



Greg Aplin MP
Member for Albury

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FUNDING FOR A COMMUNITY SPACE

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin has welcomed the announcement that a community organisation in the electorate will receive a \$5,000 grant from the NSW Government to improve community spaces that benefit social housing tenants and the broader community.

The funding, which has been provided through Round Three of the Government's Social Housing Community Improvement Fund (SHCIF), provides one-off grants to councils, not-for-profit organisations and private sector organisations to undertake physical improvements in social housing communities or other areas visited by social housing tenants.

The funding will be used to establishing a communal community garden at the Wyse Street housing complex to enable residents to grow their own fruit and vegetables to assist them to eat more healthily. The project will also assist new and existing community members to share skills, to support each other and to increase community cohesiveness.

Mr Aplin said that the funding would also assist in promoting better integration between social housing and the broader community.

"Funding from the SHCIF not only improves community facilities but brings tenants, neighbours and the wider community together," Mr Aplin said.

"I am thrilled that this community project will be assisted through this significant government initiative."

Minister for Social Housing Pru Goward congratulated the successful applicants and thanked them for their commitment to providing improved spaces for vulnerable people to enjoy.

"We are proud to fund projects that will improve local community infrastructure in regions right across New South Wales."

For a full list of successful projects and more information on the fund visit <http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/SHCIF>

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