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It was a good weekend in Balranald and Griffith – the highlight to some was undoubtedly my dunking at the Griffith Sacred Heart Parish Fete – for all those who haven't seen it, have a look on my Facebook page!

The week has been a busy one with lots of meetings to pursue issues raised across the electorate. Highlights have been:

- Catching up with Local Land Services Riverina, Linking Communities Network and lots of other constituents.
- Attending the UNSW Murrumbidgee Medical Hub in Griffith for an update on their rural training program.
- Representing Minister for Primary Industries Niall Blair at the Californian Agricultural Leadership function at Parliament House.
- Attending the 80th Anniversary of Kristallnacht at the Great Synagogue in Sydney.
- Opening the new temporary Renal Unit at Griffith Base Hospital on behalf of Minister for Health Brad Hazzard.

This afternoon I am catching up with the West Corurgan Irrigators and then tonight I'm off to the Southern Riverina Hunting Club at the Rennie Football Club.

Tomorrow, I look forward to opening the Hay Services Club Fitness Centre on behalf of Minister for Racing Paul Toole. This is a momentous occasion for the Hay community and will be a wonderful asset for one and all.

Sunday is Remembrance Day and the Centenary of the First World War Armistice and I urge you to pay your respects to Australia's servicemen and

servicewomen and observe a minute's silence at 11am.

Enjoy the weekend!

Kind regards

Austin.

Austin Evans  
Member for Murray





## Remembrance Day

Let's all pay our respects to Australia's servicemen and servicewomen and observe a minute's silence at 11am this Sunday, 11 November, marking 100 years since the Armistice.

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### **Attracting tourists to our food and wine regions**

More food and wine lovers across the globe are set to put Sydney and regional NSW on their travel itinerary with the NSW Government launching its *NSW Food & Wine Tourism Strategy & Action Plan 2018-2022*. It was a pleasure to launch the strategy with Minister for Tourism and Major Events Adam Marshall while he was in Griffith.

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### **Temporary Renal Unit opens at Griffith Base Hospital**

It was a great pleasure today to open the new temporary Renal Dialysis Unit, as part of Stage 1 works on the \$35 million Griffith Base Hospital. The opening marks a significant milestone in the redevelopment.



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## Finding our Hidden Treasures

A very warm congratulations to our newest Hidden Treasures! Congratulations to Heather Whittaker and Sue Killham from Leeton and Judith Robinson from Dareton who have been formally recognised for their hard work and dedication to others. Pictured with [Leeton Shire](#) Council Mayor Paul Maytom, Heather and Sue. I look forward to catching up with Judy soon.



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## Local cricketers to benefit from World T20 Tournament funding

Local cricket clubs, schools and councils across Murray are set to benefit from improved facilities and programs, as part of the \$1.96 million NSW ICC World T20 Cricket Legacy Fund.

The organisations and clubs in Murray are:

- Barooga Sports Club to host the Masters Cricket Tournament

(\$21,300).

- Griffith City Council for practice nets and a practice wicket area at Jubilee Oval (\$64,000).
- Leeton District Cricket Association to upgrade the junior cricket nets (\$22,430).

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### **Tougher sentences for arsonists**

It's good news that the NSW Government is proposing tougher sentences for arsonists. We are putting firebugs on notice, if you do the wrong thing, you will face the consequences.

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### **St Joseph's Parish School Hillston set their sights on reducing food waste**

The children at St Joseph's Parish School in Hillston are in for an exciting hands-on project in the coming months after receiving a \$3,500 Eco Schools Grant to encourage environmental learning opportunities for the school community. The funding will allow the school to undertake a project utilising worm farms, compost bins and school chooks to make use of food scraps.

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### **Celebrating Diversity Projects grants**

Local community organisations can now apply for the Multicultural NSW Celebrating Diversity Projects Grants of up to \$40,000.

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## Teacher jobs protected at drought affected schools

The NSW Government is continuing to support rural families. Falling enrolments will not impact teacher numbers at our local public schools.

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## Drought workshops for beef producers

Beef producers around Mathoura and Tocumwal are the focus of two drought workshops being run by Murray Local Land Services, covering topics including decision making, livestock nutrition and animal health.

**Mathoura** - 14 November - 8.30 am - 1.00 pm  
Location: Mathoura Bowling Club, 1-9 Moama St.

**Tocumwal** - 15 November - 8.30 am - 1.00 pm  
Location: Kingswood Motel, 22-26 Kelly St, Tocumwal.

RSVP is essential by 5.00pm on 12 November to 0447 440 375 or [admin.murray@lls.nsw.gov.au](mailto:admin.murray@lls.nsw.gov.au).

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## Do you have a mobile blackspot in your area?

The NSW Government announced \$50 million in funding for Connecting Country Communities (on top of the \$39 million already contributed to the Commonwealth Program). Visit the link and enter details on known black spots in your area to allow for future mobile black spot tower planning.

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# Grants, scholarships and awards

[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.

[Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal](#) - Tackling Tough Times Together - designed to provide flexible funding to support community-based activities that both help to relieve current stressors and symptoms, and most importantly, build capacity and resilience for the future. Closing 27 November 2018.

The Premier's [Multicultural Community Medals and the Multicultural Honour Roll](#) highlight the outstanding contribution of migrants, and those who work in the multicultural field, to NSW. Applications close 30 November.

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

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

[Celebrating Diversity Projects grants](#) available for community organisations to run meaningful 12 month projects. Closing 14 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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If you would like an appointment to discuss any ideas, projects or issues you may have, please contact my Denilquin or Griffith electorate offices.

Together we can help our local communities to thrive!

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