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### **RAINWATER TANKS FOR NEWCASTLE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUBS**

Newcastle Surf Life Saving Clubs will receive a 100<sup>th</sup> birthday present from a Rudd Labor Government, with the announcement that we will provide up to \$10,000 to every Club in Australia to install a rainwater tank or contribute towards a larger water saving project.

Today marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Surf Life Saving Clubs in Australia.

There are 13 Clubs in Hunter Surf Life Saving, and the six Clubs in the Newcastle electorate are Stockton, Nobbys, Newcastle, Cooks Hill, Dixon Park and Merewether.

"Our Surf Life Saving Clubs have a proud history in Newcastle, and this announcement will provide much needed assistance into the future," Ms Grierson said.

"In addition to their vital life saving work, our Clubs have always been leaders in promoting community spirit, volunteering and healthy lifestyles."

"Hunter Surf Lifesaving runs education programs for over 10,000 school children a year, provides ongoing training to its members, coordinates surf carnivals and events, and supplies vital rescue equipment to clubs in our region."

"With water conservation a major issue for our future, this announcement will help Surf Life Saving Clubs become community leaders in the wise use of water."

Labor's other policies to encourage efficient rainwater use and conservation include:

- A rebate of up to \$500 for 500,000 homes to install rainwater tanks or grey water piping.
- An aspirational target for all Australian homes to have water saving technologies like rainwater tanks and grey water re-use where suitable by 2020.
- Up to \$10,000 in zero real interest loans for Australian families to undertake practical energy and water saving measures at home.

**Sharon will participate in the Launch of Nobbys Surf Life Saving Club's new surf boat this Sunday 21 October. 12.00pm at Nobbys.**

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