



**Senator the Hon. Arthur Sinodinos AO  
Senator for New South Wales**

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**Giving back to our volunteers in Newcastle**

Volunteers in Newcastle are among nearly 100,000 across Australia benefiting from \$10 million in Australian Government grants to support community organisations.

The Hon. Christian Porter MP, Minister for Social Services, announced that almost 2,700 community organisations would benefit from a grant to support the work of volunteers.

Senator the Hon. Arthur Sinodinos AO said the Turnbull Government's investment in our communities is delivering vital support to Newcastle's small community organisations, which help many of our most vulnerable citizens.

"The Volunteer Grants will assist a range of local groups in Newcastle including the Newcastle Industrial Heritage Association, the Elermore Vale Men's Shed, the Hippocrates Australian - Greek Aged Persons Association, the Kiwanis Club of Newcastle, and the Newcastle and District Softball Association, among many others," Senator Sinodinos said.

"The grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 enable Newcastle's organisations to better support their volunteers by purchasing much-needed equipment, training and transport," Senator Sinodinos said.

"Next week is National Volunteer Week, when we acknowledge the important work of our volunteers and their organisations in building stronger communities.

"The energy, expertise and time our volunteers give to our community supports those most in need and represents what Australian communities are all about – giving a helping hand.

"I'm glad to see that our local organisations will have this support to continue their valuable work."

For a full list of successful recipients and information about Volunteer Grants, go to:

[www.dss.gov.au/volunteer-grants](http://www.dss.gov.au/volunteer-grants).

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