



Sharon Grierson MP
Federal Member for Newcastle

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Speaking Our Language: A Boost for Indigenous Culture in Newcastle

Federal Member for Newcastle, Sharon Grierson MP, today announced \$236,472 in funding for a number of projects supporting Indigenous cultural services in the Newcastle area.

Under the Maintenance of Indigenous Languages and Records Program, Awarbukarl Cultural Resource Association received \$147,200 to support the Eastern States Indigenous Languages Working Group in identifying and addressing language issues common to eastern Australian indigenous communities.

"Indigenous culture revolves around language and oral story telling," said Ms Grierson.

"This Awarbukarl project will help preserve and strengthen this culture for future generations."

Two other projects in Newcastle also received funding.

Under the Indigenous Culture Support Program, Newcastle City Council received \$35,272 to support the continued employment of an Aboriginal Youth Arts officer at the Loft Youth Venue; and Yarnteen Ltd received \$54,000 to help develop and deliver Indigenous Heritage and culture programs to Newcastle, Hunter Valley and Port Stephens.

"Congratulations to all of these organisations for receiving this funding, and for the wonderful work they perform for our indigenous community," said Ms Grierson.

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