



MEDIA RELEASE

Giving back to our volunteers in New England

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Volunteers in the New England Electorate are among nearly 100,000 volunteers across Australia benefiting from \$10 million in Australian Government grants to support community organisations.

Minister for Social Services, Christian Porter, announced that almost 2,700 community organisations would benefit from a grant to support the work of volunteers.

Deputy Prime Minister and Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce, said the Turnbull/Joyce Government's investment in our communities is delivering vital support to the New England Electorate's small community organisations, which help many of our most vulnerable citizens.

"The Volunteer Grants will assist 50 local groups in the New England Electorate including the Ashford District Pony Club, the Tingha Citizens Association Incorporated, the Kootingal Moonbi Meals on Wheels and the Emmaville/Deepwater Swimming Club and many more," Mr Joyce said

"The grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 enable local organisations to better support their volunteers by purchasing much-needed equipment, training and transport," Mr Joyce said.

"I was able to personally deliver the good news to Scone CWA member Tonia Barton that they were successful in receiving a \$3,400 grant to purchase kitchen appliances, outdoor furniture and storage equipment, which will go a long way in helping the organisation continue its excellent work in Scone and the Upper Hunter.

"Next week, from 8th May, is National Volunteer Week, when we acknowledge the important work of our volunteers and their organisations in building stronger communities.

"The energy, expertise and time our volunteers give to our community supports those most in need and represents what Australian communities are all about – giving a helping hand.

"I'm glad to see that our local organisations will have this support to continue their valuable work."

For a full list of successful recipients and information about Volunteer Grants, go to:

www.dss.gov.au/volunteer-grants

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