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Jobs Fund to Strengthen Local Community

The Newcastle community is set to be the biggest winner from today's announcement of successful projects under the Rudd Government's \$650 million Jobs Fund, says Federal Member for Newcastle, Sharon Grierson MP.

The five projects, worth a total of \$5,796,662, will create or retain jobs and training opportunities for local workers, as well as providing the local community with new and improved amenities.

"With this funding, the Federal Government is creating or retaining 162 jobs, 64 traineeships and 44 work experience places in Newcastle," Ms Grierson said.

"It will also see timely improvements to some of our much-loved social and cultural infrastructure, from which the whole community will benefit."

The successful organisations and projects are:

Newcastle City Council - \$2 million to the creation or retention of 69 jobs to adapt the Number 2 Sportsgrounds in to a Community Amphitheatre.

Shortland Wetlands Centre - \$541,727 to the creation of 3 new jobs and the support of 4 land-care trainees (including two indigenous trainees) for *the Capacity Building in Conservation Management and Ecotourism* project.

Catholic Care - \$1,047,435 to the creation or retention of 16 new jobs, 10 traineeships and 44 work experience positions for the *Maitland Community Shed & The Hunter Cluster* project.

Yarnteen - \$1.8 million to the creation or retention of 74 jobs and 30 traineeships for the *Regional Indigenous Social Enterprise (RISE) Hub* project.

AFL Sports Ready Ltd - \$407,500 to the creation or retention of three jobs and 20 traineeships.

"I'll continue to work to make sure that every opportunity to protect and support local jobs is taken," Ms Grierson said.

Further information on the Jobs Fund is available at www.deewr.gov.au

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