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NEW CHAPTER FOR CLARENCE LIBRARY

Clarence Valley Council will receive a funding boost of \$132,000 for the Go Mobile! Digital Library on Wheels project, which will replace an ageing mobile vehicle with a new van that will provide technology access and training to remote communities. Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP announced today.

Mr Williams said the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government understand the importance of public libraries in regional communities to lifelong learning. "The NSW Government recognises libraries need to adapt, they designed this program to assist local government in developing and improving buildings and information technology," Mr Williams said.

"This replacement will be enjoyed by our growing community and benefit people of all ages.

"I'm proud our community has been successful in securing further state government funding, to ensure our library is an accessible and engaging resource," Mr Williams said.

NSW Deputy Premier and Minister for the Arts Troy Grant said the funding program is an opportunity for local government to improve library services that benefit communities.

"The NSW Government has a strong track record of delivering for public libraries and has invested more than \$27.5 million in 2015/16 to meet the growing and varied needs of our communities," Mr Grant said.

"This new funding program has improved library services across the state with communities from Campsie to Cabonne, Lake Macquarie to Lake Cargelligo and Warrumbungle to Wagga Wagga just some of the winners in the scheme in 2015."

The Public Library Infrastructure Grant program will allocate \$15 million over four years to enhance library services and facilities and is administered by the State Library on behalf of the NSW Government.

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