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\$190,000 FOR ALBURY REGION'S LOCAL HERITAGE

Almost \$190,000 in grants will help bring important heritage buildings in the Albury region back to life, Member for Albury Greg Aplin announced today.

Under the Heritage Activation Grants, \$90,000 has been awarded to Murrumbidgee Council for the refurbishment of Willows Museum which will become a hub for activities and exhibitions engaging artists and artisans across the Murrumbidgee area.

“The Willows Arts and Cultural Centre will also provide a public space for showcasing local Indigenous culture as at present there is no dedicated gallery/arts/performance space in the Murrumbidgee area,” Mr Aplin said.

“The Heritage Near Me Activation Grants, which are specifically for items listed on council Local Environment Plans, acknowledge and support the crucial role played by the owners and managers of locally listed heritage items in communities across NSW.”

In Jindera the Pioneer Museum and Historical Society has also received almost \$100,000 for works to restore the Stable and Blacksmith Shop under the Government's Local Heritage Strategic Projects funding program.

“The plans to restore these important buildings will allow them to become an integral part of the Museum complex and allow a farrier and Blacksmith to operate out of them,” Mr Aplin said.

“The works will also ensure these buildings do not fall into a bad state of disrepair and are perfectly timed to coincide with Jindera's celebration of 150 years of settlement next September,”

“The Jindera 150th Celebration Committee also received a \$5,000 grant from the Minister for Tourism to assist with the celebration activities and to boost visitor participation,” Mr Aplin said.

The Heritage Near Me Incentives Program, provides funding opportunities and support directly to owners and managers of local heritage items and includes the Heritage Activation Grants as well as grants for Local Heritage Strategic Projects. The Local Heritage Strategic Projects program is open year-round and is triggered when Expressions of Interest are invited from owners and managers of local heritage items.

For more information, visit

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/heritage/support-for-local-heritage/heritage-near-me-incentives-program>

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