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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 strong start - more to do!

Happy New Year! I do hope you had a healthy and happy Christmas and were able to relax, unwind and enjoy the very best of what living in the electorate of Nedlands has to offer. 2009 was a very busy year. At a local level a lot was achieved with the most contentious issues moving forward:

- **The Karrakatta Underpass** was finally opened in September. It was a long time coming, but only days after it opened you could see the positive effect it had on local and through traffic.
- **The Carrington Street Speed Humps** were, and still are, a contentious issue for residents. I was happy to see that some of the speed humps were diminished and hope the issue can be finally resolved this year.
- **China Green** has been at the forefront of many Subiaco residents' minds. Like many residents, I was bitterly disappointed that the Minister for Planning approved the SRA's scheme. This was despite over a year of lobbying by me in support of the valid concerns of many Subi Centro residents and the City of Subiaco. (See overleaf.)

Looking ahead to 2010, one area, which I know is of importance to the Nedlands electorate, is the availability of parking in some of the high use commercial and recreational areas. As more residents enter the electorate, I want to ensure that any major developments have suitable parking for new and existing residents. Throughout 2010 I will monitor parking for visitors to some of the key locations in the electorate. If you have not already contacted me and have feedback on this issue please do not hesitate to let me know.

I am very aware of the issue surrounding the QEII medical precincts and have had meetings with government and QEII officials about maximising the number of car bays for this area. To-date I have already sent 3 letters to the Minister regarding this issue and will continue to voice my opinions in 2010. One of my key concerns is ensuring that parking availability is there for not only visitors & staff, but also residents of these heavily congested areas.

On a state level 2009 has also been busy. As Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier I am now his representative on two very exciting projects, the Perth Waterfront Redevelopment and the Northbridge Link.

I am hoping work will commence on the Northbridge Link in 2010. With the plans drawn up and ready to go, I am excited to have the opportunity to be a part of such an important state development program.

I also hope that a business case for the Perth Foreshore Waterfront Precinct will be completed shortly so that we are able to start work as soon as the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) is over.

On another front this year I will continue to chair the Freight and Logistics Council which reports directly to the Minister for Transport. We are aiming to present the Minister with a draft State Wide Freight Corridor Strategic Plan. This draft will include rail, road and major service corridors, and focus on developing infrastructure to maximise Western Australia's freight logistics for the next 30 to 50 years.

All in all it looks like 2010 is shaping up to be another very busy year for my staff and I.



I am eagerly looking forward to ensuring my second year, as your member, is as productive and engaging as my first 12 months.

If there are any issues that you are aware of that I may be able to assist you with my door is always open. Please do feel free to contact me.

Kind regards

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Perth Waterfront and Northbridge Link

In my new role as Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier I am fortunate to now be involved with on two of the biggest redevelopment projects Perth City has seen in some time; namely, the Perth Waterfront Development and the Northbridge Link Development.

The Perth Waterfront plans were released late last year and overall the reaction by the public has been quite positive. It is a huge undertaking by the Government, but Premier Colin Barnett is determined not to waste this great opportunity bestowed upon Western Australia by our strong economy and mining sector.

The Perth Waterfront Development will not only be a great asset when completed but it will also provide great opportunities for many Western Australians during its construction.

The project will require and create 3300 jobs per year during construction. The total value of the project up to completion is in the order of \$2.6 billion.

The Northbridge Link Development is also a much-needed addition to remove the division that currently exists between the Perth CBD and the Northbridge Entertainment Precinct. The plans were developed leading up to Christmas 2009 and construction should start in the near future.

Once the Link has been developed, it will give Perth a 1.1 hectare town square. It will cost \$500 million, of which the Commonwealth Government has agreed to fund half. This project will create more than 1,650 residential dwellings, 244,000sqm of commercial space and generate more than \$2 billion in private sector investments.



Living Wills Update

The Consent to Medical Treatment Act was proclaimed in 2009. 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,
- Identifies (and prioritises) those people who may make treatment decisions on behalf of a person, and
- Permits an adult with full legal capacity to make an advance health directive containing treatment decisions

The Government has now developed appropriate regulations and an education program. An information kit and training for health professionals and community service providers, along with a brochure for members of the general public will be available online, and in hard copy format, from the 15th February 2010. For more information go to: www.health.wa.gov.au/advancehealthdirective or www.publicadvocate.wa.gov.au Brochures will also be available from my electoral office.

China Green

Since being elected China Green has been arguably the most contentious issue that I have had to deal with. In December the Minister handed down a decision in support of the SRA's proposal. Since then I have had a number of letters and e-mails from Subiaco residents. None are in support of Mr. Day's decision.

I do not know exactly what information the SRA gave Mr. Day; however, in my opinion, the Minister did not take into account the views of people who live in the area. Many people bought into the area on the basis of the SRA's low to medium density (3-4 storey) plan. I believe the SRA should have honoured this plan and advised the Minister accordingly.

I presented my opposition to the SRA's new high density plan to the Minister via a grievance motion in Parliament on Thursday the 24th of September. I will continue to support the valid views of the Subi-Centro residents and the City of Subiaco, who oppose this development, and will keep you updated on any new developments.

Congratulations to our teachers!

The West Coast Education District Education Week - Awards of Excellence were announced on Tuesday the 20th October 2009. 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 22 of the 66 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:



Bill with Garry Hewitt (Nedlands Primary School) and Donna Snow (Dalkeith Primary School)

Nedlands to become Independent

Nedlands Primary School is one of 34 schools in Western Australia to be empowered with greater freedom to make decisions best suited to the needs of their students and local communities.

Establishing Independent Public Schools was a key election commitment of the State Government and will hand greater control to schools while still providing systematic support and benefits. Principals will be able to select staff and manage a one line budget.

Nedlands Primary School was selected by an independent panel from more than 100 schools who submitted expressions of interest. Schools that were not selected will have the opportunity to work with the Department to strengthen their bid for consideration in the next intake of Independent Public Schools next year.

Resources for Parents and Grandparents

From time to time various departments make available a number of resources for distribution via our electoral office. The Department of Communities has recently released a very helpful publication – Grand Families – a resource guide for Western Australian Grandparents raising grandchildren.

The Department of Education and Training has also released three publications: 'Counting on you 2 – helping your child with maths', 'Helping your child with maths really adds up' and 'Helping your teenager prepare for Year 11'. If you would like a copy please contact the Office on 93863064.

School of the Year – Award of Recognition

- Nedlands Primary School (Principal Garry Hewitt)

Principal of the Year – Award of Recognition

- Donna Snow (Dalkeith Primary School)

Primary School Teacher – Nominee

- Darelle Bilich-Mizera – Nedlands Primary School
- Sue Archer – Hollywood Primary School
- Alison Conroy – Nedlands Primary School
- Jennifer Smith – Nedlands Primary School

Primary Administrator – Nominee

- Andrew Malcolm – Nedlands Primary School
- Judy Gildersleeve – Rosalie Primary School

School Community Representative – Nominee

- Bruno Sanfilippo – Rosalie Primary School

Secondary Administrator – Nominee

- Mary-Anne Baljic – Perth Modern School

Secondary Teacher – Nominee

- Gary Adamson – Shenton College
- Gabriella Barrett – Shenton College
- Adam Pengelly – Shenton College
- Dana Perks – Shenton College
- Angus Clark – Perth Modern School

Support Staff Nominees

- Billie Chellew – Dalkeith Primary School
- Mariano Morales – Dalkeith Primary School
- Graeme Bergersen – Hollywood Primary School
- Lauryl Wallace – Perth Modern School
- Jenny Michon – Shenton College
- John Stavrianos – Shenton College
- Niki Sargentson – Shenton Deaf Education Centre

Concerned about your teenager's next party?

As a parent, I was horrified to hear of the recent tragic event where a young man died as a result of gatecrashers at an 18th birthday party. This dreadful occurrence reminded me of just how important it is to register all teen parties with the police.

By registering an event, you can help local police respond quickly and effectively to any emergencies that may occur. To make registration easy a form is now available online at the WA Police website (<http://www.police.wa.gov.au/>) under the 'Online Forms' section.

Concerned parents should ensure that the form is filled out and submitted as part of their party preparations.



A STRONG START

MORE TO DO

After nearly 18 months in government we are still on track to deliver on our election commitments and to provide better government for a better state. While the job has been harder than necessary, because of the many challenges inherited from the previous government, the Government has been working hard to keep the State moving forward despite the economic challenges that have confronted us.

Western Australia is now beginning its recovery out of the economic downturn and we are now well positioned to take advantage of opportunities as they arise. We are working hard to create opportunities that have not been there before, like uranium mining, whilst seizing opportunities that have previously been stymied by bureaucracy and red tape, such as the agreement to develop a gas precinct in the Kimberly.

Since January 2009 we have made decisions on a myriad of issues, both big and small, including:

- Agreement on the development of the gas precinct at James Price Point,
- Signing of a State Development Agreement for the development of Oakajee Port and a new open access railway,
- Paving the way for 6,000 jobs after the EPA's conditional approval of the Gorgon Project,
- Progressing concepts for the development of Perth's river foreshore,

- Delivering our first State Budget which retained Western Australia's AAA credit rating,
- Securing funding for the Northbridge Link to sink the railway dividing Perth and Northbridge
- Finishing and opening the new athletics stadium and basketball centre,
- Moving on with a \$12 million upgrade of King Edward Memorial Hospital,
- Investing a record \$1.1 billion into capital works for new schools, upgrades and maintenance, and
- Delivering a \$140 million suite of measures to help small and medium sized businesses keep people employed.

Job security and job creation remain a priority and we are focussing on delivering projects with a record \$8.3 billion asset investment program aimed at supporting jobs, economic growth and improving services as well as delivering projects in partnership with private enterprise.

We have had to make some tough decisions and these have not been taken lightly. We have made decisions like introducing fishing licences in spite of the fact that we were criticised, because it was the right thing to do. You can be assured that this Government is setting high standards and making the right decisions for the right reasons. I look forward to the next 18 months with excitement and enthusiasm.

Sunset Hospital Update

The former Sunset Hospital site closed in 1995 and since then has been managed on a care and maintenance arrangement by Building Management and Works (BMW) for the Department of Health. A number of schemes have been developed for conservation of the site but each has failed, primarily due to local concerns about the sale and private use of an A Class reserve with a number of residents believing the site should be retained in public ownership for community use.

Since being elected I have been working closely with the BMW assisting them on how best to get some activity at Sunset that will allow the general public continued access to the site. The BMW have suggested a process for prospective users of the site which includes satisfying criteria such as; preservation of existing heritage buildings, access to the site, preservation of trees and ability to manage the site. I am currently in discussions with the Premier on the next step. In the meantime the Government has allowed the makers of the film based on Tim Winton's novel, "Cloudstreet", use of the site.