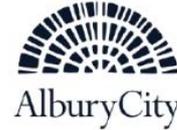




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Albury Wodonga Regional Deal

Progress Update - November 2020

Community Consultation Delivers New Ideas

Since August, over 70 key community stakeholders have been meeting virtually through six community reference groups and an Aboriginal working group, to identify key issues and opportunities for the region over the next decade.

Some of the main themes to emerge from the community reference groups are:

- improving connectivity within the region;
- improving cross-border regulatory harmonisation;
- supporting the growth of the region's tourism and sports industries;
- supporting the development and growth of the circular economy;
- opportunities to improve land utilisation within the region;
- developing new industries that leverage region's comparative advantages and technology ;
- supporting improved health, education and employment outcomes; and
- continuing strong linkages to country that build and sustain connections across the region's Aboriginal communities.

These themes and associated proposals will now be developed further and put forward for consideration by the Deal's five partners. The Regional Deal will be finalised by Ministers and Mayors and announced by mid 2021.

The community reference groups and Aboriginal working group will continue to be engaged during the design and development of the Regional Deal.

Early Murray River project being finalised

The Murray River is a key icon for the region and meeting place for the local community. As part of early negotiations, Deal partners have identified an early opportunity to progress upgrades to key community spaces along the river. Pending agreement on final details, an announcement on this exciting first step for the Deal is expected by the end of 2020.

Background to the Albury Wodonga Regional Deal

Regional Deals are a place-based approach to improving the productivity and liveability of regional cities by bringing together the three levels of government to collaborate, align and coordinate regional policies and investment.

The Albury-Wodonga Regional Deal will focus on ensuring that the region prospers over the next decade by supporting population growth and economic development, while also ensuring it remains nationally-significant, liveable and prosperous.

Further information

Visit <https://www.regional.gov.au/regional/deals/Albury-Wodonga.aspx>