

## Media Release

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### **BUDGET DELIVERS FOR SOUTHERN NSW**

Southern New South Wales will benefit from significant investments across a range of services in the 2022-23 NSW Budget.

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

#### **EDUCATION**

- \$7.1 million in 2022-23 for Stage 2 of major upgrades at both Murrumbidgee Regional High School sites to complete the transition to the new education model, including a library upgrade, a new multipurpose space at the Griffith site, and a new gymnasium and assembly space at the Wade site
- \$1.7 million in 2022-23 to deliver a new primary school in Albury Thurgoona
- \$1.2 million in 2022-23 to deliver upgrades to boarding facilities at Yanco Agricultural High School, providing an improved residential experience

#### **HEALTH**

New funding for the:

- \$80.0 million Temora Hospital redevelopment
- \$45.0 million Albury Hospital redevelopment
- \$25.0 million Finley Hospital upgrade
- \$15.0 million Key Health Worker Accommodation across Murrumbidgee Local Health District
- \$3.0 million Albury Hospital Emergency Department Crisis Assessment Unit
- \$1.2 million Leeton Hospital upgrade
- \$1.0 million Wagga Wagga Health and Knowledge Precinct planning

Continued delivery of the:

- \$461.4 million Wagga Wagga Base Hospital redevelopment and car park
- \$250.0 million Griffith Hospital redevelopment
- \$50.0 million Tumut Hospital redevelopment

- \$5.7 million Rural Health Infrastructure Program in Deniliquin and Leeton

## **REGIONAL NSW**

- \$150.6 million towards delivery of the 4,500 ha Wagga Wagga Special Activation Precinct

Grants to boost local economies, including:

- \$10.7 million for the Snowy Valley Emergency Evacuation Centre and Multipurpose Facility
- \$2.7 million for the West Wyalong Water Security project
- \$1.8 million to upgrade Batlow Pool

## **TRANSPORT**

- \$68.4 million for the planning and construction of overtaking lanes along the full length of the Newell Highway (state and federally funded), including in the Riverina Murray
- \$5.6 million to commence planning for the upgrade of Sheahan Bridge on the Hume Highway in Gundagai to allow for heavy freight vehicles
- \$2.4 million to commence planning for a new bridge at Swan Hill

## **STRONGER COMMUNITIES**

- \$4 million for the construction of a new Moama Police Station

## **CUSTOMER SERVICE**

- \$24.5 million for the Mission Critical Emergency Services Messaging Program, for a centralised mission critical emergency services paging network including upgrade and consolidation of existing agency networks into one whole of government paging network.

## **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT**

- More than \$330 million from the Commonwealth Government to accelerate the outcomes for the Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism to help meet long-term water security and environmental sustainability targets set in the Murray Darling Basin Plan
- \$131.5 million from the Commonwealth Government over three years to deliver water efficiency measures through the Off-farm Efficiency programs include \$124 million over three years for Murrumbidgee Irrigation Limited to deliver water savings by improving water delivery infrastructure.
- \$22.6 million to deliver new and upgraded quality homes for First Nations people through the Aboriginal Housing Office

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

## **EDUCATION**

- \$69.4 million in 2022-23 for the construction of the Jindabyne Education Campus

- \$25.6 million in 2022-23 to continue construction of a new high school in Jerrabomberra
- \$24.5 million in 2022-23 to continue construction of a new high school in Bungendore
- \$10.8 million in 2022-23 to continue delivery of a new primary school in Googong
- \$6.7 million in 2022-23 to continue delivery of the Moruya High School Upgrade
- \$6.4 million in 2022-23 to continue works at Young High School, including a new joint-use library and community facility
- \$5.7 million in 2022-23 to continue delivery of a new primary school in Murrumbateman
- \$283,000 in 2022-23 to upgrade the Yass High School multi-purpose hall

## **HEALTH**

New funding for the:

- \$60.0 million Eurobodalla Regional Hospital redevelopment (additional funding)
- \$20.0 million new HealthOne facility at Batemans Bay
- \$15.0 million Key Health Worker Accommodation across Southern NSW Local Health District
- \$1.0 million CT scanner in Young

Continued funding for the:

- \$200.0 million Eurobodalla Health Service redevelopment.
- \$165.0 million Goulburn Hospital redevelopment.
- \$24.2 million Cooma Hospital redevelopment

## **REGIONAL NSW**

- \$391.3 million in capital expenditure for the implementation of the Snowy Mountains Special Activation Precinct

Grants to boost local economies, including:

- \$9.8 million to establish the Bega Showground Community Centre
- \$7.2 million for the Bundian Way walking track which follows the traditional pathway used by the Aboriginal people of the region
- \$4.5 million to develop the Eden Mountain Bike Hub

## **TRANSPORT**

- \$38.4 million to continue construction of the Nelligen Bridge Replacement on Kings Highway.
- \$24.2 million to continue planning and construction of the Barton Highway duplication from the ACT towards Murrumbateman (state and federally funded)
- \$16.6 million to continue construction of the Hume Highway Heavy Duty Pavement upgrade

- \$11.5 million to continue construction on the Monaro Highway upgrade program

### **STRONGER COMMUNITIES**

- \$60.0 million for major upgrades to the Goulburn Police Academy which incorporates contemporary technology and training facilities and refurbishes student accommodation and classrooms
- \$25.0 million for major upgrades to the Goulburn Police Station
- \$16.4 million for the upgrade and expansion of the Bega Police Station to include a new forensic facility
- \$13.0 million to deliver the construction of Jindabyne Area Police Stations Program
- \$9.5 million to upgrade the Police Driver Training facilities and the gym and recreational centre at the Goulburn Police Academy
- \$3.0 million to upgrade Critical Incident Response Training facilities at the Goulburn Police Academy

### **CUSTOMER SERVICE**

- \$21.1 million for the Mission Critical Emergency Services Messaging Program, for a centralised mission critical emergency services paging network including upgrade and consolidation of existing agency networks into one whole-of-government paging network.

### **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT**

- \$3.7 million to deliver new and upgraded quality homes for First Nations people through the Aboriginal Housing Office

Continued delivery of the:

- \$27.2 million upgrade to the Snowies Iconic Walk
- \$9.6 million Wombeyan Caves experience and new nature-based tourism opportunities
- \$7.9 million upgrade to the Light to Light Great Walk

### **Quotes**

#### **Quotes attributable to Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW Paul Toole:**

“The NSW Government is rolling out record investment in local services and community facilities, to support families and build an even brighter future for Southern NSW. COVID has made many realise the unique lifestyle and business opportunities on offer in the regions which is why the NSW Government is continuing to delivering the infrastructure and services that will provide an even better quality of life for locals.”

#### **Quotes attributable to Member for Monaro Nichole Overall:**

“I’m very pleased to see the 2022-23 Budget prioritising health and education services for the Monaro community with \$47.4 million to upgrade Monaro High School and \$24.2 million to

redevelop Cooma Hospital. I am also excited to see \$11.5 million to continue construction on the Monaro Highway upgrade. This is a terrific win for our region.”

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

“The 2022-23 Budget is delivering for our entire region with a focus on health, education and police. I am excited to see the \$883 million rural and regional health workforce scheme to build a pipeline of regionally based workers and futureproof regional healthcare. Continued support of the Goulburn Police Academy ensures that the NSW Police Force are trained in a world class and state-of-the art facility.”

**Quotes attributable to Parliamentary Secretary for the South Coast and Member for South Coast Shelley Hancock:**

“I am pleased to see this budget is truly delivering for the people of the South Coast. I welcome the \$200 million for the Eurobodalla Health Service redevelopment and additional \$60 million for the Eurobodalla Regional Hospital redevelopment.”

**Quotes attributable to Member for Cootamundra Steph Cooke:**

“The Liberals and Nationals in Government are delivering for our region with increased funding for health and transport. Investments include \$80 million for the Temora Hospital redevelopment and \$5.6 million to commence planning for the upgrade of Sheahan Bridge on the Hume Highway in Gundagai to allow for heavy freight vehicles. I am very pleased to see the 2022-23 NSW Budget investing in the future of our small communities.”

**Quotes attributable to Member for Albury Justin Clancy:**

“The 2022-23 NSW Budget continues to support development of much needed new infrastructure for health and education. People living and working in the Albury electorate will also benefit from major funding for early childhood education, palliative care and to increase nursing staff, delivered by the Liberals and Nationals in Government.”

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