



MEDIA RELEASE

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MINISTER FOR AGEING
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\$3.61 million for *Leisure Link* program

The NSW Government has dedicated more than \$3.61 million to provide a leisure program for people with a disability, Minister for Disability Services Paul Lynch announced today.

Mr Lynch said the program provided weekend and evening programs so people with a disability could spend time with others in cultural, social and recreation activities.

He said the biggest beneficiaries of the *Leisure Link* program were people with a disability and their carers, particularly those socially isolated and with limited access to the community.

“The program also has a focus on young people with challenging behaviours,” Mr Lynch said.

“A component of *Leisure Link* will support young people’s positive behaviours to improve communication skills and expand friendships through community-based programs,” he said.

“*Leisure Link* will supplement school-based support and offer a respite effect for families,” Mr Lynch said.

“Activities that form part of the *Leisure Link* program include art, drama, fitness programs, dance, team sports and holiday camps,” he said.

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Region	Local Planning Area	Service Provider	Funding - Standard Leisure Link	Funding - Challenging Behaviours	Total recurrent funding
Metro North	Nepean	Blue Mtns Disability Services	\$28,000	\$14,014	\$42,014
	Nepean	Nepean Area Disability Organisation	\$56,000		\$56,000
	Cumberland Prospect (CP)	House With No Steps	\$56,000		\$56,000
	Cumberland Prospect	Interaction Disability Services	\$70,000	\$35,035	\$105,035
	Cumberland Prospect	The Northcott Society	\$56,000		\$56,000
	Nepean and CP	Sunnyfield		\$84,084	\$84,084
	Nepean and CP	North West Disability Services	\$70,000	\$35,035	\$105,035
	Northern Sydney	Northside Enterprise	\$84,000		\$84,000
	Northern Sydney	Recreation Rendezvous	\$84,000		\$84,000
	Northern Sydney	Centacare	\$56,000	\$112,112	\$168,112
Total			\$560,000	\$280,280	\$840,280
Metro South	South West Sydney	Disability South West Incorporated		\$70,525	\$70,525
	South West Sydney	The Spastic Centre	\$104,494		\$104,494
	South West Sydney	Woodville Community Services	\$125,393		\$125,393
	South West Sydney	Interchange Wingicaribee	139,326	\$70,525	\$209,851
	South West Sydney	Macarthur Disability Services	\$250,787	\$169,260	\$420,047
Total			\$620,000	\$310,310	\$930,310
Southern	Southern Highlands	Workability Personnel	\$41,739		\$41,739
	Southern Highlands	Valmar Support Services	\$41,739		\$41,739
	Illawarra	The Disability Trust	\$76,522	\$80,080	\$156,602
Total			\$160,000	\$80,080	\$240,080
Hunter		Headstart Community Access Programs	\$140,000		\$140,000
	Hunter	Mai Wei	\$70,000		\$70,000
	Hunter	Castle Personnel Services		\$70,000	\$70,000
	Central Coast	Central Coast Disability Network	\$49,000		\$49,000
	Hunter and Central Coast	Lifestyle Solutions		\$175,630	\$175,630
	Hunter and Central Coast	Samaritans	\$98,000		\$98,000
Total			\$357,000	\$245,630	\$602,630
Northern	Far North Coast	Ballina District Community Services	\$21,000	\$14,000	\$35,000
	Far North Coast	Caringa Enterprises	\$21,000	\$14,000	\$35,000
	Far North Coast	RED inc	\$21,000	\$14,000	\$35,000
	Far North Coast	Tweed Valley Respite Services	\$28,000	\$14,000	\$42,000
	Mid North Coast	Respite and Recreation	\$35,000	\$14,000	\$49,000
	Mid North Coast	Hastings Respite Care	\$35,000	\$14,000	\$49,000
	Mid North Coast	Manning Valley Respite Care	\$35,000	\$14,000	\$49,000
	New England	Challenge Disability Services	\$21,000	\$14,000	\$35,000
	New England	Inverell Council	\$28,000	\$7,000	\$35,000
	New England	The Ascent Group	\$28,000	\$7,000	\$35,000
	Total			\$273,000	\$126,000
Western		Wheel Chair and Disabled Assn (HWNS)	\$6,923	\$27,720	\$34,643
		Orange Community Resource Organisation	\$27,692		\$27,692
	Central West	Uniting Care Lithgow	\$13,846		\$13,846
	Central West	BILS Bathurst	\$13,846		\$13,846
	Orana Far West	Northcott Dubbo	\$27,692	\$27,720	\$55,412
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	Riverina Murray	Kalparrin Albury	\$41,538		\$41,538
	Riverina Murray	Ningana Griffith	\$6,923		\$6,923
Total			\$179,998	\$90,090	\$270,088
			Total Recurrent		\$3,282,388
			Non Recurrent		\$328,239
			Grand Total		\$3,610,627