



SENATOR HOLLIE HUGHES

Liberal Patron Senator for the Hunter

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VETERAN HEALTH AND WELLBEING SUPPORTED IN SHORTLAND

Programs and activities supporting the health and wellbeing of our veteran community in Shortland will receive a share of more than \$2.4 million worth of funding under the Veteran and Community Grants Program, announced today.

Senator Hollie Hughes said these programs provided through local organisations are an important factor to ensuring veterans and their families continue to get the support that they need.

“Two organisations in the **Shortland** electorate, in the Hunter Region, have been allocated funding for veterans and their families to undertake health and wellbeing activities.

They are **Makai Lakes Outrigger Canoe Club Incorporated** whom have been allocated funding of \$19688.07 to purchase a six seat outrigger canoe plus PFDs and uniforms to conduct weekly paddling events, and **Swiss Technologies Ltd** whom have been allocated funding of \$100,185.21 to modify the Swiss 8 Better At Life training package to include fishing and mountain biking to encourage outdoor activity and healthy living.

“This is fantastic for veterans and their families in Shortland and I’d encourage them to engage with some of these wonderful projects.

“Congratulations to the successful applicants for this round, and thank you for the ongoing support that you offer to the veteran community.

“This funding supports local veterans and their families, and has a growing effect within our communities by supporting local employment and businesses.”

The funding will also go towards the development of new programs and services to help reduce social isolation by supporting local social events, upgrade existing facilities, create a community garden and provide transportation for veterans to participate in community events.

To find out more information visit the [Veteran and Community Grants program](#) page on the Department of Veterans’ Affairs website or visit the [Community Grants Hub](#).

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