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MCINTYRE CENTRE RIDING THEIR WAY TO MORE SATURDAY CLASSES

The McIntyre Centre Riding for Disabled will welcome 12 new riders to their Saturday classes following the group's success in the 2015 SUEZ Community Grants Program.

The local riding centre has received a \$5,000 grant from SUEZ which will help fund a full semester of the Saturday Therapeutic and Recreational Riding Program run by qualified coaches and supported by trained volunteers.

McIntyre Centre Riding for Disabled is a non-profit organisation located in the western Brisbane suburb of Pinjarra Hills. As the only full time Horse Riding Centre for people with a disability in Brisbane, the centre provides a variety of recreational and therapeutic equine programs to children and young adults with a disability.

Paul Haslam, SUEZ's Queensland Commercial & Industrial Manager, presented the cheque to McIntyre Centre Riding for Disabled at the Saturday riding class and said the company was delighted to provide a grant to this local community group that supports improved health and wellbeing.

"This program will benefit 12 children between the ages of 5 and 17 who have physical, intellectual or multiple disabilities and will provide them with not only a therapeutic riding session but a fun and enjoyable social activity," said Mr Haslam

Client Services Manager of McIntyre Centre Riding for Disabled Janine Chambers was very happy to receive the news about the grant.

"Some of these children have been waiting for two or three years for a class placement and thanks to SUEZ, 12 children will be able to become a member of our horse riding community."

"It has been wonderful contacting these families and inviting them into our equestrian community. They were very exciting and emotional phone calls to make to the parents."

"In addition to horse riding skills, the Therapeutic and Recreational Horse Riding participants will also be developing physical, personal, educational and social skills. It's a life enhancing journey for these children," added Ms Chambers.

Jane Prentice, Federal Member for Ryan, said the grant was very well deserved.

"The McIntyre Centre is crucial to the wellbeing of so many disabled young people not only in my electorate, but throughout Brisbane," she said.

"I am delighted twelve more children will benefit from their vital programs."

Dr Christian Rowan, State Member for Moggill was also happy to hear about the grant funding.



"The educational, social and recreational benefits that this grant will provide for riders at the McIntyre are enormous" said Dr Rowan.

SUEZ launched the company's community grants program in 2013 and to date has provided more than \$250,000 in funding across Australia.

For more information on the SUEZ Community Grants program or to register to receive information about the next grant round in 2016 visit www.suezcommunitygrants.com.au/.

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