



Sharon Grierson MP
Federal Member for Newcastle

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EMERGENCY VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FUNDING AVAILABLE

Federal Member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson today called for applications from emergency management organisations for funding under the National Emergency Volunteer Support Fund.

Eligible organisations are encouraged to apply for funding to assist them to develop recruitment, retention and training initiatives.

“Last year’s devastating floods showed just how much our community relies on the dedication of emergency volunteers who protect lives and property,” Ms Grierson said.

“Our emergency volunteers are also at work every day in Newcastle, helping to keep our community safe.”

“I am pleased to invite applications from Newcastle groups for funding to further enhance their capacity.”

In recent years, organisations such as the Newcastle SES and the Salvation Army have received funding under the National Emergency Volunteer Support Fund.

The National Emergency Volunteer Support Fund is administered by Emergency Management Australia, a division of the Attorney-General’s Department.

Details of the program, including guidelines, application forms and applicant guides can be found at: www.ema.gov.au/communityengagement

Applications for funding through the initiative in 2008-09 will close on 7 March 2009.

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