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LOGAN BUSINESS PUTS THE HARMONY BACK INTO FLOOD AFFECTED SCHOOL

Member for Rankin, Craig Emerson today joined Mr Paul Ellaway CEO of Ellaways Music Underwood and Member for Blair Shayne Neumann to present a new piano to Ipswich East State School after devastating floods wrecked their existing one.

Mr Emerson said, "We approached Ellaways after hearing the students of Ipswich East State School were without a piano after flooding wiped out their music centre. "

"Ellaways have always been very generous to our local community and came through once again".

CEO Paul Ellaway said, "Our contribution to the flood relief effort has been substantial in terms of replacing items for community music groups. We had allocated discounted and free music equipment to local schools and music groups for the year, but after hearing from Mr Emerson the state of the Ipswich East's music room, we decided to expand the budget to include a piano for the kids."

Member for Blair Shayne Neumann said, "This gift to the children of Ipswich East State School will long be remembered and our appreciation for Ellaways Underwood is immense.

It is amazing how people and businesses have come together to assist a community they are not a part of. All it took was one phone call and the ball was rolling."

Principal Deb Hansen was surprised and grateful when told the news about the piano. "When Mr Neumann contacted the school to advise he had sourced a piano we were shocked. Not many companies would be able to assist with such an expensive piece of equipment and we are truly grateful to have Ellaways as a permanent part of our school".

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From left: Sharni, Craig Emerson, Paul Ellaway, Principal Deb Hansen, Shayne Neumann and Eric hang around the piano.