

The Hon Barry O'Farrell MP Premier of NSW Minister for Western Sydney

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\$20,000 NSW GOVERNMENT GRANT TO GRANVILLE COMMUNITY GROUP

NSW Premier and Minister for Western Sydney Barry O'Farrell and Granville MP Tony Issa today inspected the Wadi Kannoubine Charitable Association's community hall at Granville – which is being upgraded after a \$20,000 grant from the NSW Government.

"The Wadi Kannoubine Charitable Association's hall is used for a range of social activities like music, dance and culture evenings, English lessons and youth programs," said Mr O'Farrell.

"The association is using the \$20,000 grant to help pay for the refurbishment of the hall, install a wheelchair lift and put handrails and disabled facilities in the toilets.

"The \$20,000 grant was made as part of the NSW Government's Community Building Partnerships program.

"Under the program community organisations and local councils are invited to apply for funding to build and improve facilities in their local area.

"Not only does the program allow for community infrastructure like this hall at Granville to be refurbished - it also provides jobs for local tradespeople.

"I congratulate the members of the Wadi Kannoubine Charitable Association, who also raised money from the public to help pay for the upgrades at the hall."

Mr Issa said the upgrades at the community hall at Granville will make a real difference to the local community.

"The NSW Government is committed to providing extra services and looking after the local community," Mr Issa said.

"This upgrade will provide better access for local people with a disability – encouraging even more people to use the facility."

The Wadi Kannoubine Charitable Association was formed in 1960 by members of a community in northern Lebanon who had come to Australia.