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My family and I visited most of the open gardens in Griffith over the weekend. The gardens are truly spectacular and a credit to the owners. We also attended the Multicultural Festival which was a great day out.

The HSC kicked off for year 12 students this week. I hope exams are going well for you all.

Parliament has been sitting this week. Highlights have been:

- Meeting with representatives from Service NSW for an update on the one-stop Service Centres. Over 1200 NSW Government transactions can be undertaken through Service NSW. If they can't help you they'll direct you to who can.
- Meeting with the Murray Irrigation Chair Phil Snowden and CEO Michael Renehan to discuss options going forward, and then meeting with Water Minister Niall Blair to continue these discussions.
- Attending the Parliamentary Interfaith Breakfast, where Janice Peterson SBS spoke on religion and the media.
- Various other meetings with Ministers and Parliamentary staff to follow up on issues in the electorate.
- Receiving an update on RMS projects in the electorate from RMS staff.
- Addressing the Parliament on the agricultural shows in our electorate, their importance to the community and the funding recently received for the showgrounds at Leeton, Hillston and Wentworth.
- This afternoon I am attending the 2018 NSW Wine Awards presentation event on behalf of Minister Niall Blair.
- This evening Demi and I are looking forward to attending the Police Officer of the Year Awards for the Murrumbidgee Police District.

Enjoy the weekend!

Kind regards

Austin.

Austin Evans
Member for Murray

19 OCTOBER 2018



Dancers at the Griffith Multicultural Festival, part of Griffith Spring Fest.



This week is National Carers Week - 14-20 October

This week is a chance to say thanks to all of our carers in the region for their remarkable contributions to the local community. Day in day out, informal carers provide vital care for their loved ones and are an invaluable part of our society.

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Funding now available for events in NSW's inaugural Women's Week

Local government and not-for-profit community organisations can now apply for a share of \$100,000 to hold events in the inaugural NSW Women's Week, which coincides with International Women's Day. Women's health, and social and economic empowerment are set to be key features of the events in March next year.

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Get ready now for summer's bushfire season

A confronting new campaign has kicked off this week urging Murray residents to make sure they are prepared for the bush fire season.

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Funding for Punjabi community language classes

The Gurdwara Singh Sabha Society Griffith will receive more than \$3,000 to support their Punjabi community language classes. The funding will be provided through the NSW Government's Community Language Schools Program.

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Cost of Living Appointment Service goes live in Deniliquin and Griffith

The Cost of Living Service is now available at the Deniliquin and Griffith Service NSW Centres - set up to help families and individuals access savings on on their bills. Appointments can be made online, by calling 137788 or in person at either centre.

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Grants, scholarships and awards

[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.

[NSW Women's Week](#) events. Applications close 12 November 2018, 5 pm.

[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.

[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!

