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INDEPENDENT MEMBER FOR TAMWORTH

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Coledale Community Centre Cheque Presentation**

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Independent Member for Tamworth Peter Draper has presented a cheque for \$1,883 to the Coledale Community Centre to conduct art workshops and mural paintings.

“This is funding that will help the Coledale Community Centre improve the future for our community, including indigenous Australians,” Mr Draper said.

“The money will be used to conduct art workshops and mural paintings to develop new skills and enhance relationships within our community. It is incredible what painting a mural can do to bring different groups within our electorate together.”

“The Coledale Community Centre have conducted art workshops and mural paintings in the past and they have proved very successful.”

Coledale Community Centre Co-ordinator Barbara Daly has welcomed the funding, saying it will bring out the true talent of young people within our community.

“It is often hard for kids to realise their talent before they see it on paper or on a wall. It is work they can be proud of and will take ownership of,” Ms Daly said.

Mr Draper presented the cheque on behalf of Minister for Juvenile Justice Diane Beamer, who has also congratulated the organisation for the valuable work they carry out in the electorate.

“I thank the Minister for recognising the important work of the Coledale Community Centre through this funding and I look forward to continued support for this program,” Mr Draper said.

*Please find attached a photo of the cheque presentation.*

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