

A weekly e-newsletter from the Parliamentary National Party of Western Australia

State Budget 2010-11: Royalties for Regions, Grylls

Regional Development and Lands Minister Brendon Grylls said key examples of the Liberal-National Government's commitment to the regions were the \$897 million major revitalisation programs in the Pilbara, Kimberley and Gascoyne regions.

Major initiatives include:

- Pilbara Cities \$977m to address major infrastructure projects
- Gascoyne Revitalization \$131m to assist with major projects in the Gascoyne
- Kimberley Revitalization \$270m to assist with major Kimberley projects
- Regional Education Plan \$152m to upgrade regional schools
- Regional Communications \$120m to address shortcomings in mobile coverage
- Country Age Pension Fuel Card Stage 2 \$120m to include more recipients.



Above: Esperance branch of "Sing Australia" entertain at The National Seniors Conference

Looking after our seniors

Wendy Duncan MLC officially opened the National Seniors' Australia conference in Esperance last weekend which considered research outcomes and policy options about Australia's aging population. Seniors at the conference were delighted with the extension of the Royalties for Regions Country Aged Pension Fuel Card.

Waldron promotes responsible message on alcohol sponsorship

Terry Waldron MLA this week announced the key issues concerning sport and recreation in WA. Issues included alcohol promotion and sponsorship in sport, dealing with the complex social issues of regional communities through sport and protecting free to air televised sporting events. Terry said there is a great opportunity to promote responsible alcohol messages through the media network and ultimately education is the key.

Woodhams disappointed at Wandalgu Proposal

Grant Woodhams MLA this week expressed his disappointment at the Federal Government's interest in acquiring the Wandalgu Hostel for the purpose of housing asylum seekers as opposed to an education and training facility. Grant said a number of stakeholders have noted the potential that St Josephs has as a training facility for a range of education and training programs.

GM debate finalised

Terry Redman MLA welcomed the defeat of the GMO disallowance motion in the Upper House this week. The motion was moved by the Greens who oppose genetically modified crops in Western Australia. This was the final obstacle in the GM debate.

Duncan supports Fremantle Port-Lead Export

Wendy Duncan MLC this week spoke on the decision to allow lead to be transported from Wiluna to Fremantle through 22 metropolitan suburbs. Wendy said she supports the transport because there will be extensive monitoring and strict environmental conditions in place proving a stark contrast to the previous Government's handling of the export of lead through Esperance.

NEWS HEADLINES

A new home for WA netball, Waldron

Accommodation for seniors in regions a critical issue, Duncan

Kidney Week focus on rural care, Duncan

"Change the message" on alcohol sponsorship: Waldron

Royalties for regions delivers new projects to the Esperance region, Duncan

State Budget 2010-11: Royalties for Regions, Grylls

State Budget 2010-11: Major sporting facility projects backed in Budget, Waldron

State Budget invests in the Pilbara region, Catania

State Budget 2010-11: Investment in agriculture increased, Redman

A modern, state-of-the-art rectangular stadium for 25,000 spectators, Waldron

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WHAT'S NEXT

22 May- Tuck opening the Woodanilling recreation centre

22 May - Grant in Geraldton

24 May - Wendy and Vince in Karratha & Roebourne

24 May - Grant in Chapman Valley

25/27 May - Parliament Sitting

28 May - Grant in Gingin

28 May - Wendy and Brendon in Kalgoorlie

28 May - Col attending Men in Black Gala Dinner

South West Foodbank Food Run

Colin Holt MLC this week rallied support for The Nationals WA Foodbank Run, which is scheduled for August 2-6. Colin met with Tony Ives from Truckworld Rentals who donated a truck for the Run. The run is a fundraising drive in the South West region to collect donations of food from business, growers and the community. Colin will be delivering donations to Foodbank outlets throughout the South West.



Above: Colin Holt MLC and Tony Ives from Truckworld rentals.

Boulder Rocks

Wendy Duncan MLC was among 3,000 people who attended the Boulder Rocks Festival in Boulder last weekend. The Boulder Promotions and Development Association ran the festival along with volunteers and local businesses. Wendy said it was a great opportunity for local businesses recovering from the effects of the quake and said there was a huge display of community spirit.



Above: Wendy Duncan MLC at the Boulder Rocks Festival.

Kalgoorlie cadets visit Parliament

This week Kalgoorlie cadets visited Parliament House with National's WA State Executive Member, Dave Grills. The main highlight for the cadets was

attending the public gallery and watching matters being addressed by Brendon and Wendy. Dave said the tour was a great opportunity to educate the young cadets about the workings of government in WA.



Above: Dave Grills with Kalgoorlie cadets on their tour of Parliament.

New book welcomed, Catania

This week Vince Catania MLA launched 76 year old Florence Corrigan's book "Miles of Posts and Wire" at Point Samson. The book details Florence's life growing up in the Pilbara outback.

A new home for WA netball

Terry Waldron MLA and Premier Colin Barnett this week announced the new \$26m State Netball Centre in Floreat. The centre will include four world-standard indoor netball courts and office space for Netball WA. Terry said the facility would provide a home for the State League competition and help keep girls and young women active.

Museums brochure launched

Hon Mia Davies MLC today launched the WA Wheatbelt Museums brochure, at the Cunderdin Municipal Museum. The brochure covers the galleries, museums and heritage sites in the historic Wheatbelt region. This project received \$9,000 from the Royalties for Regions Regional Grants Scheme.

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