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\$50,000 TO TACKLE DRUGS AND ALCOHOL IN ALBURY

The NSW Government has awarded Albury City Council \$50,000 to combat drug and alcohol-related offences, particularly among young people and the Indigenous community, Attorney General Mark Speakman and Member for Albury Greg Aplin announced today.

The funding is part of the government's \$500,000 Safer Community Compact grants to help councils across the state to deliver grassroots solutions to crime.

"The program recognises local people understand the crime problems facing their towns and play an important role in addressing them," Mr Speakman said.

"This project will be particularly beneficial to young people and the Indigenous community and will incorporate early intervention activities to address crimes related to drug and alcohol abuse such as malicious damage, assault and driving under the influence."

The project will develop toolkit resources including Fatal Vision Goggles, which demonstrate alcohol impairment to young people.

Mr Aplin said, "The Drug and Alcohol Harm Minimisation Community Project aims to change the behaviour and attitudes to drug and alcohol use among people within known risk groups in the community.

"Statistics show drug-related offences have increased steadily in Albury over the past four years and this funding will help reverse that trend," he said.

"It will also raise community awareness that selling or supplying alcohol to minors is a crime."

A project officer will be appointed to manage the program and help develop measures to improve social cohesion and reduce anti-social behaviour in Albury.

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