



Amanda Rishworth MP

Member for Kingston

MEDIA RELEASE

Community Says Thank You to Our Volunteers

The Federal Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth, will be joined by the Hon Ursula Stephens, Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Volunteers and the Hon Tom Koutsantonis, the State Minister for Volunteers, to recognise the vital contributions volunteers make everyday in our community.

“I look forward to formally recognising the many selfless achievements of the volunteers who have been nominated by the community for their ongoing contributions,” Ms Rishworth said.

“Over 85 guests will gather to congratulate the 19 nominated volunteers attending the Southern Adelaide Volunteers Ceremony.”

Volunteers like **Mr Donald Dixon**, the founder of *Cans for Cancer*, contributions to the community will be recognised on the day.

“At 86, Mr Dixon dons his walking shoes every morning to walks the streets and beaches of our local community collecting cans and bottles to help find a cure for cancer,” Ms Rishworth said.

Both Mr Dixon’s wife and two brothers tragically lost their fight against cancer sparking his commitment to raise money for a cure.

“Every can and bottle brings us one step closer to finding a cure,” Mr Dixon said.

“Since kicking off his campaign, Mr Dixon has been able to raise an impressive **\$29,000** through the collection of cans and bottles,” Ms Rishworth said.

Locals have jumped onboard Mr Dixon’s worthy campaign by leaving their cans out for collection on a weekly basis.

“Last summer produced a record collection of \$600 in one week,” Mr Dixon said.

Mr Dixon’s service to the community does not stop there!

Every week, Mr Dixon reconditions one to two pushbikes and donates them to the *Save the Children Shop* or *The Salvation Army*.

“In total, Mr Dixon has donated 250 bikes to these organisations,” Ms Rishworth said.

Mr Dixon will continue to hit the pavement every morning until his ambition to make *Cans for Cancer* a State wide operation is achieved,” Ms Rishworth said.

I applauded Mr Dixon’s dedication to our community and the other 19 volunteers who will receive the recognition they so rightfully deserve on Monday, 24 August 2009.”

Students from Hackham East Primary School choir will kick this important ceremony off with the Australian Anthem.

Forum Details

Date: 24 August 2009

Time: 3:00pm

Location: Hackham Football Club
Crn Doctors and States Road