



Teachers to gain more accommodation in local upgrade

Construction begins on housing

Construction of two new Teacher Housing units for local teachers is underway in Wambiana Street, Nyngan as part of a \$1.4 million upgrade of teacher accommodation in the town.

Barwon MP Kevin Humphries today said he had been advised by the Minister for Finance and Services, Greg Pearce that the one bedroom units would be available for teachers in term one next year.

"They will supplement the existing 23 properties owned by the Teacher Housing Authority that are currently being refurbished," he said.

"The \$400,000 building project was awarded to Dubbo based company, Starjest Pty Ltd after it successfully bid for the work against another 10 companies.

"The builder is expected to use

local trades and suppliers as much as possible in the course of construction."

Mr Humphries said the same company built two other units in the street last year and Teacher Housing was pleased with the quality and delivery of the project.

"Without this accommodation being available in rural and remote areas it would be difficult to attract and retain teachers," he said.

"In Nyngan itself, demand from the mining industry is putting pressure on residential accommodation, so the funding for these properties is all the more important."

Mr Humphries said the Teacher Housing building program was currently providing a great boost for local economies in the western region of the State, as well as providing good, secure accommoda-

tion for teachers.

"The Teacher Housing Authority will spend nearly \$17 million this financial year on property acquisition, refurbishment and maintenance in rural and remote NSW," he said.

"Capital expenditure alone is up nearly 40 per cent on last financial year and is most welcomed by rural and remote communities and the teaching profession."