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Amanda Rishworth MP
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More support for young athletes in the South

Amanda Rishworth MP, Federal Member for Kingston has welcomed the announcement by the Gillard Labor Government that the number of grants available to young athletes in the South under the *Local Sporting Champions* program will be doubled in the 2010-11 financial year.

Ms Rishworth said “The Federal Government is committed to supporting community sport. This investment means that more young athletes in our local community will have access to financial support to follow their sporting dreams.

“By providing grants to young athletes competing at a national or state level, this program is critical to assisting young people to achieve their sporting potential.”

Ms Rishworth says “For many budding athletes the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms and equipment can be a barrier to competing at a state or even national level. This initiative is about easing some of those financial pressures so that our athletes can perform to the best of their abilities.

“Last year a number of worthy athletes received grants under the *Local Sporting Champions* program to follow their sporting dreams including Sheridan of Sheidow Park who used her \$500 to represent Australia at a national figure skating competition, and Codey of Morphett Vale who used his grant to travel to compete at the under 18s men's state basketball championships.”

Ms Rishworth said that under this program successful individuals will receive \$500 and successful teams will receive \$3000 to assist with the cost associated with participating in sporting competitions.

For further information about this program and the application process, please visit www.ausport.gov.au/champions.