



The

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A message from your local Federal Member

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In My Opinion...

The announcement for the allocation of funding under the auspices of the Regional Development Australia (RDA) Fund in September was yet another disgraceful illustration of the Gillard Government's contempt for regional communities.

Upon forming minority Government last year, Prime Minister Gillard promised over \$10 billion in funding for regional development projects.

Sadly, with the allocation of funding now complete, serious questions have been raised about the application process and the overall design and purpose of the fund itself.

Taking a look through the list of projects that were deemed to be of such significance to regional Australia that they warranted taxpayer investment, I was appalled that they had been approved.

The Labor-Greens Government allocated almost two-thirds of the RDA to Labor-held electorates or to Independent electorates which have propped up the minority Labor Government. This is despite Labor holding just 23 of the 62 non-metropolitan seats in Federal Parliament.

For this government, stupidity is not in short supply.

The Government has left itself open to the charge that it cares more about sand-bagging vulnerable Labor-held marginal seats against electoral defeat rather than allocating funding to worthy projects in regional communities, regardless of which party represents them in Parliament.

I personally supported a number of worthwhile applications for funding under the RDA from Boorowa, Goulburn Mulwaree, Harden, Yass & Cowra Shires and Councils. These included:

- the \$2.2 million bid by **Endeavour Industries** for a new green recycling centre in Goulburn;
- \$12.5 million to go towards a new university campus in **Goulburn**;
- a \$2.1 million bid by **Boorowa Shire** to replace the Tarengo Bridge to allow Cunningham Road to be opened up as a B-double route;
- funding to upgrade **Cowra** Showground's facilities;
- \$2.5 million for the **Moppity Vineyards** wine tourism development project in partnership with **Harden and Young Shire Councils**

- and \$10 million towards the \$23 million estimated cost to raise the **Yass Dam Wall** by 3 metres to meet the future water requirements of Yass Valley Shire.

None of these projects were deemed to have met the criteria for funding under the RDA. In fact several applications such as Yass Valley Shire's have been rejected for a second time.

The RDA application guidelines and funding eligibility requirements are tedious and require an enormous investment in time and energy from local councils.

It's outrageous that rural communities with worthy projects are being deprived of funding because of a flawed application process which disgracefully favours big corporate entities with popular electoral appeal.

ALBY SCHULTZ MP, Federal Member for Hume

On behalf of Gloria, myself, and staff may I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Alby Schultz

GOULBURN PIPELINE OFFICIALLY OPEN



Former Goulburn Mulwaree Mayor Paul Stephenson, State Member for Burrinjuck Katrina Hodgkinson, Alby and present Goulburn Mulwaree Mayor Cllr Geoff Kettle, successfully turn the handle to set the water flowing for the Highlands Source Pipeline.

It was a great day for Goulburn when the Highlands Source Pipeline was officially opened on the 21st October 2011.

The pipeline was realised thanks to over \$20 million in Australian Government funding which was matched \$1 for \$1 by the NSW Government and \$10 million from Goulburn Mulwaree Council toward the project.

I congratulate all of those involved in ensuring the completion of this pipeline, in particular Paul Stephenson, former Goulburn Mulwaree Council Mayor; the Wingecarribee Shire Council; the State and Federal Governments; the Sydney Catchment Authority; and the men and women who have worked diligently and professionally to complete this fabulous piece of regional infrastructure.

In 2007, with Goulburn facing the

totally unacceptable scenario of having less than 12 months water supply remaining, then Mayor of Goulburn Mulwaree Shire, Paul Stephenson came to me with a proposal for a jointly funded emergency pipeline.

We then fiercely lobbied the Howard Government which responded positively to the proposed project.

This pipeline is critical to the region's future and will bring welcome relief to the people of Goulburn, who can now be confident that any future drought caused water crisis confronting the city will be overcome with an emergency water source.

The pipeline now links the Goulburn water supply system to the Wingecarribee Reservoir near Moss Vale and will increase the security of Goulburn's water supply during any future drought.

DEDICATION OF NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S MEMORIAL FOR SOUTH WEST SLOPES DISTRICT

Mid 2011 I was honoured to be invited to Young by the South West Slopes Sub Branch of the National Servicemen's Association to attend the unveiling and dedication of a National Service Memorial in Anderson Park, Young.

The memorial, which was constructed with the assistance of a \$4,000 grant through the **Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program**, acknowledges Australia's debt to National Servicemen from the South West Slopes district.

Among the distinguished guests present at the ceremony were State President of the National Servicemen's Association of Australia (NSAA), Mr Ron Brown, Mayor of Young, Cr Stuart Freudenstein, along with mayors from Boorowa, Cootamundra, Harden and Grenfell, President of the South West District Council of the RSL, John Drum, and State Treasurer of the NSAA, Mr George Saches.

The memorial was unveiled by NSAA State President Ron Brown and prayers of blessing of the memorial and of dedication were given by Father Richard Thompson of Young, Police Padre Reverend John Thomas and Major Sandra Lesar of the Salvation Army.

A flag and banner party was formed by the Australian Air League boys' and girls' squadrons from Cowra, and the catafalque party manned by members of the Australian Army Cadets.

Many members of the South West Slopes Sub Branch of the National Servicemen's Association attended the dedication ceremony and were supported by visiting Nashos and a large number of other visitors and guests, including many family members and friends.



Left to Right:
Phil Cooper, John Drum,
Errol Bourke, Ray Bourke,
Arthur McNarry, John Barton
and Father Richard Thompson.
Photo kindly contributed.

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TIN SHED THEATRE DREAM REALISED IN COOTAMUNDRA



I was delighted to have been invited to join about 150 people who packed the new Tin Shed theatre at the Cootamundra Arts Centre for the theatre's official opening.

The Arts Centre project has been driven by Leigh and Isabel Scott who realised what the transformation of the derelict former Shepherd's Woolskin building could offer as a cohesive venue for arts in the district. Their vision would not have come to fruition if it were not for the joint efforts of the community from the Cootamundra Shire Council, local tradespeople, artists and performers from the region.

More than 1000 volunteer hours have been invested in the Cootamundra Arts Centre over recent years which has been built through \$300,000 in grant funds, matched by plenty of local fundraising and in-kind support.

Cootamundra Shire Council backed the initial proposal put forward by Isabel and Leigh Scott to purchase the building for the purpose of an Arts Centre at a cost of \$160,000 and also provided \$60,000 to start the clean-up which saw volunteers remove five semi-trailer loads of rubbish from the site.

The opening began with a fantastic performance led by Dave Burraston of The WIRED Lab, involving a number of musicians who used 44-gallon drums and corrugated iron boards to create a musical masterpiece.

OFFICIAL OPENING: At the official opening of The Tin Shed Theatre were (from left) Cootamundra mayor Doug Phillips, Leigh and Isabel Scott and Arts NSW Executive Director Mary Darwell. Photos courtesy Cootamundra Herald

NEED FUNDING? www.grantslink.gov.au This is the place to go to find links and contact details for federal and state government programs offering funding for individuals, businesses, schools, councils and community groups.

Senator Eric Abetz visits small businesses in Hume

The impacts of a carbon tax and pressures facing small businesses were the focus on the day when I travelled with Senator Eric Abetz, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and Shadow Minister for Industrial Relations to meet with local government and small business groups in Hume.

Senator Abetz and I met with the executive of the Wollondilly Shire Council and Picton Chamber of Commerce representatives in Picton to discuss the impact of a carbon tax on Wollondilly Shire Council as well as small business concerns regarding government regulation and the Fair Work act.

Small and family-run businesses want the Government to change the regulatory framework so that it encourages businesses to employ and retain new people, rather than a framework that creates piles of unnecessary paperwork.

Senator Eric Abetz and I also visited Bargo Sports Club and met with General Manager Lloyd Pollard to discuss the issue of pre-commitment gambling. The cost of implementing mandatory gambling pre-commitment technology in local clubs in Hume would force some to close (Bargo Sports Club would become financially unviable) and others to reduce their commitment to local community projects and causes for eg. the Goulburn Soldiers Club would have to consider withdrawing sponsorship of Goulburn based Wollondilly Soldiers Soccer Club.

Local clubs in Hume employ 520 people, have 64,288 members and contribute \$11.128 million (IPART Valuation of Community Support) back into the community. Cost to clubs to implement the technology is estimated at \$4.525 million and the annual revenue lost from pre-commitment is estimated to be \$9.187 million. The implementation of this policy will ruin clubs financially and deprive local community and sporting groups of vital financial support.



Alby and Senator Abetz met with Lloyd Pollard, General Manager of the Bargo Sports Club to discuss the effect of pre-commitment gambling on local clubs.



WYATT ROY MP Speaks at Youth Forum in Goulburn



Students from Hennessy Catholic College travelled from Young to hear Wyatt Roy speak at the Hume Youth Forum in Goulburn on the 15th September 2011.

On the 15th September 2011 young people from the Hume electorate converged on Goulburn to attend the Hume Youth Forum at St Saviour's Cathedral hall. The forum was addressed by Australia's youngest ever parliamentarian, the 21 year old Federal Member for Longman, Wyatt Roy.

More than 100 teenagers attended the forum, some travelling from as far afield as Picton and Yass with the Hennessy Catholic College bringing a bus load of students from Young to take part in the forum.

Wyatt Roy encouraged the Youth Forum to become active members of society and help make a difference in their communities.

In opening the forum to questions Wyatt indicated that he was not there to campaign for his party and that no question was off limit. This saw the Member for Longman answering questions about republicanism, the carbon tax, the mining boom, and the future economic challenges arising from an ageing population. Wyatt Roy is a very intelligent, straight talking grassroots politician who is mature beyond his 21 years and these attributes certainly shone through as he engaged the young people in attendance at the forum.

SES VOLUNTEERS RECOGNISED FOR THEIR COMMITMENT

I was proud to have been invited to present awards to SES volunteers from across the region at the Goulburn Soldiers Club. The awards were in recognition of their commitment to their community and their fellow SES members.

It is important to note the \$6.3 billion in contributions that volunteers across Australia make to their communities and particularly the lives that are saved as a result of the emergency rescues undertaken by SES volunteers.

Those presented with awards included Local Controller for Young - Colleen Clancy, Deputy Controller for Young - Barrie Miller, Local Controller for Upper Lachlan Shire - Carmel Page, Deputy Unit Controller for Braidwood - Tracy Sykes, Region Business Manager - Joanne Humphries, Braidwood unit member - Dennis Saunders and former Local Controller for Goulburn - Nigel Bemberidge (pictured). Regional controller Tony Casey (far left) said all award recipients were credits to their units. *Photo courtesy Town & Country Magazine*



MILESTONE MESSAGES

Wedding Anniversaries

Mr Desmond & Mrs Pat **Kennard** of Hill Top - 50th
Mr Kevin & Mrs Judith **Stoneman** of Bungonia - 50th
Mr Maurice & Mrs Moya **Randell** of Woodstock - 50th
Mr Alby & Barbara **Arabin** of Young - 50th
Mr Philip & Mrs Joyce **Feltham** of Marulan - 50th
Mr Robert & Mrs Adele **Natoli** of Windellama - 50th
Mr Robert & Mrs Doreen **Tindall** of Bargo - 50th
Mr Noel & Mrs Barbara **Buchanan** of Joadja - 50th
Mr John & Mrs Rhonda **Radburn** of Goulburn - 50th
Mr Kenneth & Mrs Marion **Painter** of Boxers Creek - 50th
Mr Keiven & Mrs Betty **Osborne** of Crookwell - 60th
Mr Herry & Mrs Joyce **Johns** of Goulburn - 60th
Mr Lionel and Mrs Shirley **Bates** of Colo Vale - 60th
Mr Don & Mrs Bet **Stanton** of Goulburn - 60th
Mr Arnold & Mrs Coral **Daley** of Picton - 60th
Mr Fred & Mrs Fay **Dunn** of Young - 60th
Mr Kenneth & Mrs Ruth **Hampton** of Grenfell - 60th
Mr Kees & Mrs Paula **Kruisheer** of Cowra - 60th
Mr Steve & Mrs Myrtle **Dickman** of Mittagong - 65th
Mr Neville & Mrs Doris **Croker** of Goulburn - 65th
Mr Ken & Mrs Elvie **Whitten** of Goulburn - 70th
Mr Gordon & Mrs Eileen **Muffet** of Goulburn - 75th

Significant Birthdays

Mr Richard **Kennedy** of Crookwell - 80th
Mr Bill **Cairns** of Buxton - 80th
Mr Jockey **Rudd** of Goulburn - 86th
Mrs Valerie **Casey** of Goulburn - 89th
Mrs Margaret **Grocott** of Goulburn - 90th
Mrs Freda **Croker** of Crookwell - 90th
Mrs Mary **Frey** of Goulburn - 90th
Mr T J **Sotheran** of Goulburn - 90th
Mr Bruce **Robertson** of Thirlmere - 90th
Ms Nina **Heinecke** of Murrumbateman - 90th
Mrs Julia **Baldry** of Cootamundra - 90th
Mrs Margaret **Hedges** of Goulburn - 90th
Iida **Charnock** of Crookwell - 95th
Una **Pearse** of Tahmoor - 95th
Mr George **Walker** of Young - 95th
Mr William **Hulbert** of Cootamundra - 96th
Mrs Eva **Lees** of Bywong - 100th
Mrs Jessie **Whitty** of Gunning - 100th
Sister **Madeleine** of Young - 109th
Kathleen **Wilson** of Young - 106th

The Hon Julie Bishop officially opens Cowra Hume electorate office



Alby and Julie Bishop cut the beautiful Liberal logo cake made by local baker Wayne Lynch of Royce's Home Style Cakes in Cowra.
Photo courtesy Cowra Guardian.

On the 4th October 2011 I was both honoured and delighted to have the talented Deputy Leader of the Opposition the Hon Julie Bishop officially open my Hume electorate Cowra office.

Other prominent Liberals who attended were the Hon Susan Ley, Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan and Hollie Hughes - Country Vice President of the Liberal Party. This is the first significant Liberal presence in Cowra since Federation.

My personal thanks go to all of my staff for making the day a huge success. I would particularly like to thank my Cowra staff members Frances Douch and Maree Ireland for their personal efforts leading up to and including the day.

The Local Sporting Champions Program



In 2011 the Local Sporting Champions Program had 3 rounds of scholarships with Round 1 announced in the May Hume Bulletin.

Some of the recipients for Round 2 in 2011-12 were:

- Clare Hunt of Grenfell - Soccer
- Dean Robertson of Goulburn - Hockey
- Hope Cohen of Goulburn - Golf
- Kya Godbier of Cootamundra - Soccer

Some of the recipients for Round 3 in 2011-12 were:

- Renae Lock of Wamboin - Netball
- Kade Foreman of Young - Rugby League
- Lauren Sheridan of Young - Netball
- Padraic Kearney of Picton - Judo

This Australian Government initiative is designed to provide financial assistance to Junior sportsmen and women towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms, or equipment when competing at an official Australian Sports Association recognised National Sporting Organisation (NSO) endorsed state or national sporting competition. Grants of \$500 for eligible individuals and \$3000 for eligible teams are available to successful applicants.

To see if you are eligible or to get an application form contact;

AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION

Phone: (02) 6214 1111

Email: juniorsport@ausport.gov.au

Website: www.ausport.gov.au/participating/schools_and_juniors/juniors/get_involved/local_sporting_cham



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