

Media Release

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Member for Mallee

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BUILDING BETTER REGIONS FUND DELIVERS ACROSS THE WIMMERA MALLLEE.

Four new projects are set to take place across the Wimmera Mallee region after applications from Women's Health Loddon Mallee, the Swan Hill Rural City Council, Murray Dairy and the Buloke Shire Council were announced successful under Round 1 of the Federal Governments Building Better Regions Fund.

Federal Member for Mallee Andrew Broad welcomed the news with the organisations sharing in more than \$340,000 worth of funding.

"The Building Better Regions Fund focuses on creating jobs, driving economic growth and building up strong regional communities for the future, and it's great to see projects starting across our regions that will do that," he said.

Women's Health Loddon Mallee Inc. sought a grant amount of \$18,500 for their project titled Resilient Women Leading Change. The project will incorporate a two-day boot camp program for women focusing on leadership, a series of training programs, and a young women's leadership program.

The Swan Hill Rural City Council put forward an application for their project the *Central Murray Regional Transport Forum Regional Strategy*; they'll receive \$35,000 to develop the strategy that will identify priority regional transport projects.

The Buloke Shire Council were successful in their application and will receive a \$90,000 grant toward their project *Building Buloke 2030*. The project aims to work within the LGA communities to update the current community plans focusing on liveability and economic development.

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Finally, Murray Dairy will receive \$200,000 for their project, *Accelerating Transition for Stronger Dairy Communities* in Cohuna. This project aims to accelerate regional economic returns by building dairy community resilience and capacity in areas of financial management, leadership and farm business transition. The project hopes to increase the viability of dairy farm businesses and therefore increase the security of dairy related jobs across Northern Victoria.

Mr Broad said all four projects will play key roles in building new opportunities for regional communities across the Wimmera Mallee regions.

“We need projects like these to get funding so we can ensure that our communities will be the kinds of places our kids and grandkids want to live in in the future.”

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