



## The ROTARY CLUB of NAMBOUR '76

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To whom it may concern

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I write this letter in support of a funding request, from the President – Golf Programs Australia Incorporated (GPAI), for the development of a dedicated golf facility to deliver specialty golf initiatives for people living with an intellectual disability.

The biggest challenge faced by Golf Program Australia's Speciality Golf Initiative in delivering their programs is the lack a dedicated green space. Unfortunately, all golf clubs approached on the Sunshine Coast to date have declined a proposal to provide GPAI with certain timeslots for program delivery. A dedicated facility would overcome this impediment.

The Special Olympics Sunshine Coast Golf Initiative (SOSCGI), held at the Nambour Golf Club, a program The Rotary Club of Nambour '76 has supported since its inception 2 years ago, is an ideal example of the positive effects a consistently delivered golf program can have on people living with an intellectual disability. The program has been recognised by Special Olympics Australia as the best attended and most successful golf program delivered by the Special Olympics in Queensland if not Australia.

In addition to the delivery of speciality golf initiatives, the envisaged disability and family friendly facility will also be utilised for training and work placement of people with intellectual disabilities. Further, the facility will be available to the public to generate income when not in use. It is a sobering experience to see the joy and confidence derived, by those living with an intellectual disability, being able to take part in an event not necessarily seen as something that they could undertake. The GPAI must be applauded in recognising the need for such a program, the benefits that can be derived, and taking the initiative to move forward and assist those so regularly overlooked.

As stated earlier the Rotary Club of Nambour '76 has supported the SOSCGI since its inception and fully supports the GPAI application for funding for a dedicated golf facility. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on 0428 583359.

Regards

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