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\$ 185,214 in Small Equipment Grants for New England organisations

The Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, The Hon Mal Brough has written to the Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor, informing him of 88 successful applications from organisations in the New England electorate totalling \$185,214 from the Volunteer Small Equipment Grants (VSEG) programme and the new initiative, Volunteer Small Equipment Grants (VSEG) 2007 – Sport.

The VSEG programme is to help community not-for-profit organisations in Australia to purchase (as the name suggests) small equipment to support volunteers whose work contributes to encouraging and developing stronger families and communities.

The new VSEG – Sport initiative was introduced this year to promote and encourage sporting participation and physical activity within communities. Emphasis was placed on organisations that encouraged participation of young people.

Mr Windsor is delighted that volunteer organisations in the New England have been recognised for and supported in their efforts through the Volunteer Small Equipment Grants.

“I thank the Australian Government for the support provided to groups in the New England electorate and just as importantly, I thank all the volunteers in these groups for their contribution to their group and the community.

The grants for small equipment will help these volunteer not-for-profit organisations to continue to provide their services to the community whether they be emergency or counselling services or arts and recreational pursuits, they all make up the fabric of our communities and are very worthy recipients of such support,” Mr Windsor said.

The following groups in the New England Electorate have been successful in their applications:

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Organisation	Grant	Organisation	Grant
Australian Breastfeeding Assoc- Armidale	\$ 965	Armidale Girl Guides Association	\$2,995
Gwymac Inc	\$2,432	Piallamore Rural Fire Service	\$3,000
Steinbrook Progress Assoc Inc	\$2,352	Tourism Tamworth Ltd	\$1,182
Kootingal & District Bowling Club	\$2,550	Kootingal Moonbi Amateur Swimming	\$2,826
St Joseph's PT & F Uralla	\$2,671	Ashford Amateur Swimming Club	\$2,900
Southern NE Landcare – Uralla Rivercare	\$2,726	St Mary's Nth Tamworth Preschool Inc	\$2,045
St Joseph's P & F Tenterfield	\$2,772	Glen Innes Showground Trust	\$2,364
Rotary Club of Inverell Inc	\$1,760	Kentucky Public School P & C Assoc	\$2,440
Tamworth Junior Riding & Pony Club	\$2,293	Inverell Netball Association	\$2,598
North Star Pony Club Inc – Yetman	\$2,800	ARM Management Inc	\$2,745
St Michaels Parish - Manilla	\$ 575	Ben Lomond War Memorial Hall	\$1,000
Uniting Church Quirindi District Congregations	\$1,091	Bundarra P & A and Rodeo Society	\$1,806
Quirindi Creek Catchment Committee	\$1,264	Armidale & NE Show Society	\$1,906
Bundarra Lions Club	\$1,480	Tablelands Community Transport	\$2,677
Armidale Residents & Tenants Group	\$1,927	Walcha United Football Club Inc	\$1,400
Bendemeer Community Co-op Ltd	\$2,400	Bendemeer Preschool Inc	\$1,928
Papagunya Inc- Tingha	\$3,000	Barraba Golf Club Ltd	\$2,686
Tamworth Montessori Assoc Inc	\$ 780	Tamworth Lions Club Inc	\$1,364
Bendemeer Community Develop Cttee	\$1,687	Manilla Volunteer Rescue Association	\$1,816
Bundarra & Dist Campdraft Assoc Inc	\$1,730	Quirindi District Volunteer Rescue Squad	\$1,909
Nowendoc Recreation Reserve Trust	\$2,201	Diamond Swamp Rural Fire Brigade	\$2,260
Sandy Flat Bolivia Rural Fire Brigade	\$2,252	Northsports Inc- Glen Innes	\$3,000
Friends of Nioka	\$2,669	Tamworth Hillvue Scout Group	\$1,469
Tamworth Area Multiple Birth Assoc	\$2,800	Barraba Soccer Club Inc	\$2,935
New England Railway Inc – Glen Innes	\$3,000	North Companions Soccer Club Tamworth	\$2,797
Manilla Fishing Club & Hatchery Inc	\$3,000	Glen Innes Rotary Club	\$3,000
Armidale Community Foot Patrol Inc	\$ 465	Barraba Pony Club Inc	\$1,548
Guyra Show Society Ltd	\$2,624	Hobbit NE Preschool & Childcare	\$2,163
Walcha Junior Rugby League	\$ 925	Tambar Spring's Emporium Wellnes Centre	\$2,318
Bendemeer P & C Assoc	\$1,285	Lioness Club of Tamworth	\$1,906
St Mary's P & F Association - Armidale	\$2,470	Ashford District Pony Club Inc	\$ 480
Hunter SLSA – Inverell Support Group	\$2,889	Quirindi Village Miniature Railway	\$1,540
Demon Knights Football Club- Armidale	\$3,000	Glen Innes Severn Tourist Association	\$2,359
Guyra Neighbourhood Centre Inc	\$1,136	Tamworth Speedway Club Inc	\$2,376
Rotary Club Tamworth West Inc	\$2,949	Uralla District Girl Guides Association	\$2,938
Yetman Public School P & C Assoc	\$2,500	Glen Innes PreSchool Association Inc	\$2,409
Border Blues Little Athletics Centre	\$2,995	Armidale Legacy	\$2,727
Quirindi Junior Rugby Union Club	\$1,733	Tamworth Homeless Men's Support Group	\$2,181
Manilla & District Tennis Club	\$1,779	Inverell State Emergency Service	\$1,773
Quirindi Minor League	\$1,950	Barraba Volunteer Rescue Association	\$1,796
Pine Ridge Public Hall Reserve Trust	\$2,650	Bingara Sporting Club	\$2,636
Tamworth Communications Brigade	\$2,700	Quirindi Amateur Swimming Club	\$2,974
New England Zone Athletics	\$2,815	TOTAL	\$185,214