



# Amanda Rishworth MP

Member for Kingston

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### MILLIONS FOR COUNCILS IN KINGSTON

Federal Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth MP, today welcomed news that local councils are set to share in \$466 million.

Ms Rishworth MP said the funding is the second quarterly instalment from the Rudd Labor Government's \$1.9 billion Financial Assistance Grants program.

"Local residents expect good roads, decent libraries, well-maintained parks and pools, regular garbage pick-ups, and high quality child care and other services," said Ms Rishworth MP.

"That's why the Government's grants are untied and can be spent by councils and shires on local priorities.

Councils in Kingston will receive the following amount of funding:

- \$575,061 to Marion Council
- \$2,076,893 to City of Onkaparinga Council

"We are providing councils with the highest ever level of Federal funding," said Ms Rishworth MP.

"And it's important to remember that this money is on top of the \$2 million for the Aldinga Recreation Centre and the *Roads to Recovery* program funding."

The second instalment of Financial Assistance Grants is being delivered to individual councils based on the recommendations from local government grant commissions in each of the states and territories.

The first quarterly instalment was delivered to councils in August 2008.

"The Rudd Labor Government wants local government to be at the heart of its nation-building agenda," Ms Rishworth MP said.

"The cornerstones of this new partnership will be a seat at the national policy-making table for local government.

“On 18 November this new partnership will be put into practice when the nation’s mayors and shire presidents gather in Canberra for the inaugural meeting of the Australian Council of Local Government.

“The Council will allow for the first time a direct, regular dialogue between the Commonwealth and local communities on issues of national significance, including the provision of economic and community infrastructure.”

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