



**Greg Aplin MP**  
Member for Albury

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **LOCAL TEACHER AWARDED RURAL AND REMOTE EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP**

Families can rest easy knowing their children are being taught by highly qualified early childhood educators, following Member for Albury, Greg Aplin's announcement that Ms Jacqueline Warr from Albury Preschool has been awarded one of the NSW Government's Rural and Remote Early Childhood Teaching Scholarships.

The Rural and Remote Early Childhood Teaching Scholarship program assists diploma-qualified educators currently working in community preschools and long day care services in rural and remote areas of the state to upgrade their qualifications to bachelor degrees.

Through the program, students can receive up to \$10,000 in funding to help with the costs of study, making it easier for more educators in regional areas to boost their qualifications.

"I congratulate Ms Warr on her success in receiving this scholarship and I am proud that the NSW Government continues to back teachers across the electorate," Mr Aplin said.

Minister for Early Childhood Education, Sarah Mitchell, said she is proud the NSW Government is focusing on the importance of attraction and retention of early childhood educators in regional and rural areas.

"Early childhood educators are a crucial element in my commitment to ensuring all children in NSW have access to top-quality education in those formative years before school, no matter where they're from," Mrs Mitchell said.

"I congratulate the latest group of successful scholars and strongly encourage more people to consider applying for these grants when the next round of applications opens."

For more information on the scholarships and how to apply, visit the Department of education website at <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/what-we-offer/regulation-and-accreditation/early-childhood-education-care/scholarships>

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