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## Fortnightly Wrap: January 9 – January 22

With the flood recovery still underway, as it will be for some time yet, I joined Minister for Emergency and Flood Recovery Steph Cooke and local candidate Tony Mileto on a visit to Eugowra. We chatted with a number of people about their recovery process including inspecting one of the more than 100 caravans provided as part of the At Home Caravans Program. This program allows residents whose homes were destroyed or badly damaged by floodwaters to live on their

own properties instead of being accommodated in motels in surrounding towns.

Minister Cooke also announced a funding grant to support the reprinting of a cookbook, originally produced by the Eugowra Promotion & Progress Association as a fundraiser for the community. With the original copies lost in the floods, this money will allow for another print run, a huge boost for this community.



Steph Cooke inspecting a caravan provided to a family left homeless by the flood in Eugowra.

On a trip to the seat of Monaro, I spent some time with local member Nichole Overall. Together we visited the Krawarree Rural Fire Brigade to present a cheque for upgrades to their facilities as well as a certificate from Nichole for their fantastic work in the 19/20 Black Summer Bushfires. Together we also visited the Dargues Gold Mine, near Braidwood and Nichole took great pleasure and pride in showing off the river walk through Queanbeyan.



With Nichole Overall and GM of Dragues gold mine.



Showing off regional NSW to our Country's best cross country runners who will be back soon for the World Championships.

Closer to home I was lucky enough to represent Deputy Premier Paul Toole in his electorate as we marked one month out from the World Athletics Cross Country Championships to be held in Bathurst. A great opportunity for locals to see the world's best compete as well as attract thousands of visitors to our amazing part of the State.

I was also able to return to the Myall Lakes electorate and spent some time there with National's candidate Tanya Thompson. In true Nationals fashion, there was a couple of cheques to hand over, supporting the local community groups and organisations. The local division of the St Johns Ambulance received support as did the YMCA Aquatic Centre, the Moorall Creek Progress Assoc and funding was provided for new poultry sheds and cages at the Wingham Showground.

One of the highlights of the trip was certainly when Tanya and I spent a morning playing pickle ball with locals. Another of those activities that bring people together and make our regional communities the best place to live, work and raise a family.



Trying my hand at Pickle Ball with Tanya Thompson in Forster.

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