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The Hon **David Hawker** MP
Federal Member for Wannon



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LOCAL APPLICATIONS CALLED FOR NEW YOUTH GRANTS

Federal Member for Wannon David Hawker is urging local community organisations that work with young people to apply for funding under the new *Youth Development and Support Program*.

"I know that there are many fine local organisations that work to help local young people reach their full potential – and I urge them to take advantage of this funding. It's an opportunity to gain support for local projects that make a difference in the lives of our local youth," Mr Hawker said.

"These grants support projects that help young people aged 12 to 25 develop skills that will assist them in meeting the challenges of growing to adulthood."

Mr Hawker said the *Youth Development and Support Program* would encourage young people to be more involved in their community and allow them to have a greater say in decision-making.

The Program aims to:

- Inspire Young People in Australia to recognise and achieve their full potential;
- Support the development of Young People and their transitions to independence and adulthood;
- Encourage Young People to be active citizens and participate in initiatives such as the Australian Youth Forum; and
- Develop the promotion of positive perceptions of Young People and assist with their active participation in the community as respected young citizens.

"As the local Member, I'd be happy to personally support grant applications that will provide assistance for young people. Grants of up to \$75,000 are available and applications close on Wednesday 4th November," Mr Hawker said.

To find out about eligible activities, how applications are assessed and the details of the program go to:
<http://www.youth.gov.au/ydsp.html>

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