

MEDIA RELEASE

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Local Families to Benefit from Tannum Crab Classic

The 2018 Tannum Crab Classic, held in April, was supported by 2000 community members, collectively raising \$30,000 to enhance the lives of local children living with a disability.

This year a portion of the funds raised will form a prize pool to provide iPads to local families who have children with a disability, recognising the significant learning benefits that this technology offers.

Gladstone Community Linking Agency (GCLA) CEO, Tracey Alexander, expressed her enthusiasm for the prizes on offer, explaining that,

“Touch screens provide an intuitive and engaging learning tool, at home and in the classroom. iPads have been the subject of many research studies highlighting the education outcomes they offer children with disabilities.”

GCLA partners with the Tannum Crab Classic in support of the annual event and in the provision of benefits back to the community as a result of the tremendous volunteer efforts of the Tannum Crab Classic Committee.

On behalf of GCLA, Mrs Alexander commended the Tannum Crab Classic (TCC) Committee in their fundraising efforts to support local families and local children living with a disability.

“The Tannum Crab Classic is a wonderful demonstration of our local community working together to provide local support.”

“Our employees and Board members are proud to volunteer for the annual event, working shoulder to shoulder with the locals that make up the TCC team”, Mrs Alexander said.

Applications to win an iPad are open to eligible families now and are being received by Tannum Crab Classic partner, **Gladstone Community Linking Agency**, by contacting their office on 07 4972 8855.

Prizes will be allocated between August 2018 and March 2019 with one successful applicant receiving an IPAD each month.

An allocation of movie tickets will also be provided to runners up.

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Media Enquires to GCLA 07 4972 8855

About the Tannum Crab Classic (TCC)

www.tannumcrabclassic.com

The Tannum Crab Classic (TCC) is an annual event that raises funds for local families who have a child with a disability, as well as raising awareness of men's mental health and suicide prevention.

TCC started as just a few mates coming together to raise much-needed funds to provide equipment to children in the community with a disability. The group quickly grew to over 50 men organising a variety of community events, including an all 'bucks' crab-catching camp-out (catching the crabs for the competitions at the weekend community event), a Girls Night Out and a Family Fun Day.

The event is supported by a partnership between Gladstone Community Linking Agency (GCLA) and the Tannum Crab Classic.

About Gladstone Community Linking Agency (GCLA)

www.gcla.com.au

GCLA is a home grown, not-for-profit, organisation supporting Gladstone locals living with a disability and the aged to lead fulfilling and independent lives.

GCLA services are flexible and offer personal choice, tailored to individuals of all ages, in their own home, through respite care or out in the community.

GCLA is Gladstone's local NDIS and MyAgedCare provider offering a range of personal care, social support and respite services including: self-care; domestic assistance; yard maintenance; leisure and social activity support; shopping; transport; short term accommodation; and supported independent living.

GCLA operates: Port Curtis RnR, social community space; Aqua Fit, group and individual aqua therapy and exercise sessions; and group social interaction and skills building sessions at the Gladstone Community Hub.

GCLA also operates two social Enterprises both of which provide employment with people with a disability: Ground Control a yard maintenance service; and Incredible Edibles, offering delicious catering for functions and events.

GCLA enables and empowers locals to achieve their goals and live beyond ordinary lives.