



**Greg Aplin MP**  
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### **SENIORS TO GET TECH SAVVY**

Local seniors have the opportunity to increase their digital skills to stay connected through the NSW Government's popular Tech Savvy Seniors program.

Delivered in partnership with Telstra, Tech Savvy Seniors provides free or low cost training through a network of community colleges and libraries to help older people learn to use computers, tablets and smartphones.

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin announced that Culcairn, Henty, Holbrook, Jindera, Corowa, Howlong and Mulwala libraries are among 130 locations across NSW to deliver the Tech Savvy Seniors program in 2019.

"It can be more difficult for seniors in regional areas to physically visit their bank, catch up with friends or do their grocery shopping," Mr Aplin said.

"That's why we are bringing Tech Savvy Seniors to local libraries – I encourage all senior residents to look at what's on offer and learn something new.

The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government committed \$2 million in 2015 to increase training places for older people to 38,000 over four years, which has been achieved two years ahead of schedule with over 55,000 spots for budding digital enthusiasts in 2018.

Minister for Ageing Tanya Davies said Tech Savvy Seniors has supported thousands of seniors to boost their digital skills, with more older people trained than anticipated.

"We know that older people experience higher rates of social isolation and mobility issues, especially in regional areas, which is why at the last election we committed to delivering this program to rural locations to ensure more seniors can take advantage," Mrs Davies said.

"Tech Savvy Seniors empowers older people to take advantage of the digital world to keep up with friends and family, and we are reaching more seniors right across the State."

Please contact your local library - Culcairn – 6029 8588, Henty – 6929 3770, Holbrook – 6036 3262, Jindera – 6036 0100, Corowa – 6033 8941, Howlong – 6026 5055, Mulwala (03) 5744 3439 for further details about the Tech Savvy Seniors program.

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