



**Greg Aplin MP**  
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### **\$10,000 arts scholarship for talented Albury dancer**

One of Albury's brightest artistic talents is to receive a significant boost to her career with a scholarship announced today by Minister for the Arts, Don Harwin and Albury MP Greg Aplin.

Molly Parnell, from East Albury, will receive \$10,000 to carry out a dance internship with M&T in Motion in both Melbourne and London, learning choreography and rehearsing for performances in Australia and the UK.

Mr Harwin said the program selected young artists who show exciting promise in extending the appeal of arts across the state.

"I am delighted to continue our support for emerging NSW artists with funding that clearly opens up a world of exciting new opportunities," he said.

"From new textile works in Penrith, to physical theatre study in Paris and mentorships for Dubbo dancers, our recipients' works span a varied range of art forms and practices and will attract wide-ranging audiences and new-found acclaim.

"I look forward to hearing more of Molly Parnell as she continues to progress."

Mr Aplin added, "Nurturing young artistic talent will ensure a vibrant cultural life for Albury well into the future.

"I'm thrilled to hear what Molly Parnell has in store for her scholarship program in the year ahead. Molly started in classical ballet and has now moved into contemporary dance.

"This *Young Regional Artist Scholarship* is a great initiative by the NSW Government and our region's talented young artists have been successful recipients in every year."

Each year, the initiative rewards 25 artists aged 18-25 across the state, with the scholarship covering a wide range of art forms. The current round will fund 13 artists sharing \$130,000 for self-directed career development.

Recipients will also get the chance to attend a two-day professional development training program run by Create NSW later this year.

Visit [www.create.nsw.gov.au](http://www.create.nsw.gov.au) for further information.

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