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MEDIA RELEASE

Disability self-help groups given funding boost

Bayswater District disability self-help organisations The Dizzy Group and Wantirna Carers Support Group can continue providing vital support to people with a disability thanks to a Victorian Government funding boost.

The funding is part of a package of more than \$466,000 to support 106 disability self-help groups across the state to purchase equipment, carry out maintenance, to operate activities and for general expenses.

Bayswater District MP Heidi Victoria said the successful recipients provide support within the community to enable people with a disability to live independently and make informed decisions about their own lives.

“This is a great result for these two groups which means people with a disability, their families and carers in our community will be able to continue to support each other,” Ms Victoria said.

“What an important boost for the team at The Dizzy Group who have been granted more than \$5000 to assist with general operating expenses, and to the Wantirna Carers Support Group who have received \$600.”

Ms Victoria said Disability Self-Help Grants compliment the *Victorian State Disability Plan 2013-16* and reflects the governments focus on creating a society where people with a disability are supported to participate in community life in the same way as other members of the community way as other members of the community.

Since 2011 the Coalition Government has provided more than \$884,000 to assist disability self-help groups to operate, with more than half the grants going to groups in regional Victoria.

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