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Federal Member for Newcastle

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NEWCASTLE VOLUNTEER GROUPS WIN GRANTS

Member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson has congratulated the Newcastle region's volunteer groups for their hard work in building local communities across Australia. Around 15 local organisations have been recognised with Volunteer Small Equipments Grants.

This funding will help local community organisations across the region purchase equipment to make the work of volunteers easier, safer and more enjoyable.

Local organisations which received funding include:

- Beresfield & District Meals on Wheels
- Better Hearing Australia Newcastle
- Charlestown & District Meals on Wheels
- Crossroads Christian Fellowship for Disabled Newcastle
- Home-Start Family Action Centre (Newcastle)
- Kooragang Landcare Group
- Kotara Junior Rugby League Football Club
- Lions Club of Jesmond
- New Lambton Heights Friendship Centre
- Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol Newcastle
- Schizophrenia Fellowship of NSW Hunter Region Education Program
- St John Ambulance Australia Hunter & Central Coast Region
- Wallsend District Junior Australian Football Club
- Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service Hunter

I congratulate all our local volunteer groups, and hope the Small Equipment Grants help them continue to provide the volunteer services that make our community stronger.

VOLUNTEER AWARDS OPEN

Each year across Australia there are around 4.4 million adults undertaking some 430 million hours of unpaid work, giving their valuable time to help our local community.

Nominations are now open for the Newcastle Community Volunteer Awards, recognising these ordinary people making extraordinary contributions to our community.

The awards are open to people who live or volunteer in the federal electorate of Newcastle, and who are outstanding role models of how volunteering can contribute to the lives of others in our community. Nominations close 19 August 2005.

Further information and Nomination Forms are available from the office of Sharon Grierson MP, and a presentation ceremony will be held later in the year.

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