



**Sharon Grierson MP**

Federal Member for Newcastle

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**\$30K FOR NEWCASTLE VOLUNTEER GROUPS**

Federal Member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson today congratulated the 13 Newcastle organisations which will share \$29,963.99 in Commonwealth funding under the Volunteer Small Equipment Grants program.

The grants provide up to \$3,000 to help community not-for-profit organisations to purchase equipment to support volunteers whose work contributes to developing a stronger community.

"This is the basic, essential, equipment that our volunteers need to carry on their work," Ms Grierson said.

"It means more equipment - such as first-aid kits, kitchen and catering equipment, computers and software, cameras, gardening equipment, office furniture and audio-visual equipment - will get into the hands of volunteers."

"Volunteers and not-for-profit groups help to keep vital community services and projects going."

"They are essential to the fabric of our community, and I congratulate them on winning this funding for Newcastle."

Organisations receiving funding in this round of the Volunteer Small Equipment Grants are:

- Australian Hands on Health Association
- Beanstalk Organic Co-op
- Friends of Cameron Park School
- Hamilton Nth Out of School Hours Care
- Hunter Region Landcare Network
- Hunter Volunteer Centre
- Kotara South Sports Club & Ovals Board
- Multicultural Neighbourhood Centre
- Newcastle Family History Society
- Newcastle Maritime Museum Society
- Strath Hunter Dancers
- Wallsend Combined Pensioners' Assn
- Wesley Mission

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