



Sharon Grierson MP
Federal Member for Newcastle

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\$200K FOR INDIGENOUS TRAINING IN NEWCASTLE

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Federal Member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson has today welcomed the announcement of a \$236,264 Commonwealth grant to the Yarnteen Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders Corporation in Newcastle.

The grant, made under the *Regional Partnerships Program*, will be used to assist Yarnteen establish an Indigenous Creative Enterprise Centre through the purchase of computers and IT equipment, furniture and building fit-outs.

"I congratulate Yarnteen on securing these funds, and the community for its commitment to education and training for Indigenous people."

"These funds will help Indigenous people in Newcastle and the Hunter access accredited information technology courses in a culturally sensitive environment."

"In Parliament this week we have been marking the 40th Anniversary of the 1967 Referendum and the 10th Anniversary of the Bringing Them Home Report."

"While these anniversaries have sadly highlighted that unacceptable Indigenous disadvantage still exists, I am pleased to see some good news today for Yarnteen and the Indigenous community of the Hunter."

A copy of Sharon Grierson's statement to Parliament today on the Referendum and Bringing Them Home anniversaries is available at www.sharongrierson.com

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