



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

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Twenty four local volunteer groups receive Volunteer Grants

The century old Circular Head Agricultural Society is amongst 26 community organisations in Braddon to receive funding from the Australian Government's *Volunteer Grants 2009* initiative.

More than 6700 community organisations across Australia will benefit from \$21 million in volunteer grants, with grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 are provided to non-profit organisations to support their volunteers and encourage volunteering.

The Member for Braddon, Sid Sidebottom MP today welcomed news of 26 local volunteer organisations receiving Australian Government support.

“The Australian Government’s volunteer grants provide valuable support to organisations that keep North-West and West coast communities together,” Mr Sidebottom said.

“For many local volunteer organisations these grants provide the opportunity to purchase new equipment and cover the cost of fuel, and are worth more than \$82,000 to the region.

“In Circular Head the volunteer grants will be used to purchase small equipment such as chairs, tables and tools to stage the century old show.

“Volunteers like Eddie Smith and his family are the backbone of so many of our non-profit organisations and make a real and lasting difference in the lives of so many people in our community.

“The Australian Government values the enormous contribution volunteers make in Braddon and this funding will ease the financial pressure on non-profit organisations and their volunteers.”

Other groups to benefit include Enormity, the King Island Boat Club, Riding for the Disabled North West and the Friends of the Lillico Penguins.

For the full list of successful organisations, please go to http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/volunteers/funding/Pages/volunteer_grant09.aspx

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