



Sharon Grierson MP
Federal Member for Newcastle

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More Funding for Carers

Federal Member for Newcastle, Sharon Grierson MP, announced today that two local community organisations are to receive \$698,646 in funding as part of the Rudd Government's Funding for Carers' and Community-based Respite Program.

"I'd like to congratulate Newcastle Family Support Services and Hunter New England Area Health Service for receiving this important funding," Ms Grierson said.

"Carers, and their support networks, perform some of the most vital – and unrecognised – work in our community."

Newcastle Family Support Services received \$404,710 and Hunter New England Area Health Services received \$293,936.

The funding came as part of a \$13.8 million one year funding package extension for community based mental health projects in 44 locations across Australia.

It will go towards providing support for people with a mental illness throughout Newcastle.

"Caring and living with a person with a mental illness can be challenging and demanding due to the episodic nature of the illness," said Ms Grierson.

"These projects do great work in local communities bringing families and carers together to share their experiences.

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