



Greg Aplin MP
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LOCAL LIBRARY FUNDING

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin has dismissed recent claims of reductions in funding by the NSW Government for local libraries.

“Unfortunately, misinformation has been circulated suggesting that the NSW Government has ‘slashed’ \$5m from library allocations to local libraries which is totally incorrect,” Mr Aplin said.

“The NSW Government has dedicated \$5m to the funding of infrastructure programs at public libraries through the Regional Cultural Fund, an increase of \$1m from the old Public Library Infrastructure Grant program.

“This is in addition to the annual public libraries subsidy provided through the State Library of NSW, which remains unchanged,” Mr Aplin said.

“Albury City Council’s subsidy payments and capital grants payments from the NSW Government since 1 July 2010 total \$1,267,699, with the subsidy payment for 2017-18 of \$146,700 an increase of over \$9,000 on the previous year’s allocation.

“It is unfortunate that the \$5m claimed as ‘slashing’ is actually a \$5m grant opportunity for Councils wishing to improve the infrastructure of our local libraries and is an increase of \$1m under the old grant system,” Mr Aplin said.

How to turn a positive into a negative!

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