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**SUPPORT FOR NEWCASTLE'S VETERAN COMMUNITY**

Newcastle's No 77 Squadron Association will receive Australian Government funding to help honour the service and sacrifice of local veterans, Member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson said today.

Ms Grierson welcomed the approval of \$3,000 in Federal Government funding under the *Saluting Their Service* program by the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, the Hon. Warren Snowdon MP.

"The grant will assist No 77 Squadron Association in publishing a new edition of their pictorial history, *Swift to Destroy*, marking their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary in March next year."

One of three Kittyhawk RAAF Fighter Squadrons, the No 77 Squadron was formed in 1942 after hostile enemy air action had been directed towards the Australian mainland when Darwin was bombed on 19 February 1942.

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