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Darren Cheeseman MP, Federal Labor Member for Corangamite

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Colac Kookas receive \$3,650 Federal volunteer grant

Darren Cheeseman, the Federal Member for Corangamite today visited Bluewater Fitness to meet with members of the Colac Kookas Basketball club to announce a grant of \$3,650 for a first-aid kit, training courses and petrol vouchers that will help make life easier for volunteers.

"Colac Kookas Basketball connects people from many different backgrounds and with this grant the club will be able to help volunteers in the work they do for the community." Said Mr. Cheeseman

"The grant will help volunteers cover the costs of transporting players to competitions and pay for a first-aid kit and training courses."

"In addition the Hawks Union Basketball Club received \$4,000 for a lap-top and vouchers to cover petrol costs. These grants help volunteers transport competitors to competitions and keep our community active."

"Sporting clubs are critical to the health of Colac and the region. I congratulate all local basketball players, they help to add to the color of Colac and keep our town healthy."

"Volunteers donate their time and energy to run the club, which serves as both a sporting venue and a social meeting place for local individuals and families."

"By assisting players to build life skills like teamwork and respect for others, the club helps to strengthen the community and improve the lives of participants and volunteers."

"Our continuing investment in Volunteer Grants is one of the ways we support the vital contribution made by volunteers in communities across our region."

"Grants of between \$1000 and \$5000 give a much needed boost to community organisations in the SurfCoast, I would encourage organisations to apply for the next round."

"The grants make it possible for organisations to buy equipment or go towards things like volunteer training, background checks and transport costs of volunteers with disability who are unable to drive,"

"This funding ensures volunteers are better equipped to work in our community."

To find out more about Volunteer Grants including a list of 2013 grant recipients visit www.fahcsia.gov.au or phone 1800 183 374.

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