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Memorandum

TO : ALL CLUBS

FROM : Megan Oldfield

DATE : 30 September 2008

SUBJECT : Local Volunteer Grants

The Motorcycling New South Wales office has received the attached information regarding a local volunteer grant scheme conducted by the Federal Government.

The program has been designed to assist non-profit organisations to offer services and support to their members and volunteers. Grants can range from \$1000 - \$5000 for a variety of uses.

If your club would be interested in applying for one of these grants, you can download an application form from www.fahcia.gov.au or you can phone the office and we would be more than happy to post or fax you a hard copy. Further links are available from our website www.motorcycling.com.au.

Please note that applications close strictly 5 pm on Friday 17 October 2008. Applications can be submitted online or posted to;

**Volunteer Grants Program
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
Locked Bag 5001
TUGGERANONG ACT 2901**

Please do not phone Motorcycling New South Wales for further information, as we are passing on this information to our members as a service. We have no involvement and limited information pertaining to in the allocation of these grants.

If you require further information we encourage you to contact **1800 183 374** or email vgp2008@fahcsia.gov.au.

Regards

Megan Oldfield

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29th September 2008

Local Volunteer Grants

Dear Secretary

Organisations like yours know only too well that without volunteers you would be hard pressed to maintain vital community services. As the Federal MP and a lifelong local resident I certainly understand your efforts. The Reid electorate is very fortunate to have such groups and the individuals who form and work for them in our suburbs.

Everyday your volunteers, like millions of Australians across the country, are out in our community giving their time and energy to help the elderly, people with disability, children at risk, the homeless and those who've hit hard times.

This Government understands the important role played by volunteers and in recognition of their contribution has expanded the Volunteer Grants Program to give them the support they deserve.

The Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Jenny Macklin, recently announced the opening of the \$21 million Volunteer Grants Program and encouraged community organisations like yours to consider applying for funding.

Funding of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 is available to eligible not for profit organisations to purchase small equipment – things like computers, air conditioners, mowers and sporting items used by volunteers.

For the first time these grants will cover fuel costs formerly borne by volunteers, because one of their greatest costs can be putting petrol in their vehicles to transport others around.

And in another first we have expanded eligibility rules so that Parent and Citizens Associations in schools can apply for grants too.

Application guidelines and forms are available from the Department of Families, Housing, Communities and Indigenous Affairs at www.fahcsia.gov.au from 6 September 2008 and closes on Friday 17 October 2008 or you can obtain a paper application form by calling the toll – free hotline on 1800 183 374.

Volunteering organisations such as your group provide the chance to give something back to the community. These new funding arrangements are one way the Government can give something back to you and your volunteers.

Yours sincerely

Laurie Ferguson MP

Federal Member for Reid