



Sharon Grierson MP
Federal Member for Newcastle

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More Funding for Indigenous Services in Newcastle

Federal Member for Newcastle, Sharon Grierson MP, today congratulated three local Indigenous service providers for securing further support from the Rudd Government to continue their important community purposes.

Two local mental health service providers, Mission Australia and New Horizons Enterprises, received funding under the Rudd Government's Personal Helpers and Mentors (PHaMs) program for their community-based indigenous mental health programs.

Mission Australia will receive \$1,322,420, and New Horizons Enterprises will receive \$1,321,400.

The Booth Mobile College Training Unit has also received \$94,448 under the 2009-2010 Industry and Indigenous Skill Centre (IISC) program for an industry training project.

"This funding means these wonderful organisations will continue to provide practical support to our local Indigenous community," Ms Grierson said.

"From managing every day tasks, to finding stable housing or helping to reconnect individuals with their families, Mission Australia and New Horizon Enterprises play a vitally important role in Indigenous Australians who are affected by mental illness.

"Booth Mobile College Training Unit's industry training project will assist our local Indigenous community in developing high quality vocational education and training, and promote the value of VET training and employment opportunities."

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