



Greg Aplin MP
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NSW STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES DELIVERS \$998,000 FOR ALBURY LGA

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin today announced \$998,000 for three Albury projects 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.

\$398,000 has been approved for Noreuil Park Foreshore Public Infrastructure to support the Council's \$958,000 project to construct additional car parks, an alternate cycle path, realign the popular Wagirra Trail, upgrade retaining walls, playground entry and lighting/power to the area.

\$300,000 for Lavington Playspace Improvements, within the National Foresters Grove on Wagga Road, to support the Council's \$351,887 project to deliver the largest playspace in Albury's northern suburbs by constructing integrated, imaginative and interactive landscape elements, improve play equipment, build an outdoor basketball facility, seating and improved linking pathways.

\$300,000 for Monument Hill Improvements to support the Council's \$800,000 project by upgrading roadways and retaining walls, modernising CCTV equipment, upgrading lighting and power for events, installing park fixtures and furniture, and enhancing landscaping around the War Memorial.

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 Albury 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.

AlburyCity Mayor Kevin Mack has welcomed the Government's support, saying the Stronger Country Communities Fund is a boon to growing cities like Albury.

"The generosity of the government means we can proceed with these important projects to enhance community assets and landmarks for the good of everyone in the city," he said.

"I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Minister for Regional NSW, John Barilaro, and the Member for Albury, Greg Aplin, for their support of our community and I look forward to seeing these great projects take shape."

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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