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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **LOCAL SCHOOLS OPEN FOR SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN**

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin is pleased to advise that three schools in Albury will be open as part of the *Come Play Summer Pilot Program*.

“Glenroy Public, Lavington Public and Murray High Schools have been identified for the trial, providing access to the public for use of their sporting facilities including ovals, basketball courts and hard stand areas,” Mr Aplin said.

“Many schools have available recreational space which is not currently used during summer holidays. This Program will trial school outdoor facilities being made available to the broader community from 23 December to 21 January (between the hours of 8am and 6pm).

“School cleaners will open the gates at 8am and close them at 6pm. They will also collect rubbish and empty bins. There will be regular security patrols to monitor safety and, security and where appropriate, temporary fencing will be put up to reduce the risk of vandalism.

Education Minister, Rob Stokes said, “Schools are an important part of every community and often occupy prime open space. Instead of locking the gate this summer, the trial program will share this public space to allow people to exercise and play at their local school over the summer holiday break,”

“We are trialing the program during the holidays with selected schools opening up their playgrounds, ovals and sports courts for the enjoyment of their communities.

“Participating schools will receive a \$15,000 grant to help upgrade their facilities for community and school use.”

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