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Rural housing drawcard for bush teachers

By **JESSICA FRECKLINGTON**



THE State government has invested more than \$3.3 million in teacher housing in a move aimed to encourage teachers to live and work in regional NSW. Through the Teacher Housing Authority (THA) the government has invested more than \$1.2 million on the construction of new units in Bourke alone, with \$3.3m spent in the past financial year on capital.

Minister for Finance and Services Andrew Constance and Member for Barwon Kevin Humphries have welcomed the latest addition to teacher housing in Bourke.

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

"It is important we get the best teachers to regional centres – providing suitable and attractive places to live will help achieve this."

The THA owns about 1500 houses and units throughout the State, with 240 based in rural and remote locations that would otherwise



Bourke teachers Sam Daymond, Merinda McKechnie, Teacher Housing Authority local housing representative Tristian Marshall with his daughter Piper, Stacey Clarke, Sophie Shack-Smith and Craigie Dunbar.

lack accommodation for teachers.

Mr Constance and Mr Humphries agreed it was important to get the best teachers possible out to regional centres, and one of the ways to do this was to offer accommodation.

"The new accommodation could help attract new teachers and families to Bourke Shire," Mr Humphries said.

"The new units take the total number of available accommodation in Bourke Shire up

to 49 residents and will mean there are more suitable places for teachers to live, regardless of family size or circumstances."

Bourke isn't the only location to receive teacher housing.

In the past 12 months projects have been completed in Broken Hill, Boomii, Clare, Condoobolin, Coonamble, Mennindee, Wilcannia and Yetham. Three more locations have been approved for construction in

Moree, Narrandera and Lake Cargelligo.

THA general manager Phillip Shelley said new accommodation was always welcome.

"Teachers have told us they want clean, comfortable, non-sharing accommodation with a large living area with a fold out couch for visitors to stay," Mr Shelley said.

"We are meeting existing demand, putting the right accommodation in the right areas."

"We are based in 240 different towns and meeting new demand for low socio-economic places that need teachers."

THA's local housing representative for Bourke Tristian Marshall said the units were a great idea for teachers as it gave them a place to come which was already established.

"The units are really nice and it's nice to come to place that is already set up," Mr Marshall said. "They're lovely and new – the old ones were demolished due to structural reasons. "It really helps people come out

here, it's an extra incentive and resource to get teachers here."

Lake Cargelligo is set to be one of the newest locations for purpose-built teacher housing.

Lake Cargelligo Central School principal Margaret Chamen said the housing would be a great benefit.

"It's an enormous asset and drawcard," Mrs Chamen said.

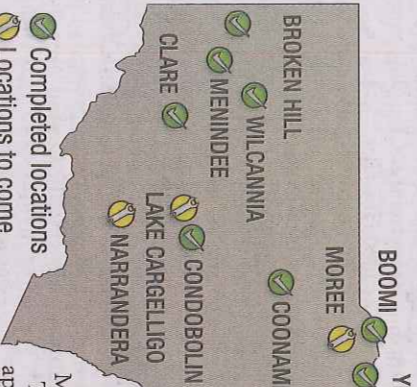
"Rental properties are scarce here and we have great difficulty getting staff without it."

Since the construction of the new units in Bourke, six new teachers have been accommodated for and appointed to one of Bourke's two schools since the start of the new school year.

Bourke Primary School principal Kylie Pennell said the new accommodation was great.

"It's fantastic, it's a great opportunity for the town and the schools," Mrs Pennell said.

"I've gained five new teachers. "It's a benefit, it's hard to attract quality teachers and for that to happen we need quality accommodation."



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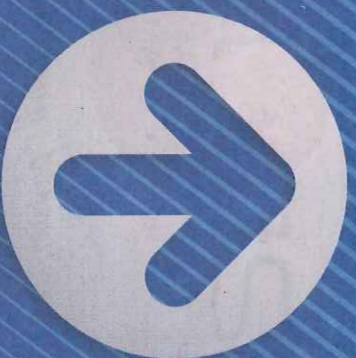
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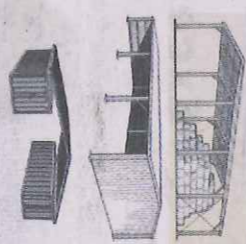


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