



**Sharon Grierson MP**

Federal Member for Newcastle

## Media Release

### AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE MEDAL PRESENTATION

**9.30AM**

**18 APRIL 2008**

**HUNTER ROOM, NEWCASTLE CITY HALL**

Federal Member for Newcastle, Sharon Grierson, will present nine Novocastrians with Australian Defence Medals at a ceremony at Newcastle City Hall.

The Australian Defence Medal recognises Australian Defence Force Regular and Reserve personnel who have demonstrated their commitment and contribution to the nation by serving for an initial enlistment period or four years service, whichever is the lesser.

"With many Anzac ceremonies taking place over the next week, the thoughts of our community will be with all of those who have served and continue to serve our nation," Ms Grierson said.

"A fine tradition of dedication and sacrifice has been established by those who have served our nation, and it's an honour to be able to present Australian Defence Medals to these nine very worthy recipients."

Sharon will be joined by Captain Neal Hayes, of the 8<sup>th</sup> Combat Service Support Battalion, who will represent the Department of Defence at the ceremony.

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