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Virginia Judge MP



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LEBANESE WELFARE ASSOCIATION WINS \$10,000 GRANT

Minister for Citizenship, Virginia Judge today announced that the Australian Lebanese Welfare Group will receive a \$10,000 Rees Government grant towards its advocacy and support services.

“Organisations like the Australian Lebanese Welfare Group play an essential role in helping new migrants settle into their new communities,” Ms Judge said.

“The Australian Lebanese Welfare Group does great work out in Western Sydney and provides a range of services to the Arabic-speaking community.

“They offer support services such as English classes, help with finding employment, and information and advice on accessing Government services.

“In addition to this, they also provide a range of social activities, community development programs, educational seminars and health information.”

Local MP, David Borger said the Merrylands based group had been providing services to the Arabic-speaking community for almost 30 years.

“Since its establishment in 1980, the group has assisted countless migrants with their transition into their new homes here in New South Wales,” Mr Borger said.

“As an organisation they not only provide invaluable assistance to the local community but have also created training opportunities for dedicated volunteers.”

Ms Judge said the one-off grant would support the organisation to continue providing these services.

“A helping hand from community organisations such as this can often make the difference between feeling welcome in a new environment and the feeling of social isolation.

“I am pleased that the Rees Government is able to support the vital work that they do.”

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