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NSW STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES DELIVERS OVER \$700,000 FOR SNOWY VALLEYS LGA AND JERILDERIE

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin today announced over \$700,000 for two Snowy Valleys Council projects and one at Jerilderie as part of the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities fund.

"These three projects are just the start of Regional Growth funding to flow into the electorate to provide amenities and infrastructure for our communities," Mr Aplin said.

\$308,000 has been approved for the Council's project to upgrade the Tumbarumba Sportsground by improving drainage, installation of an automatic irrigation system and returfing of the Oval. This project will result in a high standard playing field for local and visiting teams including Tumbarumba Kangaroos AFL Club, Tumbarumba-Batlow Minor League, Little Athletics, Tumbarumba & District Cricket Association, and local schools for athletics and cross country carnivals.

\$149,500 for Tumbarumba Bike Pump Track will support the Council's \$199,500 project to build an asphalt pump track in the south-west corner of the Tumbarumba Creek scape park. The facility will be suitable for all abilities and anything on wheels including bikes, scooters and skateboards and will allow users to learn and practice the skills required for mountain biking and riding the skate park.

In Jerilderie, **\$252,005** has been allocated to improve amenities at Jerilderie Race Club and Show Grounds, supporting the Murrumbidgee Council's \$264,000 project to provide disabled access to toilets on the grounds. The Jerilderie Race Club and Show Grounds host the Jerilderie Gold Cup, B&S Ball and League of Silent Flight – an annual international accredited competition attracting visitors and competitors.

Mr Aplin said the NSW Government's continued investment in this electorate will provide residents with improved facilities the whole region can enjoy.

"This is fantastic news for the Tumbarumba and Jerilderie areas and there is more to come, with this being only the first round," Mr Aplin said.

"Our community has been calling out for upgrades to local facilities and I'm thrilled these can now be carried out.

"Stronger Country Communities funding is an investment in local infrastructure to improve the lives of residents and enhance the attractiveness of our region – this funding will help us do exactly that," Mr Aplin said.

The Stronger Country Communities fund is one of the six funds that make up the NSW Government's \$1.3 billion Regional Growth Fund, which is designed to improve economic growth and productivity through investment in regional communities.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW John Barilaro said the Stronger Country Communities Fund targets smaller-sized projects that nevertheless have the capacity to make a big difference to the lives of country people.

“The NSW Government is committed to supporting the people of regional NSW, by investing in the facilities, parks, halls and playgrounds they need, want and deserve,” Mr Barilaro said.

Applications for Round Two of funding will open in March 2018 and further details can be found at www.nsw.gov.au/strongercountrycommunities.

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