



**Sharon Grierson MP**  
Federal Member for Newcastle

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**More Federal Dollars for Essential Community Services**

Federal Member for Newcastle, Sharon Grierson MP, was today pleased to announce \$210,950 to go to two local community organisations as part of the Rudd Labor Government's Community Investment Program.

The two organisations are Northern Settlement Services (\$50,950) for its 'Safe Arrival, Safe Families' program and St Phillip's Christian Education Foundation (\$160,000) for its 'DALE Young Mother's Program.'

"These organisations provide essential support to vulnerable children and families in the Newcastle community," Ms Grierson said.

"The awarding of this funding recognises the vital role they play in providing practical help to individuals facing social and personal challenges."

The new Community Investment Program is a \$19.3 million commitment by the Rudd Government to provide assistance for organisations that have a strong focus on supporting vulnerable children and families, and building cohesive and strong communities.

These projects were formerly funded under the Government's *Local Answers* program.

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