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NSW STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES DELIVERS \$798,000 FOR GREATER HUME LGA

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin today announced \$798,000 for four Greater Hume Shire projects as part of the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities fund.

"These four projects are the start of Regional Growth funding flowing into Greater Hume Council to provide amenities and infrastructure for the towns and villages of the Shire communities," Mr Aplin said.

\$252,225 has been approved to construct the **Walla Walla Early Childhood Hub** providing a purpose built children's services building that will enable the establishment of a viable 5 day week Long Day Care (LDC) service building. This will enhance the educational pathway for children, with expanded hours and service delivery to include dedicated Pre School sessions and After Hours School Care.

\$186,898 has been approved to upgrade the stairs and viewing platform at **Morgan's Lookout at Walla Walla**. This is one of Greater Hume's major historic tourist attractions with many visitors enjoying the extensive views of agricultural land contrasting with the Australian natural environment. There are stairs to the top of the granite outcrop with a viewing area which was originally built in 1971. This project is to replace the stairs and viewing platform which will be easier to negotiate and which will comply with current Australian standards.

\$179,439 has been approved to construct the **Culcairn Skate Park**, providing an affordable outdoor recreational facility for the Culcairn community. Construction will include a concrete skate facility, shade shelter, benches and tables, drinking fountains, foot-paving, landscaping, signage and car parking.

\$179,438 has also been approved to construct the **Jindera Skate Park**, providing an affordable outdoor recreational facility for the Jindera community. As with the Culcairn project, construction will include a concrete skate facility, shade shelter, benches and tables, drinking fountains, foot-paving, landscaping, signage and car parking.

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

"This is fantastic news for Greater Hume Shire and there is more to come, with this being only the first round," Mr Aplin said.

"Our community has been keen to see 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 the expanded Round Two of funding open on 12 March 2018 and further details can be found at www.nsw.gov.au/strongercountrycommunities

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