



CRAIG LAUNDY MP

Federal Member for Reid

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Helping those who help others in Reid

Volunteers in Reid are among the 130,000 volunteers across Australia benefiting from \$20 million in Commonwealth Government grants to the community sector.

During National Volunteering Week Social Services Minister Christian Porter announced that almost 5,300 organisations will benefit from the Volunteer Grants to make the work of their volunteers easier, safer and more enjoyable.

Member for Reid, Craig Laundy MP said the Government's investment is delivering vital support to Reid's small community organisations which help many of our most vulnerable citizens.

"The Volunteer Grants will assist a range of local groups including Touched by Olivia, Auburn Asian Welfare Centre, City of Canada Bay Mens' Shed, and Concord Burwood United JRLFC" Mr Laundy said.

"The grants of between \$1000 to \$5000 enable Reid's organisations to better support their volunteers by purchasing much-needed equipment and computers, helping with training for volunteers and meeting fuel costs, or undertaking background security checks," Mr Laundy said.

"Local organisation Touched by Olivia for example, will be using their grant to help with volunteer training and transport costs."

"In many ways, volunteers are the lifeblood and the backbone of our community and I'm glad to see that our local organisations have benefited to help support their valuable work," Mr Laundy said.

For a list of successful recipients and information about Volunteer Grants 2015 go to: www.dss.gov.au/volunteer-grants

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