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NEW HOUSING HELPS TEACHERS GET BACK TO SCHOOL IN BOURKE

Minister for Finance and Services Andrew Constance and Member for Barwon Kevin Humphries today welcomed the completion of new teachers' accommodation in Bourke, just in time for the start of the new school year.

Mr Constance said the NSW Government, through the Teacher Housing Authority, had invested more than \$1.2 million on the construction of six new single bedroom units on Green Street.

"Teachers are in strong demand in Bourke Shire, and the new accommodation will be very welcomed as it is close to the state primary and high schools on Green and Tarcoon Streets," Mr Constance said.

"The new fully-furnished units will give teachers peace of mind, as they will not have to compete in the limited private rental market.

"It's important that we get the best teachers out to our regional centres and providing suitable and attractive places to live will help to achieve this."

Mr Humphries said the new accommodation could help to attract new teachers and families to Bourke Shire.

"The new units take the total number of available accommodation in Bourke Shire up to 49 residences and will mean there are more suitable places for teachers to live, regardless of family size or circumstances," Mr Humphries said.

"Previously, there were four older run-down units on the Green Street site, however by using more modern building techniques we've been able to fit six furnished units on the same block, while still retaining a high standard of comfort.

"Creating additional single bedroom units means that we can free up larger accommodation for teachers with larger families."

Mr Humphries said the units, which commenced construction in July, had provided a boost to the local economy.

"This was a fairly extensive project undertaken by the Teacher Housing Authority, valued at more than \$1.2 million," he said.

"The project assisted the community by using local subcontractors during the six month construction period, with suppliers and other business in the area also benefiting as a result."

Principal of Bourke Public School, Kylie Pennell, said the new accommodation will make it easier for staff and the school.

"Knowing our teachers are comfortable and well supported, we can then focus on delivering quality education to our students," she said.

In the last 12 months, through the Teacher Housing Authority, we've seen projects underway or completed in Boomi, Bourke, Broken Hill, Clare, Condobolin, Coonamble, Wee Waa, Wilcannia and Yetman.

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The Teacher Housing Authority manages around 1,450 residences in 280 rural and remote communities in NSW where the private rental market fails to meet the needs of teachers.

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