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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

A new challenge.

Welcome to the July edition of your electorate newsletter. As you are no doubt now aware in April the Premier Colin Barnett reshuffled his cabinet and as a result I was asked to take on a new role as the Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing and Minister Assisting the Treasurer.

The three portfolios are unique with each presenting its own challenges and responsibilities:

- The Commerce Portfolio consists of the Building Commission; Consumer Protection; Energy Safety; Labour Relations; Science and Innovation; WorkSafe; Corporate Services and the Office of the Director General.
- The Science and Innovation Portfolio works toward encouraging new business development to diversify the State's economic base; supporting the research and innovation environment in Western Australia; and promoting science and technology as a major driver of economic, social and environmental growth and development.
- The Housing Portfolio consists of: Public Housing; Bond Assistance; Community Housing; Aboriginal Housing; Government Regional Officers' Housing; Country Housing Authority; Keystart Home Loan Schemes; the development and sale of land in Western Australia and policy and planning.

My new responsibilities will undoubtedly place heavy demands on my time but rest assured rather than representing the electorate of Nedlands less, I will in fact be representing you better.

You now have a voice in Cabinet and as your local member I am now even better placed to represent your needs.

Whilst the workload has certainly increased, I am still setting time aside for meetings with constituents especially to discuss local issues.

If you do have an issue you would like to discuss please do call the office on 93863064, and if you have a problem that requires urgent attention the Nedlands Electoral Officer Donna Drake and Research Officer Alex Lawrance will be happy to help you or ensure your issue is forwarded to me as soon as possible.

Of course whilst the past few months may have been turbulent in terms of changing roles, the release of the 2010-2011 Budget and Estimates, this seems smooth sailing compared to the turbulence that hit us all in March.

The electorate of Nedlands was particularly hard hit by the March hail storm and many businesses and services are still trying to recover.

Whilst my electorate office was flooded and many of the buildings in our street were affected one of the areas hardest hit was the new Homeswest house's in Shenton Park which were due to be opened on the 30th of April.

Unfortunately due to storm damage they had to undergo repairs which have taken longer than expected but I look forward to opening them in the near future and providing quality new housing to families which need it.

Across our community there have been some incredible stories and I'd like to commend all of those who have risen to the challenge and are now rebuilding.



I would also like to recognise and sincerely thank the many volunteers and career staff who worked tirelessly in wet and windy conditions to help our community; their dedication and commitment to help our residents affected by storms was exceptional.

Kind regards

Bill Marmion

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Work begins on new cancer and pathology facilities at the QEII Medical Centre.



An artists impression of the new centre

Construction work has started on a new state-of-the-art pathology centre and expansion of the State's Comprehensive Cancer Centre at the Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre. The Projects, valued together at more than \$54million, are the first of two new capital works projects to be built at the QEII Medical Centre over the next six years.

Of the 50,000 Western Australians living with cancer, about 7,000 of those will be treated each year in the expanded Comprehensive Cancer Centre. The second stage of the Cancer Centre will bring together the existing services that operate in five locations on campus and bring them together under one roof in a facility seven times the size of the Cancer Centre stage one.

The expanded centre will accommodate 140,000 patients visits each year and will be and a one stop shop for patients. Through the support of the Commonwealth and CanTeen, the Centre will have a designated age-specific area purely for adolescents and young adults living with cancer and will also house Solaris Care which offers free complementary therapies to all patients living with cancer.

The new pathology building has been designed to support the new children's hospital to be complete by 2015 and accommodate paediatric pathology and medical genetics. The facility is expected to carry out several million patient tests each year. Both the Comprehensive Cancer Centre Stage II and PathWest are expected to open in 2012.

State Government brings exclusive 'Great Collections of the World to WA'

A new five-year agreement between Eventscorp and the Art Gallery of Western Australia will help to bring a series of annual international art exhibitions to Perth. The first exhibition of the 'Great Collections of the World' series will be 'Peggy Guggenheim: A Collection in Venice', which will open at the Gallery on Saturday, October 9, 2010 and run until January 31, 2011. The Peggy Guggenheim Collection has never been the subject of a major exhibition in Australia and has been co-ordinated by the Art Gallery of Western Australia, exclusively for Western Australia.

It is a major accomplishment for Western Australia to be the only venue for such an extraordinary exhibition. The 'Great Collections of the World' series will provide West Australians with the opportunity to experience some of the world's greatest collections of art over the coming years.

I am delighted the first exhibition in this series brings together paintings and sculptures from one of the most acknowledged art museums in Europe. The State Government will continue to work to attract events such as these which give West Australians the opportunity to experience quality international exhibitions. For more information visit: <http://www.artgallery.wa.gov.au>

Volunteers needed for Alzheimer's Research

We are in the midst of an epidemic. In 2009 the number of Australians with dementia was estimated to be 245,000. By 2050, the total number will exceed 1,130,000 - in excess of a fourfold increase since 2009. Alzheimer's disease comprises between 50% and 70% of all cases of dementia.

An important player in the field of Alzheimer's disease is the McCusker Alzheimer's Research Foundation, which is a not-for-profit organisation established in 2001 to enhance medical research into this devastating and debilitating disease. The Foundation provides significant support to the research of internationally acclaimed pioneer researcher Professor Ralph Martins.

I was delighted to present the Foundation with a Lotterywest grant in May. The Grant will go toward the purchase of new premises which will house research facilities that will allow this vital research to continue.

The Foundation's latest research is a part of an international research effort into the genetic risk factors that predispose a person to developing Alzheimer's disease. This study known as DIAN (Dominantly Inherited Alzheimer's Network) is focusing on young people with Alzheimer's.

The Foundation is now looking for people with both a family history of Alzheimer's and without one to take part in the study. If you are interested in participating in this vital research please contact Dr. Judy Edwards at the Foundation on 9347 4202.



With Professor Ralph Martins at the McCusker Foundation.

Help local charity CanTeen sell 100,000 bandannas in Western Australia

CanTeen is now registering volunteers for National Bandanna Day 2010 - Friday 29th October. Since its inception in 1994, Bandanna Day has grown to become one of Australia's most loved fundraising events. The bandanna is more than a fashion accessory - for many young people it symbolises the hair loss associated with some forms of cancer treatment.

For over 20 years, CanTeen WA has been providing camps, recreation activities, leadership programs and support to young people aged 12-25 living with cancer. CanTeen's services are based on the belief that people with the same experiences are best placed to support each other and they provide young people living with cancer opportunities to meet and support each other in a safe environment.

All CanTeen programs and services are offered free of charge and it is only through campaigns such as National Bandanna Day that they are able to continue to offer these unique and valuable services. Presently, CanTeen supports over 450 young people in Western Australia in both regional and metro locations.

This year CanTeen WA has set the ambitious goal of selling 100,000 bandannas in Western Australia to provide further counselling services. To reach this goal teams of five volunteers are required to sell bandannas at shopping centre stalls throughout Perth on the 29th of October. To find out more or to register for a stall, contact Christopher Dix on (08) 9287 5111 or email cdix@canteen.org.au

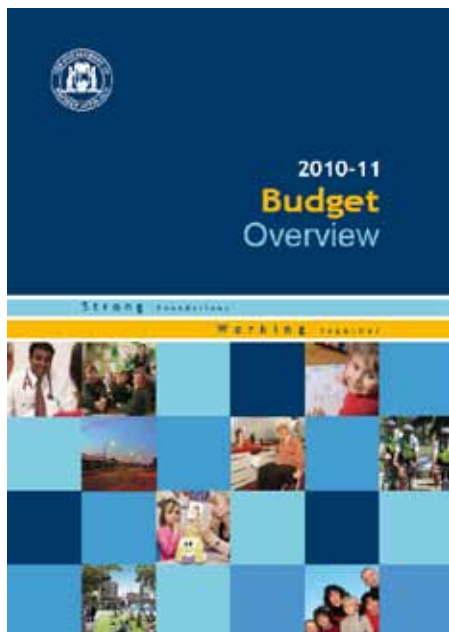
If you cannot commit to one whole day, you can still support CanTeen by ordering a box of 50 bandannas for sale at your work, school or sporting club.

For more information on ordering bandannas or organising a CanTeen fundraiser, contact Kath Sugars on (08) 9287 5111 or email ksugars@canteen.org.au or visit their office at A H Crawford Lodge, 55 Monash Avenue, Nedlands between 9am and 5pm.



Viewing this years Bandannas with CanTeen Members Bianca Lavorgna, Amanda Maynard and Bella Barnaby

State Budget 2010



The Liberal National Government's second budget comes as WA's economy moves away from the volatility of the global financial crisis and into the early stages of recovery. This budget responds to the complexities of sustaining the recovery with measures aimed at building a strong foundation for development.

That is why the Government is taking action to:

- deliver State building projects to ensure the infrastructure is in place to enable growth;
- ensure growth is not held back by unnecessary red tape; and
- ensure the State's finances remain strong and Western Australia maintains its triple A credit rating.

Health

- Biggest ever injection of additional funding – \$1.3 billion over 5 years
- New and expanded ambulance services across the State
- \$890 million in 2010-11 for building and expanding our hospitals

Education

- \$98 million over four years for 428 additional teachers, education assistants, and school support staff
- Record \$1 billion on school infrastructure in 2010-11

Community Services

- Spending on child protection up \$44 million (10.9%) in 2010-11
- \$28 million over four years to expand Responsible Parenting services in regional areas

- Additional \$15 million in 2010-11 for disability accommodation and support services
- \$10 million in 2010-11 for a Community Development Investment Fund

Law and Order

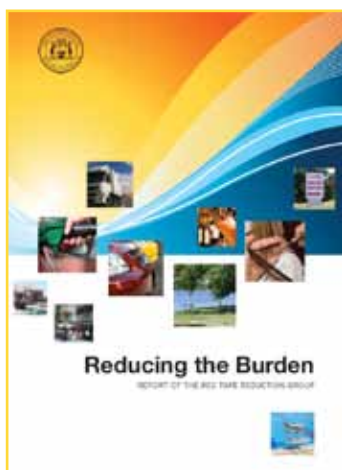
- \$44 million over four years to expand youth justice services
- \$28 million over three years for the Cockburn Central and Western Suburbs Police Hubs
- Additional 100 police and auxiliary police officers in 2010-11

Strong Foundations

- \$7.6 billion Asset Investment Program in 2010-11
- \$392 million over four years for the Perth City Link Project
- \$339 million to fund common user infrastructure at Oakajee Port
- \$111 million over five years for the Browse LNG Precinct
- \$83 million to develop Perth's major rectangular stadium
- \$21 million for planning and design work on the Perth Waterfront

For more information go to www.ourstatebudget.wa.gov.au/

Cutting the red tape



On 30 January 2009, the government announced the establishment of the Red Tape Reduction Group as one of a number of initiatives aimed at reducing the regulatory burden in Western Australia.

The Group was given the task of identifying, reporting and recommending measures that would reduce the compliance burden of excessive and sometimes redundant, regulation.

The final report was released in February and contained 107 recommendations to significantly reduce the red tape on Western Australian businesses and consumers. Key recommendations include reforms to:

- reduce the regulatory burden;
- maintain an impetus and mechanisms for on-going red tape reduction government; and
- address specific areas of concern raised during the consultation process.

For a full copy of the report go to <http://www.dtf.wa.gov.au/cms/index.aspx>

State netball facility planned for Matthews

Netball received a boost when \$26.1million was allocated in the Budget towards the development of a State Netball Centre at the preferred site of Matthews Netball Centre in Floreat. The Centre will include four indoor netball courts, office space for Netball WA and facilities for the West Coast Fever. Construction is scheduled to commence in late 2011. The State, in partnership with Netball WA, has completed a Project Definition Plan and a comprehensive Business Case for the State Netball Centre.



With Perth Netball President Marita Somerford at Matthews