



Media Release

Amanda Rishworth MP

Federal Member for Kingston

17 Local Volunteer Organisations Receive Volunteer Grants

The Reynella Business and Tourism Association is one of the 17 volunteer organisations in Kingston to receive funding from the Australian Government's *Volunteer Grants 2009* initiative.

Sean Day from the Reynella Business and Tourism Association is pleased the Federal Government is supporting volunteers in our community.

"The money provided as part of the Australian Government *Volunteer Grants 2009* will better equip our volunteers to continue their work in the local community," said Mr Day.

"We will be investing our money in a Fire Extinguisher and a blanket, some chairs and a Public Address (PA) System" said Mr Day.

Today Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, the Hon Jenny Macklin, and Parliamentary Secretary for the voluntary sector, Senator Ursula Stephens, announced more than 6700 community organisations across Australia will benefit from \$21 million in volunteer grants.

"Under this initiative, grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 are provided to non-profit organisations to support their volunteers and encourage volunteering," Minister Macklin said.

The Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth MP, welcomed the 17 local volunteer organisations receiving Australian Government support.

"The Australian Government's volunteer grants provide invaluable support to organisations that keeps Southern Adelaide communities together," Amanda Rishworth MP said.

"For many local volunteer organisations these grants provide the opportunity to purchase small equipment such as shade sails, tables and safety equipment."

Amanda Rishworth said the *Volunteers Grants 2009* initiative will help our volunteers continue to make a real and lasting difference to the lives of so many people in our community.

For the full list of successful organisations, please go to:

http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/volunteers/funding/Pages/volunteer_grant09.aspx