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Time for kids to Get Started

The State Members for Albert, Waterford and Springwood, Mark Boothman MP, Mike Latter MP and John Grant MP have announced applications are now open for "Get Started", one of three funding programs that are part of the Newman Government's initiative to support sport and recreation at the grassroots level called "Get in the Game."

Member for Albert, Mark Boothman MP said "Get Started is designed to help kids who can least afford, or would otherwise benefit from being part of a team. Vouchers of up to $150 are available to help pay for membership and participation fees at a registered club."

"Registered clubs will be able to redeem vouchers online for amounts up to $150 related to membership and/or participation fees for eligible children and young people." Mr Boothman said

Member for Springwood, Mr John Grant MP said "hundreds of applicants across South East Queensland have already applied to be registered for Get Started, part of the LNP's Get in the Game initiative for children and young people.

"This initiative has had an enormous response which underscores the positive feedback from the general public and local clubs, which say the program will benefit their members and help them provide better services," Mr Grant said.

Member for Waterford, Mr Mike Latter MP said "an estimated 40,000 Get Started vouchers will be made available over three years. To be eligible for a voucher a child or young person must be aged between 5 and 17 years, and hold or their parent, carer or guardian hold a Centrelink Health Care Card or a Pensioner Concession Card.

$6 million has been allocated to the Get Started program over the next three years, which would provide up to 40,000 vouchers. The funding will be distributed in two rounds each year on a first come, first served basis.

Application forms for Get Started, as well as information on the Get Going and Get Playing components of Get in the Game, are now available online at www.nprsr.qld.gov.au.

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