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Highlights of the past week in the electorate have been:

- Attending Leeton Show on Saturday – what a terrific country show this is!
- Working on the citrus sculptures on Sunday – this is wonderful community event.
- Turning the first sod for the start of construction of the new automated flood gates at the East Mirrool Regulator at Yenda. The NSW Government, Griffith City Council and the Federal Government each contributed \$1.2 million for this important project (see photo below).
- Attending the John Monash Dinner in Jerilderie, with the oration provided by Minister for Veterans Affairs David Elliott. Congratulations to Zac Barlow on winning the Sir John Monash Education Bursary with a great essay.
- Joining the Minister in presenting funding to Rankins Springs Memorial Hall and Whitton Memorial Park sub committees (see story below).
- Presenting a Q&A session (by skype) at the Balranald Shire Council Business and Community Forum.
- Meeting with the CEO of Cummeragunja Local Aboriginal Land Council, Darren Atkinson.

Tomorrow I look forward to attending the 10th annual Multicultural Festival of Griffith, which is part of Griffith's Spring Fest. There's a number of great events on over the weekend including the Spring Fest and Leeton's Grill and Chill.

Sunday marks the momentous milestone of one year in office. It has been an incredibly busy and rewarding 12 months.

I feel very proud of what we've achieved in Murray during the past year and look forward to many more good news stories in the near future. No doubt there will be challenges along the way, but I am confident that we can solve these issues and continue to ensure that Murray goes from strength to strength.

I'd particularly like to thank my wife Demi and my family for all of their support.

Enjoy the weekend!

Kind regards

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

Austin Evans

Member for Murray



Turning the first sod for the construction of the new automated flood gates at the East Mirrool Regulator at Yenda, (L-R) Griffith City Council General Manager Brett Stonestreet, Austin, Griffith Mayor John Dal Broi and Murrumbidgee Irrigation CEO Brett Jones.



Funding windfall for our electorate

Murray electorate is reaping the benefits of Round 2 of the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities funding.

Each Council across the electorate has received a significant funding injection for infrastructure projects:

- **Balranald Shire Council** - over \$1.36 million in funding for upgrades to the pool, the streetscape and the Sports Multi-Purpose Centre. [Read more >>](#)
- **Berrigan Shire Council** - over \$1.4 million in funding for Barooga Playground, Tocumwal Recreation Reserve, Berrigan War Memorial Swimming Pool and Berrigan Sportsground. [Read more >>](#)
- **Carrathool Shire Council** - over \$1.5 million in funding for Hillston Caravan Park, Hillston Tennis Courts, Hillston and Goolgowi pools, Goolgowi Recreation Ground, Merriwagga Tennis Courts, Rankins Springs Sport and Recreation Oval and Shire entry and exit signs. [Read more >>](#)
- **Edward River Council** - over \$3.3 million in funding. Projects include the CBD, Memorial Park, Deniliquin Oval, lawn tennis club, Golf Club and also Deniliquin Town Hall, which was announced last week when John Barilaro was in town. [Read more >>](#)
- **Griffith City Council** - over \$1.7 million to upgrade to Jubilee Park amenities and the Community Stage and amenities and Griffith Community Gardens. [Read more >>](#)
- **Hay Shire Council** - over \$1.5 million in funding for projects at Hay Park, Lachlan Street Civic Space Project, Hay Showground, Lions Park, Apex Park, Booligal Community Project, Maude Community Project and Move it in Maude project. [Read more >>](#)
- **Leeton Shire Council** - over \$1.3 million for an infrastructure upgrade at Leeton Showgrounds and Stage 2 of the CBD enhancement. [Read more >>](#)
- **Murray River Council** - (announced in September) over \$2.5 million to upgrade various playgrounds, Moama off-leash area, Tooleybuc river walk, Moama Recreation Reserve, Barham Community Centre Hub, Moulamein South Recreation Reserve and Murray Downs exercise track. [Read more >>](#)

- **Murrumbidgee Council** - over \$1.3 million for Coleambally Sporting Precinct, Coleambally Stadium, Darlington Point Sports Ground and Darlington Point Golf Course, as well as Jerilderie Swimming Pool and Jerilderie Preschool and Long Day Care Centre in the Albury electorate. [Read more >>](#)
 - **Wentworth Shire Council** - over \$2 million for Wentworth Shire Showgrounds, Wentworth Sporting Complex, Wentworth Riverfront, George Gordon Oval Complex, Buronga Riverfront and Carramar Drive oval. [Read more >>](#)
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\$10 million NSW Government grant for Griffith Regional Sports Precinct

It was fantastic to be able to deliver the good news to Griffith City Council - a \$10 million NSW Government grant that will see Griffith's sport precinct transformed into a first-class regional training and sports facility.

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Incubator Event funding

Calling all events organisers! If you're organising an event between January and June 2019 - apply now for the 2019 Incubator Event Fund.

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Murray Commemorates Centenary of ANZAC

Minister for Veterans Affairs David Elliott joined Austin to announce the NSW Government's Community War Memorials Fund grants of \$8,749 for Rankins Springs War Memorial Hall and \$1,843 for the Leeton RSL Sub-Branch to replace the signage at Whitton Memorial Park.



Minister for Veterans Affairs David Elliott thoroughly enjoyed his trips to Rankins Springs and Whitton this week. Pictured, (L-R) Image 1 - Rankins Springs Memorial Hall committee Wendy Anderson, Daryl Jardine, Ellen Walker, Austin, David Elliott MP and Jenny Caughey.



Image 2 - Tony Reneker, Austin, David Elliott MP, John Power, Karlene Reilly and Tracey Catlin.

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A person wearing a hat is sitting on a rock, looking out over a landscape at sunset. The sky is orange and yellow, and the landscape is dark and silhouetted.

DROUGHT RELIEF FUNDING

Round 2 available now

DROUGHT PACKAGE

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THE NATIONALS
for Regional NSW

Great access to drought support

It is now easier for farmers and their families to access the Drought Transport Subsidies and the Drought Assistance Fund following relaxation of the gross off-farm asset test by the NSW Government.

[Read more >>](#)



Restoration and Rehabilitation Grants program now open

Applications for grants under the NSW Environment Trust's Restoration and Rehabilitation Program are open for community and government organisations to create more sustainable management of environmental assets and services. Applications close 3 December

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This week is Rural Road Safety Week

During this week's Rural Road Safety Week, let's all play our part in taking care on local roads and bringing down the shocking statistic where deaths on country roads made up nearly 70% of last year's state road toll.





Environmental Trust grants

New funding of \$10 million in Environmental Trust grants will be available for groups to apply new approaches to integrated river management across the state. The program has been designed to empower communities to trial new approaches to integrated river management at a large scale that can lead to improved river health and for the benefit of everyone who uses that waterway.

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Grants, scholarships and awards

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

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

[Incubator Event Funding](#) for events to be held from January to June 2019. Closing 4 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.

[Restoration and Rehabilitation Grants](#) for environmental sustainability. Applications close 3 December 2018.

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

[Environmental Trust grants](#) will be available for groups to apply new approaches to integrated river management. Applications open from Monday 29 October to Monday 11 February 2019.

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

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

[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!