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It was a huge weekend in Deni for the Ute Muster, with a fantastic line up of performers and other great activities.

Congratulations to the organising committee, the many volunteers and the entire Deniliquin community for your support and commitment to this iconic event. I would particularly like to congratulate Terry Murphy who was recognised at the muster for his dedication to the event.

Exciting things have been happening across the electorate this week, including:

- The announcement by Deputy Premier John Barilaro and myself of NSW Government funding to restore Deniliquin Town Hall to the tune of \$1.3 million (see story below). There'll be more details on other successful grants for other local councils in the electorate in next issue.
- Finalising the appointment of the new Electorate Officer for my Wentworth satellite office, based at Wentworth Shire Council offices. More details next issue.

- Attending a meeting of Griffith Parkinson's Support Group – this groups does tremendous work and I'm delighted to throw my support behind the campaign for more neurological nurses.
- Hosting the Deputy Premier John Barilaro while in Deniliquin, with functions including:
 - Stakeholders meetings for both water and red gums
 - Pollies in the club – it was a terrific turn out!
 - Deniliquin Business Chamber breakfast – what a great event!
 - Public meeting on water issues

On Sunday I'll be helping to assemble the citrus sculptures as part of Griffith's Spring Fest. The sculptures will be along Banna Avenue for two weeks. I encourage you all to visit this incredible and unique display – there's some great sculptures right outside my office!

Spring Fest is an exciting time in Griffith and you can check out all the events at

https://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/cp_themes/springfestival/home.asp

Enjoy your weekend!

Kind regards



Austin Evans
Member for Murray



Fighting to secure more jobs

Whilst in Parliament last week, Austin led a delegation from Griffith City Council that included Mayor John Dal Broi and General Manager Brett Stonestreet calling on the NSW Government to select Griffith as the home to a new TAFE facility that will bring 60 new jobs to the region.

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Funding to refurbish Deniliquin Town Hall

It was a great pleasure to announce with the Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW John Barilaro that Deniliquin Town Hall will receive \$1.3 million in funding to breathe new life into the historic building through round two of the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund.

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Relief for preschools in Murray

Preschools in our electorate will receive relief during this tough drought period with a \$3 million financial support package from the NSW Government.

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Small Business Month - October

There is a great range of events to help small business owners improve their productivity, grow their business and engage with other businesses striving for the same goals.

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Murray Riverboats Music Festival to Receive NSW Government Funding

The NSW Government is supporting the Murray River's Premiere music and cultural festival with funding to assist activities at the event such as stage, sound and lighting infrastructure to help improve the visitor experience.



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Mathoura Receives \$30,000 to Protect and Celebrate Local Heritage

The NSW Government's Heritage Near Me Local Strategic Project funding will see the increased awareness and knowledge of the heritage of the red gum forests and timber industry in the Mathoura region.

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Finley Receives \$99,000 for Development of Heritage Listed Foundry

The Project funding from the NSW Government's Heritage Near Me Program will go towards repairs and cataloguing, assessments and an exhibition plan and conservation report.

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Telstra Business Women's Awards - now open

It's time to support successful women in business by nominating them in the 2019 Telstra Business Women's Awards. Nominations close 8 November.

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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.

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

[Clubgrants Category 3](#) - for community groups and organisations to build and upgrade infrastructure. Closing 22 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.

[Start Strong Capital Works funding for preschools](#). Closing 2 November 2018.

[EPA Food Donation Education Grants](#) for community organisations and local councils for projects that redirect surplus quality food from waste. Closing 8 November 2018.

[Telstra Business Women's Awards](#). Closing 8 November 2018.

[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.

[Aboriginal land clean-up and prevention grants program](#) to target illegal dumping on Aboriginal land. Closing 30 September 2019 or when funding allocation exhausted.

[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!

