

## Netball's the winner!

On Saturday 20th June I had the pleasure of presenting Netball WA with a cheque for \$99,000! The cheque was a grant from the Department of Youth Sport and Recreation and part of the \$20 million the government awards annually to promote sport in our community. The netball season is now in full swing and the cheque has been put to good use. It has been combined with a grant from Cambridge Council and funds raised by the centre to resurface the centre's top courts.

As a parent I've spent many a Saturday watching my girls play netball at Matthews and have held my breath when they've fallen on the sharp gravel. Thankfully this is now a thing of the past. I'm told that Nedlands now has one of the best facilities in the State and that the current day players are rejoicing the end of gravel rash!

**Right:** Bill presents the cheque to Marita Somerford President of the Perth Netball Association



## Seniors Security Rebate

Recently the State Government announced a Security Rebate for Western Australian Seniors Card holders. From 1 July 2009 Senior Card holders will be eligible to claim a security rebate of up to \$200 per household towards buying or installing home security devices, such as deadlocks, door and window security screens, security sensor lights and alarms. Seniors have until 31 March 2012 to make a claim for the rebate which is payable from October 2009. Receipts for purchases or installations made after 1 July 2009 need to be kept and lodged as part of the claim process for the rebate. Claim forms will be available from Australia Post outlets from mid-July 2009 or by telephoning the Seniors Card Centre on 6217 8855 (metropolitan callers) or 1800 671 233 (country callers). Forms are also available from <http://www.seniorscard.wa.gov.au>

## Looking for funding for your club or community group?

The 2010/11 Community Sport and Recreation Facility Funding round is now open. Applications are sought from not-for-profit sport, recreation or community groups and local government authorities seeking capital works grants to develop sport and recreation facilities. These grants are made available by the Western Australian Government.

Further information about CSRF and relevant contact details are available from [www.dsr.wa.gov.au](http://www.dsr.wa.gov.au). Applications for standard grants generally close with the relevant local government authority at 4.00pm on Wednesday, 30 September 2009.

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### Click online today!

I have recently launched my own website! For all the latest survey's, information and news on what's happening in Nedlands and around our state please visit [www.billmarmion-nedlands.com](http://www.billmarmion-nedlands.com)

The site has been designed by local graphic artist Caspar Fairhall. When you visit the site you'll find the latest on local issues such as China Green and you'll be able to have your say on matters that count. There is also information on critical state issues such as our budget and other pending legislation.

You can subscribe to this newsletter online and there are links to local councils and community groups. You'll find an application for special birthdays and anniversary messages from myself, the Premier, Prime Minister and Queen!



July 2009



# Bill Marmion MLA BE MBA

## Member for Nedlands

A newsletter for the residents of Crawley, Daglish, Dalkeith, Jolimont, Karrakatta, Nedlands, Shenton Park, Subiaco and parts of Claremont, Floreat, Mt Claremont, Wembley and West Leederville

# Up and running!

In the 8 months since I have become the Member for Nedlands the most common question I am asked is "how are you handling the transition from your last job?" This is closely followed by "Is it what you expected?" and "How are you coping?"

I would like to report that being the Member for Nedlands is very rewarding and I am enjoying my new role enormously. Already I have been able to assist individual constituents with their issues and contribute towards larger State issues. It is indeed a privilege and I do not take lightly the responsibility I have to represent all electors within the seat of Nedlands.

My office in Hampden Road is now well and truly open for business and if you are in the area I would encourage you to drop in and say hello.

We have been working hard to get information flowing to and from the electorate. My new website is now completed and offers many opportunities for you to have your say about a number of issues.

Current local issues that people in Nedlands seem to be most concerned about are:

- Karrakatta Underpass – when will it be opened?
- China Green Development site in Subiaco – concern over increase in development density being promoted by the Subiaco Redevelopment Authority (SRA) from the 2004 plan originally promoted by the SRA.
- Carrington Street Speed Humps – concern over their number and cost given that two chicanes were also constructed to slow traffic.

- Underground Power – in those remaining areas of the City of Subiaco and City of Nedlands that don't yet have underground power.
- Waratah Avenue – whether zoning be increased from R10 to R20 in some sections

I have been actively engaging with the appropriate Ministers, Councils and constituents on these issues and welcome any views.

In my role as Parliamentary Secretary, both the Premier and the Minister for Transport, have asked me to assist them in some of their portfolio responsibilities.

The Minister for Transport, Simon O'Brien is utilising my past knowledge of infrastructure planning and delivery and has me as member or chairman of a number of committees including:

- Freight and Logistics Council
- Heavy Vehicle Advisory Committee
- School Bus Enquiry and
- Ministerial Maritime Facilities Advisory Committee.

Our Premier has also been keeping me busy. I am his representative on the Perth Waterfront Taskforce. I share his passion for this project and look forward to the new Liberal National Government presenting a more palatable concept to the people of Western Australia sometime this year with construction for the First Stage getting underway in our first term.

I am finding there is much to do and there is never enough time to do all that I would like but I find this to be both challenging and rewarding.



Bill and Julie Bishop participating in the Mothers Day Classic Run at Lake Monger to raise money for Breast Cancer.

To be an effective and alert Member I have concluded that an essential ingredient is for me to be very fit. Accordingly I have increased my morning jogging routine and will be entering as many fun runs in or close to my electorate as I can! I hope to see you on the track!

*Bill Marmion*

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# Karrakatta Underpass Update

One of the biggest issues facing the Nedlands electorate at the moment is the Karrakatta underpass. This is a joint project funded by the City of Nedlands, the City of Subiaco and the Town of Claremont. Because it involves works associated with the PTA's Perth to Fremantle Train Line, the PTA was involved as Project Manager and Supervisor. I had been advised late last year the opening would be delayed because the construction by the contractor was not totally in accordance with the design brief.

I have been recently informed that mediation between the contractor and the City of Nedlands, on a number of contractual issues, is now nearing completion. I understand that this will most likely involve a revised scope of works for the contractor to undertake with the aim of completion by September. I along with many other Nedlands residents look forward to the opening of the underpass.



Bill recently inspected the Karrakatta underpass.

# Recycling UWA leads the way!



Inspecting the current outdated bins which will be replaced with UWA's Environmental Officer Elisha Ladhams

The electorate of Nedlands has many great icons, one of which is the University of Western Australia. As the local member and a former student, I would like to congratulate UWA on signing up to the Australian Food and Grocery Council's 'Packaging Stewardship Forum (PSF)' who represent the consumer level recycling ideals of the nation's food and grocery manufacturers. The PSF aim is to increase public place recycling at Australian higher education institutions and sporting venues.

As one of the nation's leading research universities, it is great to see UWA was the first Western Australian university to sign onto the PSF program. The initiative which has been developed and funded by the PSF will see the instillation of 7 new recycling and waste bin systems in the Student Guild Village of the Crawley campus. The initiative will begin in August 2009 and help retain UWA as one of the most picturesque campuses in the nation.

# Living Wills Know your rights

On 12 June 2008 the Acts Amendment (Consent to Medical Treatment) Act 2008 was passed by both Houses of Parliament. The Act will be proclaimed during 2009 after the Government has developed appropriate regulations and education programs for both health professionals and the general community.

- identifies (and prioritises) those people who may make treatment decisions on behalf of a person
- permits an adult with full legal capacity to make an advance health directive containing treatment decisions in respect of their future treatment

In essence the Act:

- permits an adult to appoint one or more guardians to make decisions on their behalf at any time they are unable to make reasonable judgments in respect of matters relating to themselves

At present the Department of Health and the Office of the Public Advocate are finalising information to assist in completing the forms. If you'd like more information regarding this Act please contact my office or the Department of Health.



Above: Bill enjoying morning tea with Living Wills advocates Margaret Gawler, Mary Maude Winter, Maisie Gudgeon & Poppy Scott at Hollywood Village

# Nedlands volunteers!

The Minister for Seniors and Volunteering has recently released a report on 'The Economic Value of volunteering in Western Australia. I'm very proud to announce that the electorate of Nedlands has ranked 2nd in the ABS Census of Formal Volunteers.

Nedlands, with a population of 16,300 people has an annual volunteer rate of 28.5%. This equates to 4200 volunteers across the Nedlands electorate. Considering the size of the Nedlands population it is an outstanding effort to achieve this percentage and I would like to congratulate everyone who donates their time, services and skills.

The role of the volunteer is often an overlooked and under appreciated one. They play a vital role in our community, and this is why this Government will continue to acknowledge and support volunteers through extensive state wide programs and events such as National Volunteer Week and International Volunteer Day. There were more than 587 800 (37.6% of the population) organised volunteers in WA, who logged more than 77.2 million hours. If you do the calculations this means each volunteer averaged 131 hours. The results are exceptional and I encourage all volunteers to keep up the great work.

Bill with Libby McNabb, of Nedlands, who helps at the City of Nedlands library, and Patrick Cornish, of Swanbourne, voluntary editor of the Historical Society newsletter.



Recently I had the pleasure of touring the premises of Westcare in Nedlands. Westcare is a not for profit organisation that employs, trains and accommodates people with a disability. Westcare Industries provides employment support and training across a number of divisions including Westcare Print & Graphic Art, Box, Industrial Packaging, Foodpak and Safety. By choosing Westcare to look after your requirements, you will be supporting an organisation, whose vision is to empower, enrich and enhance the lives of people with a disability in Western Australia. This newsletter is printed by Westcare.

Nedlands is the home of thousands of people who donate time to keep the wheels turning for a host of organisations, from local government essentials such as libraries and home care, to school canteens and cultural groups including the Royal WA Historical Society. Volunteering WA, the peak body in the sector, promotes volunteering as a way of strengthening the community as a whole. CEO Mara Basanovic says: "It helps the groups to whom people give their time, of course, but there is also great benefit for the volunteer, such as social links, skill development and personal satisfaction."



On April 29 I had the pleasure of attending the opening of Ready to Work - a community based organisation which will help disadvantaged women obtain meaningful work by providing them with many of the tools they need to secure and maintain employment.

From the provision of work attire, to accessories and personal care services, interview skills, life skills and business mentoring, Ready to Work is there to make a tangible difference to the lives of women who need a helping hand.

Based on similar models in the US, UK and on the East Coast of Australia, Ready to Work can offer disadvantaged women a chance to succeed and prosper in ways they may never have thought possible.

If you'd like to volunteer your time or make a donation of suitable work attire or accessories I encourage you to contact Rachel Haines or Jodie Taziwell on 93855181. For more information [www.readytowork.com.au](http://www.readytowork.com.au)

