



Gladys Berejiklian

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SIX NEW POLICE OFFICERS START WORK IN WAGGA

Premier Gladys Berejiklian met with the six new Police officers who started full-time duties at Wagga Wagga Police Station today.

“The NSW Liberals and Nationals have delivered hundreds of additional officers across regional NSW since coming to Government, and we are very proud that six new officers are starting work in Wagga Wagga today,” said Ms Berejiklian.

“These six new officers will continue to drive down crime rates and help ensure Wagga Wagga remains a safe place to live, work and raise a family.”

Mr Grant congratulated the new recruits on graduating from the Goulburn Police Academy after more than eight months of training and university-level education.

“As a community, we rely on our Police to stand in harm’s way and put our community’s safety above their own,” said Mr Grant.

“These six new officers will be supported by a new specialist Police squad which will target repeat domestic and family violence offenders in Southern NSW, including the Riverina.”

Ms Berejiklian also announced that a \$1 million investment would expand NSW’s flagship early intervention youth program, *Youth on Track*, into the Riverina to help 10-17 year-olds stay on the right side of the law.

“We know that supporting our young people to stay in education and training gives them the best chance to get and keep a job, and stay on the right track,” said Ms Berejiklian.

“The expansion of *Youth on Track* complements our investment of \$10 million to build a new Wagga Wagga PCYC, a place where young people can stay engaged with the community and make good life decisions.”

Wagga Wagga Liberals Candidate Julia Ham added, “We are so proud to welcome these new officers. They will play a key role in keeping our community safe.”

These community safety initiatives come on top of more than \$680,000 in additional funding for Karralika Programs to ensure that people impacted by ice addiction in the Riverina can receive withdrawal management and counselling services.

