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Hello

What a big week it's been!

By far my biggest highlight of the week was my address to the Parliament yesterday when I gave the second reading of my bill to reinstate access to areas in the Murray Valley for sustainable timber harvesting.

I have had many, many meetings with people in our electorate who are hurting from the legislation that banned access to areas such as Mathoura, Barham and Deniliquin. I've also had meetings with those concerned about the environment. It is hoped that sense will prevail and we can have a balanced outcome that will support the economic needs of our towns, as well as the environmental and social needs. See story below.

Other highlights are:

- Hosting Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight Melinda Pavey for an RMS Regional Major Projects Forum with stakeholders in the region (see

story below).

- Meeting with Cross Border Commissioner James McTavish for a cross-border update, including the status of discussions with the Victorian Government.
- Meeting with Minister for Health Brad Hazzard and Attorney General Mark Speakman to discuss solutions to issues with coronial autopsies in regional areas.
- Presenting a Private Member's Statement on the incredible array of events we have in Murray.
- Presenting a Community Recognition Statement to Parliament on the ladies who have been inducted on the Hidden Treasures Roll – Heather Whittaker, Sue Killham and Judy Robinson (story was in last week's e-newsletter).
- Flying back to the electorate to attend the Coleambally High School Year 12 Formal (and then back to Sydney the next morning for Parliament).

Today, I'm heading back to the electorate and looking forward to catching up with some organisations in Leeton who've received NSW Government grants (stories in next week's edition).

Next week it will be another hectic week in Parliament.

Enjoy the weekend!

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Austin". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font. There is a small dot at the end of the word, suggesting a period.

Austin Evans

Member for Murray



On Saturday I dropped in to see Mikayla and Darren Macartney in Hay to present them with their NSW Government certificates to acknowledge their success in clay target shooting. Congratulations to you both!



Heavyweights talk infrastructure for South West NSW

Industry leaders joined the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight Melinda Pavey and Austin to discuss infrastructure priorities across South West NSW in Griffith on Monday.

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Stepping up the fight for our timber industry

The fight to restore sustainable timber harvesting in selected areas of the Murray Valley National Park continues. This week Austin delivered the second reading of his bill, which aims to reinstate access to areas in the Murray Valley, including Mathoura, Barham and Deniliquin.

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40% off caravan rego from 1 November



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Caravan and camper trailer owners set for big savings on rego

It's good news for caravan and camper trailer owners as they can now receive a 40 per cent discount on registration costs. The changes came into effect from 1 November 2018 and means some caravan owners will now save up to \$471 off their rego.

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Hay Services Club Health and Fitness Centre opens

It was an absolute honour to join with local community representatives to officially open the new Hay Health and Fitness Centre on Saturday. The new centre at Hay Services Club had been built thanks to almost \$300,000 in NSW Government funding.

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Sweeping reforms for tenant rights in Murray

Renting families can now make their house feel more like a home, under the NSW Government's comprehensive reform to residential tenancy laws.

Under the changes, all rental properties must meet a set of liveable standards, including:

- Adequate natural or artificial lighting and ventilation;
- Adequate outlets for heating and appliances;
- A structurally sound building; and,
- Access to electricity or gas.

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Seniors Festival funding announced

Murray residents are set to be part of the biggest Seniors Festival in the Southern Hemisphere, with Griffith City Library and Edward River Council receiving a share of \$200,000 in NSW Government funding for events and activities across the State.



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Grants, scholarships and awards

[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. 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.

[Regional Business Event Development Fund](#) to provide assistance with staging events in regional areas.

[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!