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Over the weekend it was a great pleasure to attend the naming of the SES building at Leeton in memory of Peter 'Bud' Morris. Peter served as the Leeton Unit Controller for more than 20 years prior to his tragic passing last year. (Story below)

I also attended several events as part of Taste Coly Festival. The festival was a tremendous success, and a great reflection not only of the fabulous products we make in our area, but also the amazing commitment and passion in the Coly area and right throughout this incredible electorate.

As our region swelters through a hot couple of days, it brings home the severity of the drought. There's no doubt it will be a tough summer, but there's support available from both the NSW and Federal Governments. Please visit the [drought hub website](#) for further details. Please also contact my office if you have any feedback on your experiences with assistance and support.

Highlights of my week back in the electorate have been:

- Presenting certificates for our new inductees on the Hidden Treasures Honour Roll. Congratulations to Heather Whittaker and Sue Killham from Leeton, whom I had the pleasure of seeing on Tuesday. Congratulations also to Judith Robinson of Dareton, whom I look forward to catching up with soon to present a certificate.
- Meeting with constituents in Griffith, Leeton and Barham.
- Attending a Small Business Dinner at Barham hosted by Murray River

Council as part of Small Business Month. The keynote address by Sam Kekovich was very entertaining. I sat on the Q&A Panel with Mayor Cr Chris Bilkey, Lauren Mathers from Bundarra Berkshires and Peter Kaylock from Moulamein Foods.

- Accompanying Federal Minister for Agriculture David Littleproud to look at some of the Murray Irrigation infrastructure.
- Also accompanying Minister Littleproud to a meeting with young farmers from around Deniliquin, meeting with the Regional Strategy Group, followed by a dinner at the Deniliquin Golf Club.
- Launching the NSW Food & Wine Tourism Strategy & Action Plan 2018–2022 with Minister for Tourism Adam Marshall at Piccolo Family Farm.
- Meeting with the Minister in his role as Minister responsible for TAFE and Griffith City Council to further promote the case for making Griffith the home of the TAFE NSW Shared Service Centre.

Tonight I will be in Maude to meet people about the bridge and any other issues they have.

On Saturday I will be in Balranald to meet with some of the timber cutters and other constituents.

On Sunday, I look forward to attending the Sacred Heart Fete at Griffith. If you're in the area you may like to get along as I'll be in the dunking container after noon!

Kind regards

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

Austin Evans  
Member for Murray



On Saturday afternoon as a part of Taste Coly, the Coly Colour Run was held. These sort of events only happen with the support of a huge number of volunteers, including the Coly Lions Club. Three of my boys helped out by throwing colour at one of the stations, including my nine year old who was on a station with this man. Lion John Wilkinson is one of our incredible volunteers who is still very active and contributing to the community he loves at an amazing 97 years old.





### **Barooga secures 2019 SEGRA Conference**

Barooga will benefit from an influx of 250 delegates from all over Australia when the region hosts the Sustainable Economic Growth for Regional Australia (SEGRA) Conference in August 2019. The three-day conference will provide the perfect opportunity to clearly demonstrate Barooga and the Murray region's business event capabilities to high-profile delegates.

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### **Peter 'Bud' Morris honoured at NSW SES Leeton Unit memorial naming ceremony**

The late Peter 'Bud' Morris has been honoured in a special memorial naming ceremony at the NSW State Emergency Service (SES) Leeton Unit. Mr Morris served as the Leeton Unit Controller for more than 20 years, and was still an active member prior to his tragic passing, late last year.

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## **New Murray Electorate Office at Buronga and new team member**

It's a great pleasure to announce well-known local Julie Jewell has been appointed as the new Electorate Officer for the Buronga Electorate Office. Mrs Jewell will be based at the Midway Centre, where Wentworth Shire Council provides a Service Centre. She will be available Monday-Wednesday each week to assist with any issues, initiatives and projects relating to the NSW Government.



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## **Making the case for more jobs in Griffith**

The Minister responsible for TAFE Adam Marshall has been in Griffith today and I've used the time with him to push the case why Griffith should be the home of a future TAFE NSW facility that would create 60 local jobs. Together with representatives from Griffith City Council, including Mayor John Dal Broi and Director of Economic and Organisational Development Shireen Donaldson, we accompanied the Minister on a tour of one of the potential sites for the new TAFE NSW Shared Service Centre.



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### **Nearly \$20M in funding for local councils to deliver infrastructure**

Local councils can now apply for a share of a further \$20 million in NSW Government funding to support local government infrastructure projects that speed up housing deliver across NSW.

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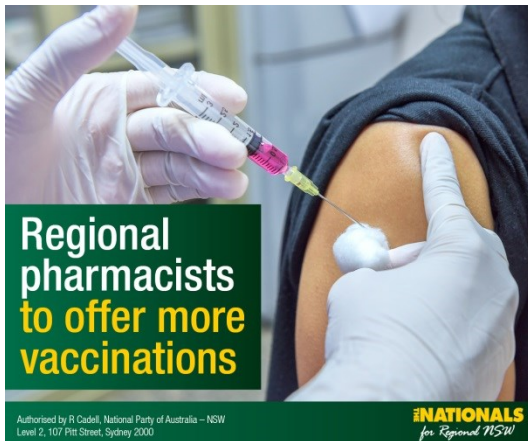
### **National Adoption Awareness Month**

As November is National Adoption Awareness Month, it is a perfect opportunity to promote the benefits of safety, stability and permanency for vulnerable children.

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## Pharmacists to administer more vaccines from next January

Good news! From next January pharmacists will be able to administer privately funded diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (whooping cough) (dTpa) and measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccines to people 16 years and over. This is in addition to the flu vaccine.

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## Grants, scholarships and awards

[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.

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