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## **BUDGET DELIVERS FOR SOUTHERN NSW**

In the 2021-2022 NSW Budget, Southern NSW will receive significant funding boosts to key areas.

**Key highlights from the Budget for Riverina and Murray include:**

### **EDUCATION**

- \$1.3 million in 2021-22 for Stage 2 of major upgrades at both sites of Murrumbidgee Regional High School to complete the transition into the new educational model, including a library upgrade and a new multipurpose space at the Griffith site, and a new gymnasium and assembly space at the Wade site;
- \$1.1 million in 2021-22 to deliver boarding facilities upgrades at Yanco Agricultural High School, providing an improved residential experience for student accommodation.

### **HEALTH**

- \$22.4 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$461.4 million project) for the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital Redevelopment and Car Park;
- \$20 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$250.0 million project) for the Griffith Hospital Redevelopment;
- \$14.5 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$50.0 million project) for the Tumut Hospital Redevelopment;
- \$9.5 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$30.0 million project) for the completion of the Albury Base Hospital Emergency Department Expansion;  
\$5.3 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$5.7 million project) for the completion of the Deniliquin and Leeton Hospital Upgrades.

### **PLANNING**

- As part of the NSW Government's \$3.2 billion retail electricity and capacity services contract, a 100-megawatt (MW) battery will be installed and operated in the Riverina which will boost local employment by up to 35 jobs during construction;
- \$8.3 million in 2021-22 (as part of an existing \$10 million project) to continue construction of the Riverina Conservatorium of Music.

### **REGIONAL NSW**

- \$29 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$157.5 million funding package) towards delivery of 4,500 hectare Wagga Wagga Special Activation Precinct;
- \$8 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$19.0 million funding package) for grants administered by the Department of Regional NSW to boost local economy

including \$5.4 million in 2021-22 (as part of \$9.2 million State funding) to redevelop Corowa Saleyards;

- \$0.6 million in 2021-22 (as part of \$12.5 million State funding) to upgrade the Tumut aerodrome;
- \$0.3 million in 2021-22 (as part of \$3.1 million State funding) for the Henty highway intersection and rail crossing project;
- \$0.3 million in 2021-22 (as part of \$1.0 million State funding) for the Deniliquin Town Hall Revitalisation project;
- \$0.3 million in 2021-22 (as part of \$0.6 million State funding) for West Wyalong Aerodrome Upgrade.

## **CUSTOMER SERVICE**

- \$25.2 million in 2021-22 for the Critical Communications Enhancement Program, creating a single, interoperable Public Safety Network for all Emergency Service Organisations.

## **TRANSPORT**

- \$8.8 million in 2021-22 to continue construction of the new Murray River Bridge between Echuca in Victoria and Moama;
- \$6.7 million in 2021-22 to commence construction of the replacement Marshalls Creek Bridge;
- \$1 million in 2021-22 to continue planning for upgrades to Olympic Highway Intersections at Travers St and Old Narrandera Road.

## **RESTART FUNDING**

- \$68 million Restart funding commitments in 2021-22 (as part of a \$193.0 million Restart package) allocated directly to Riverina Murray local authorities and organisations for infrastructure building, renewal and upgrade including:
  - \$23 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$29.0 million Restart package) for Bomen Enterprise Area.
  - \$4.5 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$11.0 million Restart package) for project Wagga Wagga Cycling Towns.
  - \$4.3 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$10.0 million Restart package) for the NEXUS Industrial Precinct in Albury.

**Key highlights from the Budget for South East and Tablelands include:**

**EDUCATION**

- \$34.7 million in 2021-22 to construct a new high school in Bungendore.
- \$31.3 million in 2021-22 to continue delivery of a new primary school in Googong.
- \$25.9 million in 2021-22 to construct a new high school in Jerrabomberra.
- \$20.1 million in 2021-22 to continue delivery of a new primary school in Murrumbateman.
- Delivery of hall upgrades at Queanbeyan West Public School and Yass High School.

**HEALTH**

- \$28.5 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$165.0 million project) for the Goulburn Hospital Redevelopment and additional clinical services enhancement;
- \$14.3 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$200.0 million project) for the Eurobodalla Health Service Redevelopment;
- \$8.9 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$55.0 million project) for the Bowral Hospital Redevelopment Stage 2;
- \$6.3 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$24.2 million project) for the Cooma Hospital Redevelopment.

**PLANNING**

- \$5.1 million in 2021-22 (as part of an existing \$17.2 million project) to continue improvements to the Snowies Iconic Walk;
- \$3.7 million in 2021-22 (as part of an existing \$9.9 million project) to continue the Thredbo Valley Track Extension;
- \$2.3 million in 2021-22 (as part of an existing \$7.9 million project) to continue improvements to the Light to Light Walk;
- \$2.3 million in 2021-22 (as part of an existing \$9.6 million project) to reinvigorate the Wombeyan Caves experience and deliver new nature-based tourism opportunities.

**REGIONAL NSW**

- \$50 million in 2021-22, and \$75.0 million in total, for Special Activation Precincts Pre-Delivery Works, shared across the Snowy Mountains, Moree, and Williamtown Special Activation Precincts;
- \$10 million for the Monaro Street Upgrade in Queanbeyan;
- \$7.2 million for the Bundian Way walking track from Jigamy Farm to Fisheries Beach. \$2.9 million for Jigamy Farm Campground Upgrade.

## **CUSTOMER SERVICE**

- \$20.4 million in 2021-22 for the Critical Communications Enhancement Program, creating a single, interoperable Public Safety Network for all Emergency Service Organisations.

## **STRONGER COMMUNITIES**

- \$19 million (as part of a \$60.0 million project) to continue the upgrade of the Goulburn Police Academy which incorporates contemporary technology and training facilities and refurbishes student accommodation and classrooms.

## **TRANSPORT**

- \$74.8 million in 2021-22 to continue construction of the Nelligen Bridge Replacement on the Kings Highway, Nelligen;
- \$52.6 million in 2021-22 to continue construction of the Barton Highway Duplication, including minor works (State and Federal funded);
- \$35.3 million in 2021-22 to complete construction of the new Batemans Bay Bridge, and commence removal of the old bridge;
- \$18.4 million in 2021-22 to continue construction of the Hume Highway Heavy Duty Pavement upgrade at Marulan;
- \$10 million in 2021-22 to continue delivery of the Monaro Highway Upgrade program;
- \$8.2 million in 2021-22 to commence construction of South Batemans Bay Link Road;
- \$6.2 million in 2021-22 to continue planning for a new rail alignment options along the Sydney to Canberra Corridor, as part of an \$80 million commitment (State and Federal funded).

## **RESTART FUNDING**

- \$83 million Restart funding commitments in 2021-22 (as part of a \$192 million Restart package) allocated directly to South East & Tablelands local authorities and organisations for infrastructure building, renewal and upgrade including:
  - \$13 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$26.0 million Restart package) for the project Eurobodalla Southern Storage.
  - \$8.7 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$23.0 million Restart package) for the South Jerrabomberra Innovation Precinct.
  - \$4.6 million in 2021-22 (as part of a \$5.2 million Restart package) for the Southern Regional Livestock Exchange in Moss Vale.

**Quotes attributable to Deputy Premier John Barilaro:**

“Off the back of devastating drought, bushfires and floods, there has never been a more crucial time to support regional NSW with funding for transport, education, health and tourism. This budget has a strong focus on job creating infrastructure projects to ensure local economies remain strong and regional NSW continues to be a fantastic place to live and work. The NSW Government once again delivering for our regions.”

**Quotes attributable to Member for Goulburn Wendy Tuckerman:**

“I’m very pleased to see the 2021-22 Budget prioritising health and education services for the Goulburn community with \$28.5 million for the Goulburn Hospital redevelopment and an additional clinical services enhancement including an MRI machine which will be a welcome announcement for the community. I am also excited to see \$20.1 million for the continued delivery of a new primary school in Murrumbateman.”

**Quotes attributable to Member for Bega Andrew Constance:**

“The 2021-22 Budget is delivering on health services, transport infrastructure and tourism with \$14.3 million for the Eurobodalla Health Service Redevelopment, \$74.8 million to continue construction of the new Nelligen Bridge and commence construction of the South Batemans Bay Link Road along with \$10.1 million for the Bundian Way walking track and Jigamy Farm Campgrounds. A terrific win for the entire region.”

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