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Queensland General Manager (Solid Waste Services) Aaron Carter says one of Cleanaway's core missions is to engage and support our local community. Pictures: Supplied







A fresh injection of \$50,000 is set to help even more community organisations, sporting clubs and not-for-profit groups in Ipswich, thanks to a new round of funding from Cleanaway's New Chum Landfill Community Benefits Fund (CBF).

The 2023 CBF had a major impact across the region, with nine organisations creating lasting change after being named as recipients. Queensland General Manager (Solid Waste Services) Aaron Carter is urging groups and organisations to get in early and ensure their submissions are lodged by the closing date of Friday 19 April

"The response to our relaunched fund in 2023 was extraordinary and it was hugely satisfying to see the great work being done right throughout Ipswich, across so many sectors, thanks to those grant funds," Mr Carter said.

"One of Cleanaway's core missions is to engage and support our local community and this is one of the real highlights.

"You only have to listen to our recipients to hear the impact these funds can have in our schools, welfare groups and community clubs. We can't wait to see what's in store for the 2024 round," he said.

With the 2024 edition just launched, the latest round of applications has opened up for programs that enhance liveability, sustainability, welfare, environmental regeneration, waste reduction, sports participation, community inclusion and connectivity.

In 2023 the grants helped students at Riverview access 2500 breakfast and lunch packs and allowed some of Ipswich's best young basketballers to attend the state championships.

"The assistance from Cleanaway and the Community Benefits Fund ensured our Force 3 team could travel and compete at the U14 state championships in Townsville," said Fiona Williams from the Ipswich Basketball Association.

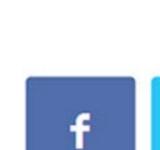
"Without that funding, their dreams of matching it with the best players in Queensland simply wouldn't have happened. We encourage any Ipswich community groups or sporting clubs to get their application in for the 2024 CBF."

All applicants are encouraged to be thorough, detailed and enthusiastic in their submissions. Further information can be accessed by visiting cleanaway.com.au

FACTBOX:

Key dates to keep in mind for all applicants include:

- Closing date: April 19, 2024
- Applications assessed: April 24, 2024
- Applicants notified: April 30, 2024
- Funds allocated: May 31, 2024







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Cleanaway's local grants

Waste company Cleanaway has congratulated grant recipients supported by the 2024 round of funding from its New Chum Landfill Community Benefit Fund.

Seven community organisations shared the \$50,000 grant, including one school, several sporting clubs, and community groups.

It brings to \$100,000 the total value of grants distributed to 16 recipients over the past two years.

Some very worthy local organisations received part of the grant, including:

- Queensland Pioneer Steam Railway
- Redbank Plains State High School's PrepL Learns Driving Licence Program
- Blackstone-Ipswich Cambrian Choir
- Ipswich Rugby League Referees Association
- Ipswich Knights Football Club Musketeers Softball Club
- Skate Synergy Roller Sports Club.

Musketeers Softball Club president Ron Ward said the New Chum CBF assistance enabled the club to make an impact beyond softball.

"We're changing how people with disabilities are perceived, both on and off the field," Mr Ward said.

"Seeing kids in wheelchairs being greeted



The grant helped with the restoration of the PB15 locomotive. (Clancy Nugent)

with high-fives at the shopping centre by ablebodied teammates, that's the real victory for us," he said.

Cleanaway also announced they will rolling the grant out once again in 2025 with more details set to come in the near future.

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