

TOOLE TIME

from the office of ... **Paul Toole MP**

MEMBER FOR BATHURST ELECTORATE



It's great to be returning to another four year term as The Local Member for the Bathurst Electorate. I have been humbled by the receipt of congratulatory messages and the support given prior to the recent election. Thank you to those who have made a special effort to call, send a note, card or email to my office.

The Nationals and Liberal Government are more focused than ever on building upon the foundations we laid during our last term of office and we have already started delivering on promises including:

- \$25 million towards the Mobile Black Spot program, enhancing communication services across the state and eliminating some of the state's worst mobile phone blackspots.
- An extension of the Resources for Regions program for a further four years with an allocation of at least \$160 million - supporting communities experiencing unique pressures on their infrastructure and services due to mining.
- A new policy for Local Procurement that will ensure that tenderer's need to demonstrate how they will make a contribution to the local community through the provision of local jobs, economic development and cultural contributions.

We will also see the benefits to our natural landscapes through \$15 million in funding to build the capacity of local Landcare and likeminded groups. These groups work to restore fragile rural landscapes that have degrade over time and develop healthy ecosystems and more sustainable, productive agricultural land.

This is just the start of the great things to come. You will find more information on investment specific to the Bathurst Electorate throughout this newsletter.

I look forward to working for you, your town and your families to keep our great state in its number one position and as the fastest growing economy in Australia.

Paul Toole

Paul Toole MP, Member for Bathurst



Bathurst

Kelso Roadworks Reach A Milestone



Inspection of works on the Great Western Highway at Kelso

There are \$85 million reasons we're excited about the upgrade to the Great Western Highway at Kelso – and with the completion of stage one of the Boyd Creek Bridge upon us, we can all see the hard work paying off!

For the 25,000 motorists who regularly use this stretch of road, these upgrades will improve major road safety, freight efficiency and cater for the predicted growth that will result from future residential developments. Stay tuned....

Critical Funds To Support A Life Saving Service



I welcome the announcement of a new Ambulance Station for Bathurst with \$6.6 million in funding provided by the NSW State Government. The funding will provide a state of the art facility for a critical community service delivered by both Paramedics and Ambulance Officers. The new station will see the operation meet the needs of the community for many years to come.

Vietnam Veterans To Make Park Home



Members of the Bathurst and District Vietnam Veterans Association

I was proud of the commemorative efforts and displays across our electorate with the recent centenary of ANZAC being recognised. It's a time to give thanks to all servicemen and women, both past and present. I was also pleased to announce \$80,000 in funding for our very own Bathurst and District Vietnam Veterans Association to help support the development of their facilities in the Vietnam Veterans Park. The construction of a kitchen, recreation room and amenities in the Memorial Park will be of substantial benefit to both veterans in the Bathurst area and the broader community.

One stop shop – Service NSW



Staff from Service NSW Bathurst Branch

Service NSW has opened its doors to the residents of Bathurst offering access to more than 800 NSW government transactions including driver licences, vehicle registrations, Seniors Card applications, birth certificate applications, owner builder permits, housing payments and more.

The move will not only make a visit for these purposes more convenient, but will save money in terms of our ability to deliver everything in one place.

Residents of Lithgow can look forward to the opening of their own Service NSW One Stop Shop set to open later this year.

Daffodil Cottage



The NSW Government announced \$150,000 in funding for the extension and refurbishment of Daffodil Cottage – a much loved and utilised resource of our community. This funding commitment will ensure the good work of Daffodil Cottage can continue into the future to support many more patients. The Daffodil Cottage is one of the most critical facilities in our city and this region, ensuring rural patients can receive treatment and care close to home.

Further fundraising efforts are happening across the region so be sure to look out for your opportunity to donate, or contact Daffodil Cottage to make a donation directly on (02) 6330 5347.

Kirkconnell Prison Reopens



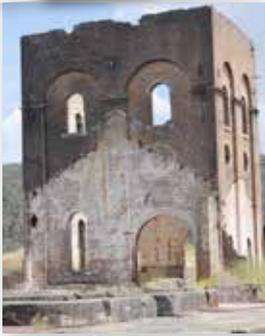
On site at Kirkconnell Correctional Centre

Kirkconnell Correctional Centre has reopened its doors to cater for an increased prison population whilst providing a welcome boost to the local economy with 60 jobs created as a result.

When fully operational, Kirkconnell Correctional Centre will hold 260 minimum security inmates. A work crew of 60 inmates have moved into the centre to assist in preparing it for more inmates, who will arrive gradually. Work is scheduled to be completed by July 2015, at a cost of \$4 million.

Lithgow

Re-Igniting A Blast From The Past



Blast Furnace

With approximately 100 visitors per week at present, I have welcomed a total \$450,000 in funding from the NSW State Government into the preservation of the iconic Blast Furnace – Australia's first iron and steel works. The funding will enable the construction of walkways, viewing platforms, fenced pathways and interpretive signage to allow safe visitor access to a treasured piece of Lithgow and Australia's history and a boost to local tourism.

Lithgow City Rangers Score



Kick starting community projects is the focus of the NSW Government's Community Building Partnership Program and I was pleased to announce the Lithgow City Ranger Soccer Club have scored another goal, receiving a \$26,000 boost through the program.

These are funds that will support the ongoing development of the Delta Park soccer fields and continue with a program to ensure that the site will be in a position to host high level representation fixtures.

Millthorpe - \$500,000 For Redmond Oval



There was plenty of celebration on my recent trip to Millthorpe with \$500,000 in ClubGRANT funding awarded to the development of Redmond Oval. It paves the way for the field to be resurfaced and levelled, along with the installation of new perimeter fencing, drainage and outdoor amphitheatre seating.

The grant will boost participation in sporting activities in the area with plans for the construction of a Kiosk being one of the main beneficiaries of the funds.

The upgrade will see the oval become one of the regions premier sporting facilities and benefit the various users of the oval including: Millthorpe Public School, Junior and Senior Soccer and Cricket as well as the Millthorpe Markets.

Great Western Highway – 40 Bends



Approximately 7,800 vehicles that use the 40 Bends road daily are set to benefit from the \$250 million investment program improving safety and upgrades to the critical carriageway between Western NSW and Sydney.

The upgrades and safety improvements in Hartley Valley between Victoria Pass and Forty Bends will provide improved road surfacing to lessen the risk of black ice formation, intersection upgrades, wider sealed shoulders, concrete and wire safety barriers and changes to curves to enhance safety.

It is also expected that between 15 and 50 locals will be employed at various stages of the project.

Blayney

Roads Funding Boost



I would like to congratulate Blayney Shire Council on their successful application for funding through the Fixing Country Roads program.

The project, worth \$2.32 million will be undertaken on the Southern Cadia Access Route and will have a significant impact on those that extensively utilise this carriageway on a regular basis.

Seating - King George Oval



An upgrade to seating at King George Oval is on the agenda with grant funding of \$7,499 awarded to Blayney Shire Council to replace existing seating.

King George Oval has undergone some enormous improvements with the help of recent state funding and is a facility that Blayney should be proud of.

Providing safe and functional sporting facilities encourages the prospect for carnivals and state titles to come to our towns, increasing tourism and overnight stays.

Blayney Footpaths And Cycleways



More than 380 walking and cycling projects will be funded across the state to better connect communities, improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists, and encouraging more people to get active through a \$40 million state-wide investment by the NSW Liberal and Nationals Government.

Blayney will benefit from a tremendous level of funding with \$184,872 for the construction of a concrete path from the Netball Centre to

Adelaide Street, \$33,000 for a review and extension of the Blayney Bike Plan and \$128,100 to construct stages 2 and 3 of Blayney safe pedestrian crossings.

We want to encourage more people to leave the car at home and get active, and are providing safe, convenient and connected walking access to make this happen.

Oberon

Oberon Courthouse



Disabled access and fire safety are priority projects for the Oberon Courthouse with \$325,000 in funding received to enhance facilities and access while preserving the heritage of the building.

The entry ramp will be upgraded, handrails will be added to external stairs, there will be tactile indicators for people with vision impairment and bathroom facilities will be made more accessible.

There will also be new emergency and exit lighting and signs, while the court's electrical distribution board structure will be made more resistant to fire.

Local Tradespeople will complete much of the work, while experts from out of town will be staying at our hotels and using our local businesses boosting the local economy.

Oberon Junior Rugby League



Oberon Junior Rugby League Club will soon be busy in the kitchen thanks to \$10,000 in funding from the Community Building Partnership fund allowing them to undertake this much needed work.

This is a program that is a true partnership between the NSW Government and the Community with a contribution being made by both sides to ensure projects will happen and be completed.

I am really delighted to make this announcement which comes hot on the heels of previous funding of \$27,486 from a Sport and Recreation Grant for the construction of a new Canteen. Now this project can be completed and be fully functional during the football season.

Blayney Golf Club



It was great to visit the Blayney Gold Club and deliver news of \$10,000 in funding through the Community Building Partnership for work to be done on the Clubhouse Roof. This will include new guttering and steel roofing and will protect the internal areas of the building from inclement weather.

Additionally, there is also an opportunity for work to be done on the Clubhouse by local tradesmen and the supply of the materials needed being sourced at a local level.

Oberon Library



It was great to announce that the extensions to Oberon Library will be supported by \$120,290 in funding from the NSW Public Library Infrastructure program, enabling the introduction of new space for technologies and seating in this much loved resource of Oberon.

Public libraries play a critical role in our local communities providing access to collections, information and technology that help people at all stages of their lives.

Roads Funding / Fixing Country Roads

Beaconsfield and Sewell's Creek Road will undertake much needed upgrades as a part of the *Fixing Country Roads* funding as a result of a successful application from Oberon Council.

This is a project worth \$990,000 and Oberon Council will contribute \$100,000 to the project costs which have been supported by \$890,000 from the NSW Government. I am incredibly proud of the hard work carried out by Oberon Council and their success in securing funding for this project.

Rylstone / Kandos

Rylstone Kandos Pre-School



Rylstone Kandos Pre-School have received a one-off payment of \$5,000 which has been allocated by the NSW Government and the Minister for Education.

These funds have been assigned to 100 Pre-Schools across the State that are located in disadvantaged areas. The additional funding can be used on educational resources and infrastructure improvements that support the delivery of early years of learning Framework. The Pre-School will now have

the opportunity to utilise these funds for acquiring books or resources, meeting the training and development costs for Staff, renewing play equipment or helping the Children to participate in exceptional learning experiences.

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