



# **Amanda Rishworth MP**

Member for Kingston

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### **\$34,909 TO SUPPORT LOCAL VETERAN COMMUNITY**

Southern Adelaide Veteran community will receive \$34,909 in funding from the Australian Government to support the local veteran community, the Member for Kingston, Ms Rishworth MP, announced today.

- McLaren Vale & District RSL Sub-branch Inc will receive \$19,532
- Fleurieu Peninsula Veterans Community Association Incorporated will receive \$15,377

Ms Rishworth MP said the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Alan Griffin, had approved the funding through the Australian Government's Veteran & Community Grants program.

"Veteran & Community Grants provide funding support to local organisations dedicated to the health and well-being of Australia's veterans," Ms Rishworth MP said.

"This grant will help the McLaren Vale & District RSL Sub-branch Inc to purchase first aid items, security systems and tables. Fleurieu Peninsula Veterans Community Association Inc funding will assist in purchasing kitchen appliances and accessories," Ms Rishworth MP said.

Ms Rishworth MP said Veteran & Community Grants provided an important source of funding for projects that support a healthy and quality lifestyle for members of the veteran community.

The program also funds projects that help veterans, war widows and widowers continue to live independently in their own homes, as well as initiatives to encourage social activities and improve access to community care services.

"Veteran & Community Grants are available to ex-service and community organisations, veteran representative groups and private organisations that contribute to the health and welfare of the veteran community," Ms Rishworth MP said.

“Australia’s veteran community deserves to have the best support services available and I congratulate both the McLaren Vale District RSL Sub-branch Inc and the Fleurieu Peninsula Veterans Community Association Incorporated for their initiative.”

For more information about the Veteran & Community Grants program go to [www.dva.gov.au/health/grants](http://www.dva.gov.au/health/grants) or contact your nearest DVA office on 133 254.