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## Media Release

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### **\$273,000 Volunteer Grants for New England Groups**

Australian Government Volunteer Grants of over \$273,000 have been announced for not-for-profit organisations in the New England Electorate.

Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor has welcomed the funding.

“Not-for-profit organisations are the backbone of our communities.

They provide for wide and varied interests of many people and the Volunteer Grants program assists groups to better cater for their members needs.

Whether they are arts and craft groups, or sporting groups, environmental or IT groups, they all help make our communities better places.

I thank all volunteers who work tirelessly for their organisations in providing avenues of activity to community members.

I also welcome the Ministers Jenny Macklin and Senator Ursula Stephens' announcement and thank the Government for their contribution to this often unheralded but very important sector,” Mr Windsor said.

## Government's Volunteer Grants 2009

Alligators Swimming Club of Armidale Inc	Alligators Swimming Club of Armidale Inc	ARMIDALE	2350	\$1,500.00	Alligators Swimming Club of Armidale fosters social inclusion by encouraging people of all ages to participate in the sport of swimming at social and competitive levels. The Club promotes health, fitness and physical wellbeing, and supports young people to develop confidence in their abilities.
Arding Landcare Group Inc	Arding Landcare Group Inc	ARDING	2358	\$3,950.00	The Arding Landcare Group is an active and inclusive community group that aims to create community understanding and action in support of environmental projects within the region. The Group is active in promoting its work, raising awareness of sustainable practices and providing education to local community groups.
Armidale Archers Incorporated	Armidale Archers Incorporated	ARMIDALE	2350	\$1,765.00	The Armidale Archers is a sporting body providing facilities and coaching for beginners and experienced archers in the region. The club supports friendly competition, participation, physical activity and skill development in a socially inclusive environment.
Armidale Motorcycle Club	Armidale Motorcycle Club	ARMIDALE	2350	\$3,849.00	Armidale Motorcycle Club is a community based organisation that fosters the participation of people in the community of all ages and abilities. Volunteers help to create a safe and supportive environment for members to participate. The Club actively engages in the community, such as in local fundraising initiatives.
Armidale R.S.L.Sub-Branch	Armidale R.S.L.Sub-Branch	ARMIDALE	2350	\$5,000.00	The mission of the RSL is to support the well being of members, and serving and former Australian Defence Force personnel, with the provision of welfare and commemorative services. The Armidale Sub-Branch also contributes to worthy causes within the community, providing an inclusive environment and promoting activities that strengthen community interactions.

Australian Red Cross Sydney	Glen Innes Red Cross Branch	GLEN INNES	2370	\$1,909.00	The Glen Innes Red Cross Branch is part of a leading humanitarian organisation improving the lives of vulnerable people through services delivered and the promotion of humanitarian laws and values. Volunteers are the cornerstone of this international organisation which is committed to helping those in need, through a wide range of services and support to members and volunteers.
Barraba Home and Community Care Services	Barraba Home and Community Care Services	BARRABA	2347	\$2,000.00	Barraba Home and Community Care Services provide support for the aged, less advantaged community members, and their carers. As well as providing a mobile meal service, the volunteers of the group host a range of inclusive activities, developing new social networks and fostering new friendships.
Ben Lomond Branch NSW Country Women's Association	Ben Lomond Branch NSW Country Women's Association	BEN LOMOND	2365	\$2,360.00	The NSW Country Women's Association is a non-sectarian organisation supported and run by volunteers at the local level across Australia. The Ben Lomond Branch is part of this national movement, which helps and supports women and children in the local community. The organisation aims to improve conditions for families, especially those living in rural and remote Australia.
Ben Lomond War Memorial Hall Trust Management Committee	Ben Lomond War Memorial Hall Trust Management Committee	BEN LOMOND	2365	\$2,000.00	Ben Lomond War Memorial Hall Trust Management Committee manages a community facility, providing a place for many community groups to meet. Volunteers contribute their time and energy to maintain the facility, enabling community participation in physical, social, educational and recreational activities.
Bendemeer Craft Centre Association Inc	Bendemeer Craft Centre Association Inc	BENDEMEER	2355	\$4,600.00	Bendemeer Craft Centre Association manages a community facility, providing a place for many community groups to meet. Volunteers contribute their time and energy to maintain the facility, enabling community participation in physical, social, educational and recreational activities.

Bendemeer Pony Club Incorporated	Bendemeer Pony Club Incorporated	BENDEMEER	2355	\$4,500.00	Bendemeer Pony Club encourages children and young people of all backgrounds to participate in equine sport in a supportive environment. The Club's volunteers offer practical, physical and educational opportunities to young people and promote sportsmanship, citizenship and loyalty, cultivating strength of character and self discipline
Bundarra Pony Club Inc	Bundarra Pony Club Inc	INVERELL	2360	\$3,478.00	The Bundarra Pony Club encourages young people of all backgrounds to participate in equine sport in a supportive environment. The Club's volunteers offer practical, physical and educational opportunities to young people and promote the sport to the wider community.
ComputerBank New England Incorporated	ComputerBank New England Incorporated	URALLA	2358	\$2,140.00	Computer Bank New England is a computer recycling organisation relying on volunteer assistance to repair and recycle computers. Volunteers refurbish donated computers and distribute them to needy individuals, families and community organisations throughout the New England district.
Country Women's Association of NSW	Country Women's Association of NSW Myall Creek Branch	DELUNGRA	2403	\$2,040.00	The Country Women's Association of NSW is a non-sectarian organisation supported and run by volunteers at a local level across Australia. Myall Creek Branch is part of this national movement, which helps and supports women and children in the local community. The organisation aims to improve conditions for families, especially those living in rural and remote Australia.
Currabubula Pony Club Inc	Currabubula Pony Club Inc	CURRABUBULA	2342	\$3,600.00	The Currabubula Pony Club encourages young people of all backgrounds and backgrounds to participate in equine sport in a supportive environment. The Club's volunteers assist the physical, emotional and social development of members and promote the sport to the wider community.

Deepwater and District Community Radio Inc	Deepwater and District Community Radio Inc	GELN INNES	2370	\$2,500.00	Deepwater and District Community Radio provides a local broadcasting service to promote regional events and artists, and raise awareness about community issues. The station enables local participants to develop skills in broadcasting, helping to build self confidence in abilities. The Station creates a sense of pride and cohesion within the community.
Deepwater Rural Fire Brigade	Deepwater Rural Fire Brigade	DEEPWATER	2371	\$4,500.00	Deepwater Rural Fire Brigade provides a fire protection service to the community, drawing on volunteers to provide an active response to the management of incidents. Volunteers promote an understanding of bush and grass fires, structural fire protection as well as promoting community inclusion and awareness of fire safety.
Deepwater School of Arts Hall Trust	Deepwater School of Arts Hall Trust	DEEPWATER	2371	\$4,999.00	Deepwater School of Arts Hall Trust runs a range of events to enhance community wellbeing and encourage social inclusion and participation. The Trust brings together many local families and relies on volunteers to participate in the management of events.
Drake Rural Fire Brigade	Drake Rural Fire Brigade	DRAKE	2469	\$2,915.00	The Drake Rural Fire Brigade provides a fire protection service to the local community, drawing on volunteers to provide an active response to emergency incidents. The Brigade strengthens the community by assisting other emergency services, as well as bringing the community together regularly for working bees and fundraising events.
Drake School of Arts and Progress Association	Drake School of Arts and Progress Association	DRAKE	2469	\$3,507.00	Drake School of Arts and Progress Association is a group of dedicated volunteers that run the Village Resource Centre. The Resource Centre, which includes a café, art gallery, nursery and opportunity shop, is a focal point of the town and surrounding area.

Edgerton-Kwiembal Environmental Heritage Cultural Aboriginal Corporation	Edgerton-Kwiembal Environmental Heritage Cultural Aboriginal Corporation	ASHFORD	2361	\$5,000.00	The Edgerton-Kwiembal Environmental Heritage Cultural Aboriginal Corporation promotes the study of its local heritage and encourages good cultural and environmental practises. The Corporation is active in educating youth and the wider community about Aboriginal culture through art and history.
Friends of Nioka and New England Area Palliative Care Services Incorporated	Friends of Nioka and New England Area Palliative Care Services Incorporated	HALLSVILLE	2340	\$4,881.00	Friends of Nioka is a community based group raising awareness of the importance of Palliative Care within the local community. The Association care for a number of patients in their own homes, provide bus trips and also social activities for those in need. The group works and liaises with local hospitals, private practitioners and nursing services to help provide better support for patients.
Friends of Touriandi Lodge	Friends of Touriandi Lodge	BINGARA	2404	\$2,180.00	Friends of Touriandi Lodge provides support and undertakes fundraising to assist local residents of Touriandi Lodge, fostering social inclusion and avenues for community participation. Volunteers are involved in catering for events held in the town and surrounding areas in order to raise necessary funds
Girl Guides Association (NSW)	Delungra Girl Guides	ROB ROY	2360	\$2,200.00	Girl Guides is a volunteer run, socially inclusive organisation that aims to enable girls to grow into confident, self respecting, responsible citizens who are active participants in their local communities. Delungra Girl Guides provides opportunities for girls to be involved in a range of activities and service projects that promote leadership, self development and practical living skills, in a safe supportive environment.

Girl Guides Association (NSW)	Northwest Inland Region	QUIRINDI	2343	\$2,500.00	Girl Guides Association Northwest Inland Region is part of a universal organisation that aims to enable girls and young women develop personal skills and abilities that can be carried through into adulthood. Volunteers assist in a variety of areas and activities, such as fundraising and other initiatives that provide opportunities for social interaction and community participation.
Glencoe Rural Fire Brigade Glencoe	Glencoe Rural Fire Brigade Glencoe	GLENCOE	2365	\$1,700.00	Glencoe Rural Fire Brigade provides a fire protection service to the community, drawing on volunteers to provide an active response to the management of incidents. Volunteers promote an understanding of bush and grass fires, structural fire protection as well as promoting community inclusion and awareness of fire safety
Glen Innes and District Soccer Association	Glen Innes and District Soccer Association	GLEN INNES	2370	\$1,500.00	Glen Innes and District Soccer Association provides a strong soccer competition for all age groups, fostering community values and social participation among its members. The Association brings together many local families and relies on volunteers to participate in the management of teams to further encourage and actively promote the development of sport in Glen Innes and the surrounding district.
Glen Innes Basketball Association Inc	Glen Innes Basketball Association, Inc	GLEN INNES	2370	\$2,271.00	The Glen Innes Basketball Association is a small sporting and recreation Association endeavouring to encourage the involvement of junior members. Volunteers assist with various duties that fosters active and healthy lifestyles in a safe and supportive environment. The Association brings together families and other community members, promoting social interaction and participation.

Glen Innes District Soccer Association	Glen Innes District Soccer Association	GLEN INNES	2370 \$1,840.00	Glen Innes District Soccer Association is run by volunteers who encourage children and young people to participate in organised soccer in the rural community. The Association fosters social inclusion and community participation by encouraging families and disparate groups from the community to participate in a healthy and active sport. A key component for the Club is the development of the children's confidence social skills, as well as their sporting abilities.
Glen Innes Netball Association Inc	Glen Innes Netball Association Inc	GLEN INNES	2370 \$2,750.00	Glen Innes Netball Association is run by a dedicated group of volunteers who give their time to provide a safe environment for members of all ages to participate in both social and competitive netball. The Association encourages social inclusion in the rural community through activities that promote a healthy and active lifestyle.
Glen Innes P and A Ladies Auxiliary	Glen Innes P and A Ladies Auxiliary	GLEN INNES	2370 \$5,000.00	The Glen Innes P and A Ladies Auxiliary is a committed volunteer group that provides catering for various local community functions, including the annual show and running the tea rooms. The volunteering efforts of the Auxiliary are an integral part of the social cohesion of the town.
Glen Innes Pistol Club Inc	Glen Innes Pistol Club Inc	GLEN INNES	2370 \$2,988.00	The Glen Innes Pistol Club provides an opportunity for the community to participate in safe shooting practices. The Club provides safety training in the use of firearms bringing together a variety of people from different age groups and social backgrounds.

Glen Innes Rescue Squad Inc	Glen Innes Rescue Squad Inc	GLEN INNES	2370 \$4,520.00	Glen Innes Rescue Squad is a volunteer organisation providing essential emergency services to the community. The volunteers plan for, and respond to, emergencies such as storms, floods, building collapse and road accidents, as well as conducting search and rescue activities. The Squad is active within the community, assisting with sports days and festivals held in the area.
Graman Rural Fire Service	Graman Rural Fire Service	GRAMAN	2360 \$2,149.00	The Graman Rural Fire Service provides an essential fire protection service to the local community. The Brigade is run by a dedicated group of volunteers who provide an active response to fires and other emergencies.
Inverell Girl Guides	Inverell Girl Guides	INVERELL	2360 \$4,300.00	Inverell Girl Guides is part of a universal organisation that aims to enable girls and young women to grow into confident, self respecting, responsible community members. Guides is a volunteer run organisation that encourages young members and is open to all females from every race and religious group.
Inverell Saints Football Club Inc	Inverell Saints Football Club Inc	OAKWOOD	2360 \$4,998.00	Inverell Saints Football Club is an Australian Rules Football Club that offers people of all ages in the community the opportunity to take part in the sport. Volunteers assist the Club in a number of areas, including catering and organising fundraising activities in support of other community organisations. The Club fosters social inclusion and healthy, active lifestyles.
Inverell Swimming Club	Inverell Swimming Club	INVERELL	2360 \$2,100.00	Inverell Swimming Club fosters social inclusion in the local community by encouraging people of all ages to participate in the sport of swimming at social and competitive levels and learn about water safety. The Club promotes health, fitness and physical wellbeing, and supports members to develop confidence in their abilities.

Kairos Prison Ministry Australia	Kairos New England	TAMWORTH	2340	\$2,500.00	The main aim of Kairos Prison Ministry is to provide support for those touched by incarceration. Volunteers of the New England area work to promote social inclusion, facilitate the integration of youth and adults back into the community, and encourage offenders to take responsibility for their life choices.
Kentucky Memorial Hall and Literary Institute Inc	Kentucky Memorial Hall and Literary Institute Inc	KENTUCKY	2354	\$2,592.00	Kentucky Memorial Hall and Literary Institute is a group of volunteers who work to maintain the Hall for the benefit of the local community. Volunteers actively encourage the use of the Hall for social activities, such as dances and exercise classes, that promote community spirit and social interaction.
Land of the Beardies Social Club Inc	Land of the Beardies Social Club Inc	GLEN INNES	2370	\$5,000.00	Land of the Beardies Social Club is a group of volunteers whose main goal is to assist and support the disadvantaged, elderly, youth and homeless people within the community. The Club fosters social inclusion, encouraging the community to participate in events to help promote their cause and strengthen the community.
Legacy Club of Armidale Inc	Legacy Club of Armidale Inc	ARMIDALE	2350	\$3,913.00	The Legacy Club of Armidale is a volunteer based ex-service organisation providing care and support for families of deceased armed forces personnel. The Club runs events and activities that promote social inclusion and participation as well as educational support for students through scholarships
Lions Club of Premer and District Inc	Lions Club of Premer and District Inc	PREMER	2381	\$4,402.00	Lions Club is a community support organisation of volunteers that develops, promotes and assists in a range of projects to help local communities, fostering social cohesion and integration. The Lions Club of Premer and District helps enrich the quality of life in the local community through various activities, such as building a new hall to encourage social networking and participation

Liverpool Plains Arts Council 355 Committee of Liverpool Plains Shire Council	Wallaby Art Group	WALLABADAH	2343	\$1,649.00	The Wallaby Art Group relies on volunteers to organise workshops for children and young people in the arts. The Group organises events, such as an annual Festival and an Art Exhibition, bringing local people together and attracting visitors to the village. Residents involved with the Wallaby Art Group support and encourage one another, assisting in combating the negative effects of drought in the rural community.
Manilla and District United Hospital Auxiliary Inc	Manilla and District United Hospital Auxiliary Inc	MANILLA	2346	\$1,030.00	Manilla and District United Hospital Auxiliary is an active volunteer group that undertakes projects to enhance the quality of life of patients at the local hospital. Projects include fundraising activities to purchase equipment for the hospital.
Manilla Historical Society Inc.	Manilla Historical Society Inc.	MANILLA	2346	\$3,288.50	Manilla Historical Society provides a library and research centre to assist members and the local community in discovering their heritage. Volunteers are active in the community, researching local history for the interest and education of community members. The Society fosters a sense of belonging, of identification with a wider group, self esteem and opportunity for social interaction.
Manilla Little Athletics Centre Inc	Manilla Little Athletics Centre Inc	MANILLA	2346	\$1,545.25	The Manilla Little Athletics Centre promotes Family, Fun and Fitness, providing opportunities for children of all ages in the rural and remote community to participate in athletics. The Centre promotes health, fitness and physical wellbeing, and supports young people to develop confidence in their abilities.

National Parks Association of NSW Inc Newtown	Armidale Branch - National Parks Association of NSW Inc	ARMIDALE	2350	\$4,200.00	The National Parks Association of New South Wales is a community conservation group working to protect, connect and restore natural areas in New South Wales. The Armidale branch is involved in coordinating programs of environmental campaigning, education, training, community engagement. Conservation volunteer activities include bushwalking, bush regeneration, on ground and underwater clean ups, fish surveys and flora and fauna surveys.
National Parks Association of NSW Inc Newtown	Tamworth Branch - National Parks Association of NSW Inc	TAMWORTH	2340	\$2,900.00	Tamworth Branch - National Parks Association of NSW is an active group of local volunteers, who organise programs of volunteer activities to engage members of the community in outdoor activities and local environmental issues. Activities provide educational and social networking opportunities that connect members of the local community
Northern Tablelands Rural Fire Service	Northern Tablelands Rural Fire Service	TENTERFIELD	2372	\$2,932.00	Northern Tablelands Rural Fire Service provides a fire protection service to the community, drawing on volunteers to provide an active response to emergency incidents. Volunteers promote an understanding of bush and grass fires, structural fire protection as well as promoting community inclusion and awareness of fire safety.
Norths United Football Club Inc	Norths United Football Club Inc	ARMIDALE	2350	\$3,190.00	Norths United Football Club fosters social inclusion at a local level by encouraging young people in the community to participate in social and competitive sport. The Club promotes health, fitness and physical wellbeing, and supports members to develop confidence in their abilities.
Nowendoc Rural Fire Brigade	Nowendoc Rural Fire Brigade	NOWENDOC	2354	\$2,509.00	The Nowendoc Rural Fire Brigade provides an essential fire prevention and response service to the local community. The Brigade relies on dedicated volunteers to protect residents from fire and to raise awareness of fire safety.

NSW Rural Fire Service Narrabri	Bingara Rural Fire Brigade	BINGARA	2404	\$4,091.55	<p>The Bingara Rural Fire Brigade provides an essential fire prevention and response service to the local community. The Brigade relies on dedicated volunteers to protect residents from fire and to raise awareness of fire safety</p>
NSW State Emergency Service Glen Innes	NSW State Emergency Service Glen Innes	GLEN INNES	2370	\$1,817.70	<p>The State Emergency Service is a volunteer organisation providing essential emergency services to the community. The Glen Innes Unit is part of this network which plans for, and responds to, emergencies such as storms, floods, building collapse and road accidents, as well as conducting search and rescue activities and providing support to other emergency service organisations.</p>
Older Men's Network Inc	Older Men's Network Inc	TAMWORTH	2340	\$2,225.00	<p>The Older Men's Network aims to reduce social isolation of older men in the community by providing them with opportunities to meet and talk openly about issues which concern them as individuals. The Network promotes the valuable contribution older men make to our communities, advocates support services and embraces the dignity and wellbeing of men in our society.</p>
Oxley Vale Public School Parents and Citizens Association	Oxley Vale Public School Parents and Citizens Association	TAMWORTH	2340	\$1,200.00	<p>Oxley Vale Public School Parents and Citizens' Association works together with the school and the community to support quality education, assist with fundraising to improve facilities, and help with special events. The Association fosters social cohesion, a healthy and active lifestyle, and an innovative learning and social environment for students, families and the community.</p>
Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia	Tamworth Prostate Cancer Support Group	TAMWORTH	2340	\$1,250.00	<p>Tamworth Prostate Cancer Support Group are active in the community, providing support for men diagnosed with prostate cancer and raising awareness of this disease. Their work complements the service provided by the medical profession in the local community.</p>

Pyes Creek Rural Fire Brigade	Pyes Creek Rural Fire Brigade	TENTERFIELD	2372	\$3,620.00	The Pyes Creek Rural Fire Brigade provides an essential fire prevention and response service to the local community. The Brigade relies on dedicated volunteers to protect residents from fire and to raise awareness of fire safety.
Quirindi District Volunteer Rescue Squad Inc	Quirindi District Volunteer Rescue Squad Inc	QUIRINDI	2343	\$3,135.00	The Quirindi District Volunteer Rescue Squad is a volunteer organisation providing essential emergency services to the local community. The squad plans for, and responds to, emergencies such as storms, floods and road accidents, as well as conducting search and rescue activities and working in conjunction with other emergency service organisations such as the SES.
Quirindi Rural Heritage Village Inc	Quirindi Rural Heritage Village Inc	QUIRINDI	2343	\$3,000.00	Quirindi Rural Heritage Village is assisted by volunteers who work to preserve and restore the rural heritage of the community through the operation of a local Museum. A miniature railway and machinery displays are also included, providing a fun educational experience for the public. The Village brings together people of similar interests, creating opportunities for social participation and interaction.
RDA NSW New England Centre	RDA NSW New England Centre	ARMIDALE	2350	\$4,900.00	Riding for the Disabled Association NSW New England Centre Armidale is run by a dedicated group of volunteers who provide opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in equine activities as a unique form of exercise and rehabilitation. The Association offers a safe and supportive environment for people with disabilities, their families and carers to build social networks and a sense of community in the large rural area.

Sandon County Apex Club	Sandon County Apex Club	ARMIDALE	2350	\$2,138.00	Volunteers of Apex work together to serve their community's greatest needs by promoting service, fellowship and community spirit. Sandon County Apex Club aim to better their community by participating in local activities that assist and unite, such as providing an annual children's camp and sponsorship of Angel Flights out of Armidale
Scouts Australia North West Region	Scouts Australia North West Region	TAMWORTH	2340	\$4,720.00	The Scouts Australia North West Region programs encourage the physical, intellectual, social and spiritual development of young people. The Group is run entirely by volunteers and teaches life skills to children from varied socio-economic backgrounds to encourage participation in community life as responsible citizens.
Scouts Australia NSW Sydney	1st Werris Creek Scouts	WERRIS CREEK	2341	\$1,900.00	1st Werris Creek Scouts is part of a universal organisation that aims to encourage the physical, intellectual, social, and spiritual development of young people so they may play a constructive role as responsible members of communities. A strong program of activities aims to inspire young people to do their best and become worthwhile and active members of the community.
Scully Park Swimming And Life Saving Club Inc	Scully Park Swimming And Life Saving Club Inc	TAMWORTH	2340	\$1,100.00	Scully Park Swimming & Life Saving Club is a community based sporting group run by volunteers for the health and well-being of its members. Volunteers provide an integral service to the community, teaching first aid and lifesaving skills, and encouraging active participation in the community.
Senior Citizen Centre Committee of Tamworth Inc	Senior Citizen Centre Committee of Tamworth Inc	TAMWORTH	2340	\$3,250.00	The Senior Citizen Centre Committee of Tamworth is a group of dedicated volunteers who help the elderly members of the local community. The organisation is active within the community raising funds and providing support and activities for the elderly

Shannonvale Rural Fire Brigade Glen Innes	Shannonvale Rural Fire Brigade Glen Innes	GLEN INNES	2370	\$1,250.00	Shannonvale Rural Fire Brigade, Glen Innes provides a fire protection service to the community, drawing on volunteers to respond to the management of incidents. Volunteers promote an understanding of bush and grass fires, and structural fire protection, as well as promoting community inclusion and awareness of fire safety. The Brigade holds social events and conducts meetings at the Fire Station, fostering a strong sense of community.
Southern New England Landcare Coordinating Committee Inc	Armidale Urban Rivercare Group	ARMIDALE	2350	\$4,000.00	Armidale Urban Rivercare Group is an active and inclusive band of volunteers that aim to cultivate community understanding and action in support of environmental projects within the region. The Group has engaged the community with various projects, such as rehabilitating land and restoring native vegetation, and also acts as a social support network for families in a rural area.
Special Olympics Australia Sydney Olympic Park	Special Olympics Australia - North West New England	ARMIDALE	2350	\$3,818.00	Special Olympics Australia - North West New England relies entirely on a group of volunteers who provide sports training and competitions for people with intellectual disabilities and their families. The Special Olympics fosters social inclusion by encouraging community participation in a healthy and active lifestyle where individuals are recognised for their achievements and given the confidence to reach their full potential
St John Ambulance Australia (NSW) Surry Hills	St John (NSW) - Armidale Adult Division	ARMIDALE	2350	\$3,200.00	St John Ambulance, Armidale Adult Division is an emergency services support program providing vital first aid within the local community. St John Ambulance also provides a network of volunteers that support the local community through activities such as the provision of first aid services at social and recreational events.

St John Ambulance Australia (NSW) Surry Hills	St John (NSW) - Tamworth Adult Division	TAMWORTH	2340	\$3,200.00	St John Ambulance, Tamworth Adult Division is part of the network of St John Ambulance volunteers who provide emergency First Aid services in the community. St John Ambulance volunteers work alongside emergency services to strengthen the local community by preventing, preparing for, responding to and recovering from emergencies and disaster situations.
St John Ambulance Australia (NSW) Surry Hills	St John (NSW) - Tamworth Youth Division	TAMWORTH	2340	\$4,300.00	St John Ambulance, Tamworth Youth Division is an emergency services support program providing vital first aid within the local community. St John Ambulance also provides a network of volunteers that support the local community through activities such as the provision of first aid services at social and recreational events.
State Emergency Service Deepwater	State Emergency Service Deepwater	DEEPWATER	2371	\$5,000.00	The State Emergency Service is a volunteer organisation providing essential emergency services to the community. Deepwater Unit is part of this network which plans for, and responds to, emergencies such as storms, floods and road accidents, as well as conducting search and rescue activities and providing support to other emergency service organisations. Volunteers are trained as Ambulance officers as there is no local Ambulance service.
State Emergency Service Inverell Unit	State Emergency Service Inverell Unit	INVERELL	2360	\$2,590.00	The State Emergency Service is a volunteer organisation providing essential emergency services to the community. The Inverell Unit is part of this network which plans for, and responds to, emergencies such as storms, floods, building collapse and road accidents, as well as conducting search and rescue activities and providing support to other emergency service organisations

Tamworth And District Model Engineers Incorporated	Tamworth And District Model Engineers Incorporated	TAMWORTH	2340	\$1,214.00	Tamworth and District Model Engineers aims to construct, maintain and operate the Tamworth Miniature Railway for the enjoyment of the wider community. The Engineers provide a safe environment for people of all ages to become involved in a recreational pursuit that facilitates social interaction and the development of friendships and camaraderie.
Tamworth City Swimming Club Inc	Tamworth City Swimming Club Inc	TAMWORTH	2340	\$4,360.00	Tamworth City Swimming Club fosters social inclusion by encouraging people of all ages to participate in the sport of swimming at social and competitive levels. The Club promotes health, fitness and physical wellbeing, and supports young people to develop confidence in their abilities.
Tamworth Community Men's Shed Inc	Tamworth Community Men's Shed Inc	TAMWORTH	2340	\$4,800.00	The Tamworth Community Men's Shed is a community based workshop for retired and aged men who volunteer their time to work and support other groups in the community. The Shed provides a safe environment where men of all ages can interact and discuss personal issues.
Tamworth Junior Riding and Pony Club	Tamworth Junior Riding and Pony Club	HALLSVILLE	2340	\$3,990.00	The Tamworth Junior Riding and Pony Club Hallsville is run entirely by volunteers who encourage young people of all backgrounds to participate in equine sport in a supportive environment. The Club's volunteers offer practical, physical and educational opportunities to young people and promote the sport to the wider community.

Tamworth Meals on Wheels Inc.	Tamworth Meals on Wheels Inc.	TAMWORTH	2340	\$2,500.00	Tamworth Meals on Wheels is a community organisation that provides affordable and nutritious meals to the elderly and disabled. The service provides friendly contact that enables people in the community to maintain their independence and dignity by continuing to live at home. Meals on Wheels are supported by a vast team of trained volunteers who increase social capital and promote citizenship in the community.
Tamworth Regional U3A Inc	Tamworth Regional U3A Inc	TAMWORTH	2340	\$2,451.00	University of the Third Age is a worldwide organisation that provides learning for pleasure, friendship and social activities for senior retirees. The volunteers of Tamworth Regional U3A enable daily classes to be held for the benefit of the local retirees, and facilitate the development of social networks in the community.
Tenterfield and District Historical Society Incorporated	Tenterfield and District Historical Society Incorporated	TENTERFIELD	2372	\$2,087.00	Tenterfield and District Historical Society maintains and displays artefacts of historic interest pertaining to the local area. The Society encourages residents to participate in museum open days in order to increase their knowledge of the region's past, which enhances community pride and spirit.
Tenterfield Naturalists Incorporated	Tenterfield Naturalists Incorporated	TENTERFIELD	2372	\$1,600.00	The Tenterfield Naturalists are committed to restoring and maintaining a local park, as well as conducting bushwalks and outings for the benefit of the community. Volunteers of the group promote social inclusion, uniting local schools and not-for-profit groups with the shared goal of enhancing and educating the community.

Tenterfield Show Society Inc	Tenterfield Show Society Inc	TENTERFIELD	2372	\$2,199.00	Tenterfield Show Society is an active local group that promotes community participation through the implementation of the local annual show. The Show exemplifies the best produce of the district. Volunteers are instrumental to the success of the Tenterfield Show devoting hours and energy to the management and organisation of activities, displays and events.
The City Of Tamworth Eisteddfod Society Incorporated	The City Of Tamworth Eisteddfod Society Incorporated	TAMWORTH	2340	\$2,392.50	The City of Tamworth Eisteddfod Society promotes social inclusion and cultural development by bringing together members of all ages and backgrounds to perform for the community in the annual Eisteddfod. Volunteers are integral to the Society, providing support and assistance to performing members, improving self esteem and confidence.
The Royal Life Saving Society - Australia Broadway	Scully Park Swimming and Lifesaving Club	TAMWORTH	2340	\$5,000.00	The Scully Park Swimming and Lifesaving Club are a local organisation that rely on a dedicated team of community volunteers whose primary responsibility is to keep community beaches safe. Community education is a vital part of the role of surf lifesaving. Training and education is a core component in developing skilled volunteer life savers in this essential community service.
Tingha Regeneration Incorporated	Tingha Regeneration Incorporated	TINGHA	2369	\$4,650.00	Tingha Regeneration supports social inclusion, organising a number of activities and programs aimed at strengthening the local community. The activities provide educational and social networking opportunities for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

Uralla Driver Reviver Incorporated	Uralla Driver Reviver Incorporated	URALLA	2358 \$3,074.00	Uralla Driver Reviver is supported by a large number of volunteers working to reduce road accidents in the area along the New England Highway and local area. Volunteers support community wellbeing by helping to reduce the number of accidents in the community. Local businesses and community groups donate items required to operate this valuable community service.
Uralla Showground Trust Board Uralla	Uralla Showground Trust Board Uralla	URALLA	2358 \$2,960.00	Uralla Showground Trust Board is run entirely by volunteers who manage, maintain and improve facilities at the local showground. The Board promotes the use of the venue for other community based organisations and services. Volunteers are actively involved in fundraising activities, such as catering, to ensure the longevity and future prosperity of the organisation.
Uralla United Football Club Inc	Uralla United Football Club Inc	URALLA	2358 \$3,143.00	Uralla United Football Club is assisted by a group of volunteers who give their time to provide a safe environment for members of all ages to participate in both social and competitive sport. The Club encourages social inclusion in the community through activities that promote a healthy and active lifestyle.
Victoria Park Precinct 355 Committee (Friends of the Marsupial Park section)	Friends of the Marsupial Park F.O.M.P.	TAMWORTH	2340 \$4,573.00	Friends of the Marsupial Park aims to foster a sense of community ownership by involving volunteers in the supervision, maintenance, repair and expansion of this community facility. Volunteers are involved at various levels, from supervision and visitor information to gardening, maintenance and cleaning.

Werris Creek RSL Sub Branch of NSW    Werris Creek RSL Sub Branch of NSW    WERRIS CREEK 2341 \$3,800.00

The mission of the RSL is to enhance the well being and quality of life of members, supporting former Australian Defence Force personnel with the provision of welfare and commemorative services. The Werris Creek RSL Sub-branch also contributes to worthy causes within the community, encouraging an inclusive environment and promoting activities that strengthen the community.

Werris Creek Touch Football Association Incorporated    Werris Creek Touch Football Association Incorporated    WERRIS CREEK 2341 \$1,180.00

Werris Creek Touch Football Association provides a strong touch football competition for all age groups, fostering community values and social participation among its members. The Club brings together many local families and relies on volunteers to participate in the management of teams to further encourage and actively promote the development of sport in the community.