



## MEDIA RELEASE

**Amanda Rishworth MP**  
Federal Member for Kingston

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### **Boost for Volunteers in the South!**

Amanda Rishworth MP, Federal Member for Kingston has welcomed the news that **17** local community groups and organisations providing services in the South will share in over **\$50, 000** from the Federal Government's *Volunteer Grants* initiative.

Ms Rishworth said these organisations providing services locally are among 4, 600 across Australia to benefit from this grants program which supports the important work of volunteers.

Ms Rishworth said "We know that volunteers give their time, energy and expertise to support our local community here in Southern Adelaide, and those generous people deserve to be supported in their vital work."

Ms Rishworth said local organisations such as the Hackham Tennis Club, the Noarlunga Theatre Company and the Rotary Club of Noarlunga are among those set to benefit from this funding.

Matthew Bonser from the **Morphett Vale Country Fire Service** said "We are delighted to be receiving a *Volunteer Grant*. The money will enable us to fit out our new training room with aids like a television and computer system, which will encourage recruiting and facilitate ongoing training of our volunteers and cadets."

Ms Rishworth said "Volunteers make a significant social and economic contribution to Australian society, contributing approximately \$14.6 billion to the not-for-profit sector each year.

"This Gillard Government is committed to supporting our army of dedicated volunteers and these grants will help them to undertake their selfless work in supporting local communities."

To find out more about *Volunteer Grants* visit [www.fahcsia.gov.au](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au) or call 1800 183 374.