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Amanda Rishworth MP
Federal Member for Kingston

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Over \$79 000 in Volunteer Grants for Southern Adelaide

Amanda Rishworth MP, Member for Kingston welcomed the announcement that 23 local organisations are set to benefit from a total of \$79 203 in funding to support their volunteers.

Ms Rishworth said “These 23 organisations in our community will receive grants of between \$1000 and \$5000 to cover the cost of petrol and purchase much-needed equipment such as computers, barbecues, air conditioners and refrigerators.

“Volunteers are the backbone of so many of our community groups. Every day they are out in our community, giving their time, expertise and understanding to help people in need, protect the environment and enrich our sporting and cultural life.

“I am very pleased that Christies Beach Meals on Wheels is one of the 23 organisations set to receive funding under this initiative. I’ve seen firsthand the enormous contribution made by this local group to the lives of elderly people in our community.”

Arild Stolpnes, Chairman of the Christies Beach Branch of Meals on Wheels said “Not only do we provide nutritious meals to seniors living at home, but we also provide an opportunity for our clients to keep in touch with and chat to our volunteers. With this money, we will be able to continue to provide this service to the seniors in our community who rely on it.”

Ms Rishworth said “The Sammy D Foundation is a valuable group in our community which teaches young people how to party safe and make positive life choices. I am pleased that this organisation will also receive \$5000 in funding to continue the important work they do with young people in our community.”

Nat Cook, joint CEO of the Sammy D Foundation said “Without this kind of funding, our organisation would not be able to provide critical advice and support to young people in the community to prevent the kinds of physical and emotional harm which can be encountered during these years.”

Ms Rishworth said that the 23 local community organisations are sharing in \$21 million in volunteer grants delivered across the country by the Gillard Government.

Please find attached a list of the successful local community organisations.