



Sid Sidebottom MP ... for a fair go in Braddon

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\$4,640 boost to King Island emergency services

EMERGENCY services on King Island are set to receive a \$4,640 boost thanks to the Rudd Government, Federal Member for Braddon Sid Sidebottom said.

The funding, to be delivered to the King Island Council, comes from the Rudd Government's National Emergency Volunteer Support Fund.

The funding will go towards providing vertical rescue training to SES and volunteer ambulance officers on the island, Mr Sidebottom said.

"Volunteer SES and ambulance officers do a remarkable job on King Island, and indeed across the rest of Tasmania, so I am very pleased that the Rudd Government has been able to chip in and contribute to the costs of their ongoing training," Mr Sidebottom said.

"Vertical rescue sounds like a pretty damn tough job, which makes me feel even more grateful to these volunteers, who give up so much of their time to assisting others, often in pretty traumatic circumstances."

King Island Council was one of 179 projects across Australia to receive a grant through the program.

The funding comes as part of the Rudd Government's ongoing commitment to supporting volunteers in their essential work.

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- Ulverstone Surf Life Saving Club - \$3,507 – to purchase audio-visual training equipment