



**PRIME MINISTER**

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FAIRFIELD RED GRANTS

The Prime Minister and Member for Werriwa, Mr Gough Whitlam, said today that Fairfield Council should feel particularly satisfied at their latest grants under the R.E.D. Scheme. The Council received a total of \$1,120,256.

Mr Whitlam said that the Australian Ministerial Committee on Regional Employment Development Schemes had met a week ago to consider grant applications.

The largest single project grant was \$279,828 which would cover 26 weeks employment for 56 people involved in clearing areas of Fairfield Park.

Another grant of \$197,919 would enable 33 people to work for 26 weeks on the construction of dog show rings, fences and physical fitness track in the Fairfield area.

Mr Whitlam said the Australian Government would provide \$142,758 of the \$156,504 needed to employ 27 people for 26 weeks in clearing fire hazards, and planting and maintaining trees in playgrounds and reserves throughout the municipality.

Work on the removal of debris in Carrawood Park and Lansdowne Bridge Reserve will include the building of car parks and picnic areas at Prospect Creek. This project will employ 21 people for 26 weeks and has attracted a grant of \$124,052.

Other grants will include \$130,000 to employ 23 people for 8-26 weeks on work on the Prout Parks at Mount Pritchard; \$136,072 providing employment for 23 people for 26 weeks at the Fairfield Golf Course and Rosley Park and \$109,627 to employ 18 people for 26 weeks on projects along the Fairfield Railway line.

Mr Whitlam said a total of 201 people would gain jobs under the grants, and they would be selected from those registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service at Fairfield.