



Sharon Grierson MP
Federal Member for Newcastle

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Sharon Grierson Saves Three Lives

Federal Member for Newcastle, Sharon Grierson MP, will save three lives tomorrow, simply by donating blood in her role as September Ambassador for the Australian Red Cross Blood Service.

"It may sound far fetched, but the truth is that every time you donate blood you are helping save the life of three people – a pretty amazing statistic when you consider how easy it is to do," Ms Grierson said.

"Tomorrow I'll be donating blood in my role as September Ambassador.

"Many of us think we are too busy to donate blood, so I hope that my donating inspires other busy people to donate – it's as easy as picking up the phone and calling 13 14 95."

2009 has been designated The Year of the Blood Donor by the Federal Government. To support this special year the Blood Service has secured local ambassadors like Ms Grierson each month to help recruit the 160,000 new donors that are needed in Australia.

Every year in the Hunter, 40,000 blood donations are needed to supply our local hospitals so they can treat cancer patients, burns victims, those undergoing surgery and help mums having babies and those with haemophilia.

Event Details
3pm, 18 September 2009
Newcastle Red Cross Blood Service Centre
Watt Street, Newcastle.

Media are invited to attend.

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