



**Sharon Grierson MP**  
Federal Member for Newcastle

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**VICTORY IN THE PACIFIC DAY 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY GRANTS**

Member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson today encouraged community organisations to apply for federal funding to organise activities around the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Victory in the Pacific, which marked the end of World War II.

"Novocastrians have long participated in commemorations to recognise the sacrifices made by our service men and women on Victory in the Pacific Day (VP Day)," Ms Grierson said.

"This year's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorations will mark a particularly important milestone, so I encourage Newcastle's ex-service and community groups to be involved."

VP Day will be commemorated at a local level throughout Australia on 15 August 2005, with \$10,000 allocated to each Federal electorate for activities and projects that directly commemorate the end of World War II.

"To be eligible for funding, projects should promote community participation, give recognition to servicemen and women of World War II, and heighten public awareness of the significance of VP Day to Australia."

Application forms and guidelines for the 2005 Electorate Grants - commemorating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II - are available from the Office of Sharon Grierson at 427 Hunter Street (Corner of Hunter and Auckland Streets) Newcastle or by calling 4926 1555.

A Newcastle advisory group comprised of representatives from the District Council of RSL Sub-Branched, the NSW Department of Education and Training and Newcastle City Council will meet again on Monday 27 June to assess applications received against the eligibility criteria and make recommendations should the total funds requested exceed the \$10,000 allocation.

**Applications close on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2005.**

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