

## Girl Guides benefit from grant

### CAMBRIDGE GARDENS

LINDSAY federal Labor MP David Bradbury rolled up his sleeves on Friday to help Cambridge Gardens District Girl Guides plant a tree in celebration of a grant the organisation received to improve its hall.

The guides received \$3369 as part of the federal government's \$16 million Volunteer Grants Initiative.

They have been in the Trinity Drive guide hall for the past two years but have struggled to organise activities with facilities that were broken or didn't function properly.

Thirty girls attend every Monday afternoon.

Guides leader Jackie Lester said the funds couldn't have come at a better time.

"It will make a huge difference to us," she said.

"Things we need desperately done to the hall will be fixed. We'll be able to do cooking, we'll be able to have sleepovers in the hall. It

also means that if we ever want to hire the hall out to other community groups it could be a way to fundraise."

Jordanna Ledger, 9, a third-generation girl guide, is looking forward to sleeping over at the hall. Her mother Lisa, of Glenmore Park – a nurse at Liverpool Private Hospital – was a junior guide and her grandmother Shirley Clarke, of Jamisontown, was a leader.

Penrith Panthers BMX Club also received a grant, of \$3230, which will go towards computing equipment.

Mr Bradbury said the grants were recognition for the not-for-profit organisations that made an often unnoticed but great impact on the local society.

"There are literally tens of thousands of volunteers in our community," he said. "They are truly the unsung heroes of our area."

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**Jordon Godfrey, Jordanna Ledger and Tara Murphy plant a tree after, left, David Bradbury helped dig the hole.**

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