



**Sharon Grierson MP**  
Federal Member for Newcastle

**MEDIA RELEASE**

**5 June 2008**

**\$100K FOR NEWCASTLE VETERANS**

Federal member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson today announced over \$100,000 in federal funding for Veterans organisations throughout the Newcastle region.

The funding has been provided to six local ex-service organisations under the Australian Government's Building Excellence in Support and Training (BEST) program. The BEST program aims to provide support and resources to ex-service organisations for pension and welfare work.

"These grants are part of a \$5 million election commitment to provide much needed financial support to ex-service organisations" Ms Grierson said.

"Newcastle's ex-service organisation's have a great tradition of excellence in the service and support provided to veterans in the community."

"The level of commitment and the workload that is shouldered by these organisations often goes unrecognised."

"This funding provides some practical support for that commitment and will assist them in continuing their first rate work for veterans in the Newcastle community."

"The grants, which range from \$1,877 to \$86,175 will allow local ex-service organisations to acquire a variety of equipment to assist them in continuing their service delivery."

A list of the recipient organisations and grant totals is attached overleaf.

**Canberra**  
House of Representatives  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600  
Ph: 02 6277 4221  
Fax: 02 6277 8461



**Newcastle**  
427 Hunter Street  
NEWCASTLE NSW 2300  
Ph: 02 4926 1555  
Fax: 02 4926 1895  
[www.sharongrierson.com](http://www.sharongrierson.com)



**Sharon Grierson MP**  
Federal Member for Newcastle

### **Building Excellence in Support and Training (BEST) Grants**

- ***Waratah-Mayfield RSL Sub-Branch – \$4,063***
  - Laptop computer, multifunction printer, three filing cabinets and one shredder
- ***Merewether RSL Sub-Branch – \$3,621***
  - Laptop computer, multifunction printer, internet access, shredder and filing cabinet
- ***National Service and Combined Forces Association of Australia, Newcastle – \$3,912***
  - Laptop computer, multifunction printer, internet access, workstation, filing cabinet, bookcase and office chair
- ***Newcastle Legacy – \$86,175***
  - Six laptops, three desktop computers, software, printer/photocopier, document scanner, internet access, sever hardware and installation, twenty tables, 52 chairs and 16 filing cabinets.
- ***Shortland RSL Sub-Branch – \$10,452***
  - Desktop computer, laptop computer, multifunction printer, photocopier, filing cabinets, computer chairs and desk
- ***Totally and Permanently Disabled Soldiers Association, Newcastle - \$1,877***
  - Two printers, internet access, computer monitor and three office chairs

**Canberra**  
House of Representatives  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600  
Ph: 02 6277 4221  
Fax: 02 6277 8461



**Newcastle**  
427 Hunter Street  
NEWCASTLE NSW 2300  
Ph: 02 4926 1555  
Fax: 02 4926 1895  
[www.sharongrierson.com](http://www.sharongrierson.com)