fund.

Community benefit funds

Coverage of Queensland was ensured by four community benefit funds with the Gambling Community Benefit Fund encompassing the whole of Queensland and the Jupiters Casino; Breakwater Island Casino and Reef Hotel Casino Community Benefit Funds covering a portion of the state according to the geographic jurisdiction of each fund.



Gambling Community Benefit Fund

Established in 1994 under the *Gaming Machine Act 1991* the Gambling Community Benefit Fund aims to enhance the capacity of community organisations to provide services and activities for Queenslanders. The fund demonstrates the Queensland Government's commitment to returning revenue from gambling to the community.

The Gambling Community Benefit Fund is the state's largest one-off grants program and distributes over \$42 million per year over four funding rounds. Eligible not-for-profit groups can apply for grants of up to \$35 000 (incl GST).

Sourced from gambling taxes, the fund has helped various community groups cover the costs associated with development activities, minor capital works and the purchase of equipment and motor vehicles.

In 2013–14, more than \$42.9 million was distributed to over 1900 applications. Since inception, the fund has distributed in excess of \$628 million to more than 45 000 applications based on recommendations to the Minister by the Gambling Community Benefit Committee.

Committee remuneration and meeting costs

The amount of \$9,704 in sitting fees was paid to Committee members in 2012–13. Meeting costs totalled \$17,135 including air fares, accommodation, catering and other travel costs. Committee members are appointed for a three year term.

Meeting attendance

Four committee meetings and one governance meeting were held in 2013–14*.

Committee member	Attended
Michael Sarquis	4
Julie Strudwick	5
David Cory	3
Monica James	5
Ashley Robinson	4
Richard Bowly	5
Narelle Galloway	4
Sophie McIntosh	4
David Ford	1
Fiona Caniglia	1
Mary Jeffery	1

* During the 2013-14 Financial Year the term of the committee expired and a new committee was appointed, some members were not reappointed which is reflected by a lower meeting attendance.

Grant distributions 2013–14

Grants by funding round

Funding round	Amount approved (\$)	Applications approved
Round 77 (closed 31 May 2013)	10,730,224	500
Round 78 (closed 31 August 2013)	10 766 351	452
Round 79 (closed 30 November 2013)	10 692 228	477
Round 80 (closed 28 February 2014)	10 757 864	484
Total	42,946,687	1 913

Geographical distribution of grants for rounds 77, 78, 79 and 80¹

Local Government Area	Amount Distributed (\$)
Balonne	242,076
Banana	323,929
Barcaldine	102,483
Barcoo	24,037
Blackall Tambo	85,219
Brisbane	8,009,330
Bulloo	33,231
Bundaberg	1,636,963
Burdekin	544,899
Burke	35,218
Cairns	2,162,880
Carpentaria	63,636
Cassowary Coast	681,513
Central Highlands	187,037
Charters Towers	304,074
Cherbourg	98,391
Cloncurry	84,136
Cook	119,131
Croydon	34,000
Etheridge	108,278
Flinders	104,400
Fraser Coast	912,580
Gladstone	715,506
Gold Coast	2,676,664
Goondiwindi	380,962
Gympie	859,854
Hinchinbrook	465,037
Hope Vale	31,819
Ipswich	1,305,099
Isaac	290,755
Lockyer Valley	430,058
Logan	1,418,042
Longreach	64,944

¹ Amounts distributed may vary from quarterly approvals due to carryover applications and grants management system reporting.

Local Government Area	Amount Distributed (\$)
Mackay	1,285,731
Maranoa	237,195
Mckinlay	13,691
Moreton Bay	2,496,624
Mount Isa	221,811
Murweh	215,925
Napranum	10,365
North Burnett	273,396
Northern Peninsula	63,583
Palm Island	39,233
Paroo	42,064
Quilpie	127,495
Redland	1,043,467
Richmond	97,075
Rockhampton	1,366,627
Scenic Rim	644,751
Somerset	548,854
South Burnett	746,170
Southern Downs	753,510
Sunshine Coast	2,626,701
Tablelands	1,029,218
Toowoomba	1,898,628
Torres	72,190
Townsville	1,394,833
Weipa	6,800
Western Downs	449,773
Whitsunday	547,455
Winton	84,308
Woorabinda	21,000
Yarrabah	27,478

Grants by expense type for rounds 77, 78, 79 and 80²

Expense type	Amount distributed (\$)
Advertising	118,943
Architect's Fees	3,000
Audio Visual Equipment	790,818
Boat	112,907
Books	118,444
Building Approvals	124,003
Catering	613,984
Commercial Furniture	485,407
Craft and Hobby equipment	94,632
External Building upgrades	6,685,716
GST Exempt Items	176,366
GST Inclusive Items	1,113,239

² Expense types are self selected by applicants

Expense type	Amount distributed (\$)
Hire Costs	230,314
Internal building Upgrades	6,875,644
IT Equipment	945,471
Landscaping	1,661,013
Medical (GST Exempt Items)	664,596
Medical (GST Inclusive Items)	42,771
Motor Vehicle	2,687,512
Mowers	723,485
Musical Equipment	503,425
Office Equipment	284,945
Office Furniture	214,470
Other	997,800
Outdoor Furniture	280,232
Pilot Project	306,005
Playgrounds	3,159,105
Printing and Publishing	227,375
Safety Equipment	1,159,557
Shade Structures	2,453,335
Shed	2,443,761
Solar Products	660,569
Sports	3,362,714
Tools	405,732
Toys	247,897
Tractors	563,812
Trailers	464,406
Volunteer Training	171,030
Whitegoods	341,928
Workshops/Conferences	405,765

Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund

The Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund was established in 1987 under the *Casino Control Act 1982*. The fund is sourced from gambling taxes to assist community organisations located in the fund's jurisdiction which extends from the Queensland/New South Wales border to the northern boundaries of Boulia, Winton, Barcaldine and Isaac.

There are four funding rounds per year. Eligible not-for-profit groups can apply for up to \$75,000³. The board recommends applications to the Minister totalling approximately \$5.5 million each year.

In 2013–14 more than \$5.9 million was distributed to over 250 applications. Since its inception the fund has distributed in excess of \$108.5 million to more than 4300 applications.

Board remuneration and meeting costs

The amount of \$3 097 in sitting fees was paid to board members in 2013–14. Meeting costs totalled \$1 838 including catering and travel costs. Board members are appointed for a three year term.

Meeting attendance

Four meetings were held in 2013–14*.

Committee member	Attended
Sarina Russo (Chairperson)	4
Robert Gordon	3
Diane Guthrie	1
Terrence Moore PSM	3
Michael Sarquis	4
William Malone	3
Stephen Leeds	2
Michelle Robertson	1
Gary Thorpe	2

* During the 2013-14 Financial Year the term of the JCCBF Board expired and a new Board was appointed, some board members were not reappointed to the Board which is reflected by a lower meeting attendance.

Grant distributions 2013–14

Grants by funding round

Funding round	Amount approved (\$)	Applications approved
Round 82 (closed 31 May 2013)	1 483 221	63
Round 83 (closed 31 August 2013)	1 133 378	51
Round 84 (closed 30 November 2014)	1 603 617	69
Round 85 (closed 29 February 2014)	1 684 253	75
Total	5 904 469	258

³ Round 82 was the final Jupiter's Casino Community Benefit Fund Round with a funding limit of \$150,000.

Geographical distribution of grants for rounds 82, 83, 84 and 85⁴

Local Government Area	Amount distributed (\$)
Balonne	31,500
Blackall Tambo	53,954
Brisbane	1,045,122
Bundaberg	284,146
Central Highlands	30,000
Fraser Coast	342,221
Gladstone	55,568
Gold Coast	787,485
Goondiwindi	31,606
Gympie	160,081
Ipswich	164,416
Isaac	22,685
Lockyer Valley	128,267
Logan	233,401
Longreach	22,127
Moreton Bay	320,703
North Burnett	153,967
Redland	152,726
Rockhampton	236,207
Scenic Rim	167,500
Somerset	71,031
South Burnett	192,597
Southern Downs	207,386
Sunshine Coast	692,783
Toowoomba	237,586
Western Downs	69,395
Woorabinda	10,000

Grants by expense type for rounds 82, 83, 84 and 85⁵

Expense Type	Amount distributed (\$)
Advertising	1055
Audio Visual Equipment	98881
Boat	54794
Books	575
Building Approvals	21151

⁴ Amounts distributed may vary from quarterly approvals

⁵ Expense types are self-selected by applicants

Expense Type	Amount distributed (\$)
Catering	162733
Commercial Furniture	62714
External Building upgrades	1676891
GST Exempt Items	18325
GST Inclusive Items	202545
Hire Costs	1327
Internal building Upgrades	874829
IT Equipment	236298
Landscaping	163945
Medical (GST Exempt Items)	108780
Medical (GST Inclusive Items)	138
Motor Vehicle	517210
Mowers	76285
Musical Equipment	53380
Office Equipment	12616
Office Furniture	11573
Other	178884
Outdoor Furniture	9635
Playgrounds	35129
Printing and Publishing	15000
Safety Equipment	168259
Shade Structures	130523
Shed	274061
Solar Products	125962
Sports	375701
Tools	42461
Toys	7591
Tractors	66350
Trailers	60950
Volunteer Training	12468
Whitegoods	43383
Workshops/Conferences	2067

Breakwater Island Casino Community Benefit Fund

The Breakwater Island Casino Community Benefit Fund was established in 1988 under the *Casino Control Act 1982*. The fund is sourced from gambling taxes to assist community organisations located in the fund's jurisdiction that covers the areas of Burdekin, Charters Towers, Cloncurry, Flinders, Hinchinbrook, Mackay, McKinlay, Mount Isa, Richmond, Townsville and Whitsunday.

There are two funding rounds per year. Eligible not-for-profit groups can apply for up to \$5000. The board recommends applications to the Minister totalling approximately \$400 000 each year. In 2013–14 more than \$401 000 was distributed to over 95 applications. Since its inception the fund has distributed in excess of \$6.9 million to more than 1900 applications.

Board remuneration and meeting costs

The amount of \$1546 in sitting fees was paid to board members in 2013–14. Meeting costs totalled \$4593 including flights and catering. Committee members are appointed for a three year term.

Meeting attendance

Two meetings were held in 2013–14*.

Committee member	Attended
Leslie Tyrell OAM (Chairperson)	2
Craig Turner	2
Fay Barker	0
Jeffrey Byrnes	1
Anna Gianoulis	2
Cr Jennifer Lane	1
Peter Parr	0
Wendy Bailey	1
The Honourable Peter Lindsay	1
Anthony Parsons	1
Warren Hegarty	1

* During the 2013-14 Financial Year the term of the BICCBF Board expired and a new Board was appointed, some members were not reappointed which is reflected by a lower meeting attendance.

Grant distributions 2013–14

Grants by funding round

Funding round	Amount approved (\$)	Applications approved
Round 51 (closed 31 May 2013)	187 391	45
Round 52 (closed 30 November 2013)	213 938	53
Total	401 329	98

Geographical distribution of grants for rounds 51 and 52⁶

Local Government Area	Amount distributed (\$)
Brisbane	11,482
Burdekin	39,656
Charters Towers	32,824
Cloncurry	4,545
Gold Coast	4,954
Hinchinbrook	22,896
Mackay	42,662
McKinlay	1,471
Mount Isa	6,510
Palm Island	4,364
Richmond	5,000
Townsville	182,017
Whitsunday	42,949

Grants by expense type for rounds 51 and 52⁷

Expense Type	Amount Distributed (\$)
Advertising	600
Audio Visual Equipment	21,640
Boat	5,113
Books	1,050
Building Approvals	4,559
Catering	19,204
Commercial Furniture	14,869
Craft and Hobby Equipment	1,722
External Building Upgrades	21,784
GST Inclusive Items	6,413
Internal building Upgrades	4,910
IT Equipment	40,499
Landscaping	13,443
Medical (GST Exempt Items)	7,289
Mowers	13,580
Office Equipment	18,530
Office Furniture	3,412
Other	6,037
Outdoor Furniture	12,494
Playgrounds	5,000
Printing and Publishing	2,589
Safety Equipment	38,565
Shade Structures	4,221
Shed	4,493
Sports	83,426

⁶ Amounts distributed may vary from quarterly approvals

⁷ Expense types are self-selected by applicants

Expense Type	Amount Distributed (\$)
Tools	8,648
Toys	2,198
Trailers	9,007
Volunteer Training	455
Whitegoods	14,776
Workshops/Conferences	10,804

Reef Hotel Casino Community Benefit Fund

The Reef Hotel Casino Community Benefit Fund was established in 1996 under the *Casino Control Act 1982*. The fund is sourced from gambling taxes to assist community organisations located in the fund's jurisdiction that extends from the north of Burke, Carpentaria, Croydon, Etheridge, Tablelands and Cassowary Coast to Far North Queensland and includes the Torres Strait and Thursday Islands.

There are two funding rounds per year. Eligible not-for-profit groups can apply for up to \$15 000. The board recommends applications to the Minister totalling approximately \$600 000 each year.

In 2012–13 more than \$630 000 was distributed to over 85 applications. Since its inception the fund has distributed in excess of \$7.7 million to more than 1400 applications.

Board remuneration and meeting costs

No sitting fees were paid to Board members in 2013–14. Meeting costs totalled \$3342 including air fares, accommodation, catering and other travel costs. Board members are appointed for a three year term.

Two meetings were held in 2013–14*.

Committee member	Attended
Allison Geisel (Chairperson)	2
Patricia Bailey	2
Andrew Costello	1
Alison Galligan	2
Vivian Robertson	1
Michael Sarquis	2

* During the 2013-14 Financial Year the term of the RHCCBF Board expired and a new Board was appointed, some members were not reappointed which is reflected by a lower meeting attendance.

Grant distributions 2013–14

Grants by funding round

Funding round	Amount approved (\$)	Applications approved
Round 34 (closed 31 August 2013)	334 171	40
Round 35(closed 28 February 2014)	323 569	41
Total	657 740	81

Geographical distribution of grants for rounds 34 and 35⁸

Local government area	Amount distributed (\$)
Brisbane	17 220.82
Cairns	346 630.42
Carpentaria	13 636.36
Cassowary Coast	74 987.28

⁸ Amounts distributed may vary from quarterly approvals

Local government area	Amount distributed (\$)
Charters Towers	7 500.00
Cook	14 597.00
Doomadgee	4 727.27
Logan	4 545.45
Moreton Bay	13 636.36
Tablelands	125 358.66
Weipa	5 000.00

Grants by expense type for rounds 34 and 35⁹

Expense type	Amount distributed (\$)
Audio Visual Equipment	2,390.01
Catering	60,023.92
Commercial Furniture	30,746.35
External Building upgrades	89,905.82
GST Inclusive Items	26,690.91
Internal building Upgrades	28,613.64
IT Equipment	2,189.62
Landscaping	24,772.72
Medical (GST Exempt Items)	11,029.00
Medical (GST Inclusive Items)	12,000.00
Motor Vehicle	13,636.36
Mowers	1,386.00
Musical Equipment	4,545.45
Office Equipment	2,000.00
Office Furniture	4,627.73
Other	2,821.82
Outdoor Furniture	3,090.00
Playgrounds	15,827.27
Printing and Publishing	13,636.36
Safety Equipment	41,806.14
Shade Structures	33,037.00
Shed	79,166.72
Sports	82,788.71
Tools	2,430.00
Toys	4,545.45
Trailers	28,613.54
Volunteer Training	2,727.27
Whitegoods	22,692.72

⁹ Expense types are self-selected by applicants