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It's been a busy week in the electorate again this week.

*Highlights have been:*

- Attending the Deniliquin NSW Farmers Branch meeting – lots of robust discussion, especially about water.
- Visiting Coleambally Preschool to help celebrate the wonderful staff on Early Childhood Educator's Day. Our early childhood educators do an amazing job each and every day and it was great to recognise this with Vicki and the team at Coleambally. The preschool was also having a farming dress up theme this week as part of the Fiver for a Farmer, with proceeds going to Rural Aid and Drought Angels.
- Attending a civic reception for swimming and fund raising extraordinaire, Brenda Norman (see photo below).
- Attending the follow up meeting of the Speak Up Public rally.
- Meeting with all parties involved with the construction of the replacement Murray River Bridge between Murray Downs and Swan Hill – Murray River Council, Swan Hill Rural City Council, Roads and Maritime Services and Vic Roads.
- Meeting with Monica Morgan, CEO of Cummeragunja Local Land Council.

I was very pleased to announce over \$2.5 million in funding for Murray River Council this week as part of the Stronger Country Communities program. Congratulations to Chris Bilkey and the team at Murray River Council.

This weekend I'm looking forward to attending the Hay Show and the Griffith Golf Club Regional Qualifier for the NSW open, both on Sunday.

Enjoy the weekend!

Kind regards

Austin Evans  
Member for Murray



I was honoured to be invited by Edward River Mayor Norm Brennan to the civic reception for teacher Brenda Norman in Deniliquin. Brenda combined her passion for swimming and her heart for local youth to start Channel 4 Change. She swam the English Channel to promote awareness and raise funds for mental health support for young people. Brenda is inspiring, committed and hard working - a great role model for our students and community



*Over \$2.5 million for Murray River Council*

Residents in the Murray River Council LGA can look forward to a \$2.5 million investment in community and sporting facilities, following a NSW Government Stronger Country Communities grant. *Photo courtesy Murray River Council.*

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*Grants Funding Open to Murray Electorate Organisations*

The NSW Government's Infrastructure Grants Program is open for applications for new upgraded community facilities across sport and recreation, arts and culture, and emergency preparedness. Applications close on 24 September.

*Photo of George Gordon Oval at Dareton that was upgraded with funding from the Infrastructure Grants Program.*

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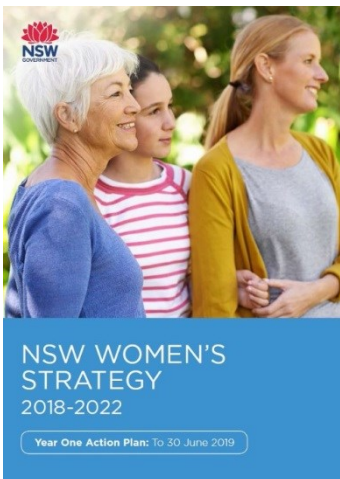
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*Netball courts at Hillston score an upgrade!*

Netball players will soon benefit from two new courts at Hillston Swans Football and Netball Club thanks to a \$235,000 NSW Government grant.

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### *NSW Women's Strategy 2018-22*

The NSW Women's Strategy 2018-2022 is the first coordinated whole-of Government response to improving outcomes for women.

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### *Early Childhood teaching scholarships for Aboriginal people*

Applications are now open for scholarships for Aboriginal people in Murray to study a bachelor degree in early childhood teaching. Apply now!

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### *Break the Silence on White Balloon Day*

Today is White Balloon Day! The day aims to educate children, parents and adults of the need to protect kids from child sexual assault that affects more than 60,000 children across Australia every year.

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*Drought relief: 'Farm gate' counsellors to boost mental health support*

Farming communities facing pressure with the drought will have access to more mental health support with new 'farm gate' counsellors for Deniliquin and Griffith, as well as more support for the Far West.

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**New refuge model provides core support for women and children in Griffith**

Linking Communities Network Ltd in Griffith will receive NSW Government funding towards additional units and support for women and children who've experienced domestic violence.

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**Murray to benefit from road safety funding**

Murray will benefit from the Saving Lives on Country Roads program with upgrades on the Kidman Way (near Griffith), Mid Western Hway (near Rankins Springs) and Sturt Hway (Gol Gol).

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# Grants, scholarships and awards

[Conservation Partner Grants](#) to support private landholders in NSW. Offered through the Biodiversity Conservation Trust. Ongoing subject to availability.

[Grandparents Day Photography Competition](#). Closing 14 September.

[Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program](#) providing access to a defibrillator for sporting clubs. Closing 14 September.

[Regional Growth Fund - Environment and Tourism Fund](#) - available for regional tourism projects. Closing 21 September.

[Infrastructure Grants Program](#) is open for sport and recreation, arts and culture, and emergency preparedness. Closing 24 September 2018.

[Multicultural NSW Grants program](#) - to support local festivals and events. Closing 5 pm, 28 September 2018.

[Heritage Green Energy Grants](#) for owners or managers of heritage buildings to make them more energy efficient. Closing 30 September 2018.

[Protecting our Places](#) grants to empower Aboriginal community groups and organisations to protect, conserve and restore cultural landscapes and waterways. Closing 8 October 2018.

[Waste Less Recycle More grants](#) - for Local Aboriginal Land Councils to improve waste management of discrete Aboriginal communities. Closing 5 pm, 2 November 2018.

[Early Childhood education scholarships for Aboriginal people](#). Closing 7 December 2018.

[More details](#) on other funding opportunities.



If you would like an appointment to discuss any ideas, projects or issues you may have, please contact my Deniliquin or Griffith electorate offices. Together we can help our local communities to thrive!