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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

Looking ahead in 2011

During the past two years the Liberal-National Government has delivered two budget surpluses and provided strong economic management. This has occurred while much of the world has been in economic free fall. As a result of strong leadership and some hard decisions Western Australia is now poised to reap the benefits.

The year ahead will see many exciting projects come to fruition across our state. These are exciting times and I am delighted to a part of the Barnett government that will deliver them. We have much to look forward to including projects like the Perth Waterfront, Perth City Link, and Netball Centre.

I look forward to the challenges ahead. As the newly appointed Minister for Environment and Water I am now responsible for the Department of Water, Water Corporation and the Department of Environment and Conservation. I hope to work with these Departments to achieve a suitable level of development that ensures Western Australia can continue this level of prosperity but protect the natural and environmental beauty that makes our state so unique.

On the home front Nedlands has some ongoing issues to contend with in 2011. As many residents who currently live and work around the QE II medical precinct already know, the issue of parking and access to their homes and businesses can be stressful at times. Under the current plan, there is an emphasis on providing public transport access to the detriment of building appropriate levels of car parking.

I fully support a good public transport hub being built in the precinct to provide access for those who would

prefer not to, or are unable to drive. However the very nature of a hospital and surrounding medical facilities dictates that the public transport option needs to be complemented by having suitable public and staff car parking options.

I believe it would be in the best interest of the residents, staff and visitors to have a car park designed in a manner that caters for ongoing increases in population, development density of the surrounding area and staff numbers. Parking should be able to be added to as required thus minimising the need for expansion outside the precinct. A car park tower, with appropriate visual appeal where levels can be added to when needed has some merit.

The Departments of Transport and Planning are developing plans for light rail and bus access to the hospital. Initial concepts are available for viewing and comment on the Department of Health web site and can be viewed on <http://www.nmahs.health.wa.gov.au/BuildingProgram/QEII/index.html>. I have received many submissions on the issue of parking from residents and as plans develop I encourage you to continue to provide my office with feedback.

One of the highlights at the end of last year was being able to attend our local schools Graduation Ceremonies and recognise the students and teachers who have achieved so much over the past year. Due to ministerial commitments this year I was disappointed to miss Loreto, Perth Modern School and Shenton College, however I was privileged to attend ceremonies at East Claremont, Jolimont, Dalkeith, Subiaco, Rosalie, Nedlands and Hollywood Primary



Schools. Attending these ceremonies brought home to me the width and depth of experience within our schools and reinforced how privileged we are in Nedlands to have such wonderful teachers and educational opportunities. To those returning to our schools and indeed to all residents of the Nedlands electorate I wish you a happy and successful year.

Kind regards

Bill Marmion

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Quadrangle Place Nedlands - officially open



Bill Marmion with new Quadrangle resident Jim Leahy

Photo Paul McGovern and courtesy POST Newspapers.

The Hollywood High School was closed several years ago. Part of the site was allocated for the redevelopment of affordable housing. As a consequence a 30 unit medium density site was earmarked for this purpose in Quadrangle Place, Nedlands.

Three weeks prior to handover of the units, the hailstorm of 22 March 2010 caused extensive external damage and internal water damage to most of the units. Due to water penetrating the electrical system, none of the units could be occupied. The repair work was estimated at \$550,000 and took nearly 8 months to complete.

As the then Minister for Housing I was delighted to finally open the units in November. The project consists of 10 one-bedroom units for singles and 20 two bedroom units for families.

Two of the two bedroom units have been designed specifically for people with disabilities and are situated on the ground floor.

The new accommodation will provide much needed housing for singles and families who are experiencing housing stress.

Public Holidays 2011

New Years Day Saturday 1 January / Monday 3 January

Australia Day – Wednesday 26 January

Labour Day – Monday 7 March

Good Friday – Friday 22 April

Easter Monday – Monday 25 April

ANZAC Day - Monday 25 April

ANZAC Day Public Holiday – Tuesday 26 April

Foundation Day – Monday 6 June

Queen's birthday – Friday 28 October (altered to coincide with the opening of CHOGM)

Christmas Day – Sunday 25 December / Monday 26 December

Boxing Day – Monday 26 December / Tuesday 27 December

Your feedback matters

Thank you to everybody who takes the time to fill out our survey and return it. The information you provide to us helps me know exactly how you feel about the issues affecting the Nedlands Electorate.

It has been interesting to know from past surveys that 68% of people believe that there should be some limited development on the Sunset site while 24% support only refurbishment to existing buildings with no new development. Network City had the electorate split 3 ways - 22% fully support increased residential densities, 23% totally oppose the idea and a majority of 54% would support it in certain locations.

While the resolution of the China Green development issue in Subiaco was not what I was hoping for, the survey results reinforced what the electorate wanted. Almost 50% of respondents supported only a minor density increase at the site, while 25% fully supported the 2004 Concept Plan.

A new survey with different issues has been included in this newsletter. Please let me know what you think.

Congratulations to our teachers

The West Coast Education District Education Week - Awards of Excellence were announced on Friday the 15th October 2010.

Since 2003 the annual ceremony has been the showcase for the promotion of the quality and excellence of public schools, including recognition of the excellent work of principals, students, teachers, support staff, student performers and school community representatives.

Our electorate was well represented, with 16 nominees hailing from Nedlands.

I was delighted to welcome all nominees to my office in December and would now like to publicly recognise the following exceptional achievements:



Congratulating all Nominees with their Principals at my office in December

- School of the Year Nominee - Shenton College
- Principal of the Year Nominee Garry Hewitt Nedlands Primary School
- Secondary Administrator of the Year Nominee Anthony Meczes Perth Modern School
- Primary School Teacher of the Year Nominee Michelle Sullivan Hollywood Primary School
- Primary School Teacher of the Year Nominee Janice Tesser Dalkeith Primary School
- Support Staff of the Year Nominee Kirsty Dodd Hollywood Primary School
- Support Staff of the Year Nominee Malcolm Hall Shenton College
- Support Staff of the Year Nominee Julie Keating Rosalie Primary School
- Support Staff of the Year Nominee Cheryl Lindorff Perth Modern School
- Support Staff of the Year Nominee Marion Tuck Dalkeith Primary School
- Secondary Teacher of the Year Nominee Dana Perks Shenton College
- Secondary Teacher of the Year Nominee Lorna Wardle Perth Modern School
- School Community Representative of the Year Nominee Mario Formentin Hollywood Primary School
- School Community Representative of the Year Nominee Jenny Gerschwitz Rosalie Primary School
- School Community Representative of the Year Nominee Jon Smeulders Nedlands Primary School
- School Community Representative of the Year Nominee Arnold Wong Perth Modern School

Launch of UWA Renewable Energy Vehicle

In November I was delighted to attend the launch of UWA's second Renewable Energy Vehicle. The vehicle a 2002 Lotus Elise S2 has been converted to run on renewable energy and has a maximum speed of around 200km/hour and a range of 110km.

This car joins UWA's first battery-electric conversion, the REV Eco, based on a Hyundai Getz. Since 2008, the REV Eco has completed almost 10,000km without any major problems.

The cars were converted by a team of engineering students who manage the REV projects. The contrasting pair of an attractive sports car - the Lotus - and a small commuter vehicle - the Getz - demonstrates the possibilities of electric cars.

Although electric cars have been around for more than a century, recent advances in motor, battery and controller technology now make them a viable alternative to petrol cars.



With Ian Hooper the student leading the project team and Professor Thomas Braunl, Director of the University's Centre for Intelligent Information Processing Systems.

Perth is facing a major climate challenge

Perth has just had its driest winter on record. If next year is as bad, there simply won't be any water left in our dams. That could mean no water for our gardens at all. Clearly, action needs to be taken and it needs to be taken now. The people of Perth are already doing their bit to help save water. Now, however, this once-in-a-lifetime lack of rainfall means we all need to help even more.

What the Water Corporation is doing.

Climate change means less rainfall. That's why the Water Corporation's 50-year 'Water Forever' plan is focused not only on conserving the precious water we have, but also on developing new and sustainable water resources. Over the past ten years the Water Corporation has invested over 1.5 billion dollars in response to WA's ever-drying climate with major steps being taken to address our water needs:

- **A second desalination plant.** In 2006, WA was the first State to build a seawater desalination plant, which produces around 45 gegalitres of water each year. In late 2011, our second desalination plant will be online, producing another 50 gegalitres of water each year.
- **Recycling our water for drinking.** The Water Corporation is currently trialing groundwater replenishment. This is where treated wastewater is further treated to drinking water standards and then recharged into our groundwater. Ultimately, groundwater replenishment could provide up to 35 gegalitres of drinking water each year.
- **Working closely with business and industry.** Businesses account for around 19% of our total scheme water use each year. Through its Waterwise Business Program, the Water Corporation is reducing the reliance of business and industry on scheme water.

We all need to cut our water use by 60 litres a day.

This works out to be around 10% of our current daily use – and will help save around 13 billion litres of water over the coming months. This will go towards the 76 billion litres we need, to avoid serious water restrictions next summer.

Next year's rainfall will contribute to this total but since this is far from reliable, the community of Perth is being asked to do its bit – with everyone saving at least 60 litres of water each day.

How to achieve your 60-litre target.

Review. Step 1 is to review how much water you currently use each day. To do this, simply check your last water bill and divide the average number of litres each day by the number of people living in your house.

Plan. Step 2 is to sit down with the rest of your household and talk about where water savings can most easily be made. You'll be amazed at how much you can save with little or no impact on your lifestyle.

Action. Step 3 is to prepare your personal Target 60 Plan and stick to it. You can download a Plan from watercorporation.com.au. Take a few moments to fill it in and to calculate how you can commit to using 60 litres less water each day, in your home and workplace. When preparing your plan please consider:

- Running irrigation for two minutes less. Each minute less across all stations saves around 130 litres of water on your watering day.
- Reducing your shower time. A shorter shower can save up to 12 litres a minute.
- Installing a water efficient showerhead (WELS rated 3 star or above). Doing this can save you 3 litres of water a minute.
- Only putting the washing machine on when you have a full load. If you reduce your washing by one load per week, you will save up to 120 litres of water per load.
- Checking your home is leak-free. Even fixing a small leak can save up to 30 litres a day.
- Mulching your garden. 10cm of waterwise mulch reduces evaporation by up to 70%.
- Only using your dishwasher when it's full. Older model dishwashers use 20 litres per wash.
- Watering in the evening. Watering late in the evening allows the water to soak to the roots and be available to the plant throughout the day when they need it most.

