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Hello Carolyn

Highlights of my week have been:

- Meeting with Griffith City Council and contractors today to look over the newly completed sewerage system for the villages of Lake Wyangan, Nericon and Tharbogang (see story below).
- Whilst at Parliament, meeting with representatives from organisations within the NSW timber supply chain to discuss matters around the industry.
- Addressing the Parliament on:
 - The Hillston CWA, who have just celebrated their 95th anniversary. Congratulations ladies and thank you for your contribution to the Hillston community.
 - The story of Josh “Chooka” Hanlon. As an avid AFL fan I was moved by Josh's story. A recent life threatening illness nearly took his life and necessitated the amputation of his right hand

and both legs below his knee. In an incredible show of his resilience, Josh, who had just received his artificial legs, walked out and tossed the coin at the Farrer league grand final last weekend. I wish Josh and his family all the very best in his recovery.

- Attending the biennial dinner of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association NSW Branch.
- Meeting the amazing constituents we have in our electorate, including running into Anthony Catanzariti at the airport this morning – Anthony is an English teacher at Griffith High School.

I look forward to attending the 129th annual Hillston Show tomorrow.

Parliament is sitting again next week.

Enjoy the weekend!

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Austin". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Austin Evans
Member for Murray



Long serving MIA District RFS volunteers honoured

The dedication of all the volunteers from across the MIA District Rural Fire Service is inspiring.

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Staying Home Leaving violence expanded to include Griffith area

A NSW Government Domestic Violence program which supports women leaving violent relationships to stay in their home while the perpetrator is

removed has been expanded to five new sites across NSW including the Griffith area.

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New sewerage scheme for Lake Wyangan, Nericon and Tharbogang

The villages of Lake Wyangan, Nericon and Tharbogang now have access to a reticulated sewerage system for the first time.

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Work starts to build new Gee Gee Bridge

Great news that work's underway to replace the Gee Gee Bridge over the Wakool River. The \$23 million project is part of the NSW Government's Bridges for the Bush program.



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**YOUR HIGH SCHOOL IS INVITED TO ENTER
THE 2019 PREMIER'S ANZAC MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP BALLOT**

Visit veterans.nsw.gov.au/education/



NSW students to tour historic battlefields

Secondary schools across NSW are invited to submit an expression of interest to participate in the 2019 Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship will fund a study tour for 20 students to travel to Germany,

France and Belgium during September and October 2019.

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Quad bike safety a timely lesson for high school students

Safety on quad bikes continues to be a high priority. High school students will be able to attend a two day TAFE course on quad bike safety, with a number of schools in the Murray electorate participating.



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\$6m for more preschool places

Capital Works Grants applications open now at education.nsw.gov.au/early-childhood-education

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More places for preschoolers in Murray

There will be more opportunities on offer for preschool aged children in Murray, thanks to a \$6 million infrastructure investment which will provide support for almost 400 new preschool places across the State. Preschools can now apply for a Capital Works Grant.

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Drought resilience workshops for Far West NSW

The NSW Government will hold a series of free business resilience workshops

across Far West NSW to offer advice and support to drought-affected business owners and farmers on business health, mental health and financial planning. The workshops will address challenges faced by businesses in the Far West including agricultural businesses affected by drought, with support of the Department of Primary Industries Rural Resilience Program, RUOK and the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Workshops will be held in Wentworth on 24 September and Pooncarie on 13 October as well as other locations in the region.

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More savings for Murray seniors

Businesses providing essential services, products, and entertainment in Murray are the target of a renewed NSW Government push to entice more businesses to join the Seniors Card program.

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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.

[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.

[Safe Shooting](#) grants to allow clubs and ranges to continue to upgrade facilities safely and provide opportunities for the community to participate. Closing 8 October 2018.

[Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship](#) which will give 20 high school students the chance to visit historic sites and battlegrounds in Germany, France and Belgium. Schools can submit an EOI until 10.00 am, 15 October.

[Community War Memorials Fund and the Anzac Community Grants program.](#) Applications close Remembrance Day, 11 November.

[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!



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