

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

Pilbara Revitalisation Plan phase two projects to receive \$42million, Grylls

Royalties for Regions will contribute \$42million towards sixteen strategic infrastructure projects as part of the Pilbara Cities program. The program will establish a more sustainable social and economic base for the Pilbara region addressing strategic priority areas such as land availability and affordability, health, education, community activation, transport and indigenous affairs. Minister for Regional Development Brendon Grylls said the projects are the beginning of a transformation in the Pilbara to provide a better lifestyle for the community and visitors to the region. For more information about the projects visit:

www.thenationalswa.com.au.

New head of Pilbara Cities office

Brendon Grylls MLA has announced that Chris Adams will head the new Pilbara Cities office. Chris has been the CEO for the Town of Port Hedland since 2005, and was previously the CEO for the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley. Chris' experience and understanding make him the ideal person to drive the Pilbara Cities initiative, of which Royalties for Regions will contribute nearly \$1 billion over the next four years.



Above: Chris Adams announced to head the new Pilbara Cities office.

Redman welcomes grapefruit exports to Japan

Terry Redman MLA has welcomed the decision by Japan's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries to accept Australian grapefruit into Japan. Until now the main barrier to Japanese imports of Australian citrus has been the possible presence of fruit flies. WA researchers have now worked to ensure that grapefruit can match Japanese quarantine requirements. Trade of grapefruit with Japan will commence next year.

Boddington Old School funded

Late last week Terry Waldron MLA presented a Lotterywest Cheque of \$25,894.00 to the Boddington Resource Centre (formerly known as the Boddington Old School) for community equipment and facility upgrades. The centre provides services including internet access, tourist information, Centrelink agency, TAFE courses and helpful word processing and secretarial services.



Above: Terry Waldron MLA, Elizabeth Hoek (Coordinator BOS Inc.) and Mark Gordon (Chairperson).

Duncan welcomes standard fee for development approvals

Proposed planning legislation introducing Development Assessment Panels (DAPs) is set to reform and streamline the development approvals process for State planning. Wendy Duncan MLC has welcomed the commitment gained from the Minister for Planning that the fees for DAPs will be standardised across the State and collected by the Department, relieving local government concerns about added cost burdens.

NEWS HEADLINES

New grapefruit treatment process meets Japan's quarantine regime and opens market for Australia, Redman

Shire CEO to head new Pilbara Cities office, Grylls

The Nationals WA Candidates Take a Stand on Royalties for Regions

Pilbara Revitalisation Plan phase two projects to receive \$42million, Grylls

Premium food and wine trade on agenda in China, Redman

Royalties for Regions scheme injects \$140million into community programs, Grylls

Regional airports to share in \$6.87million improvements, Grylls

Contract awarded for East Kimberley Development Package, Grylls

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WHAT'S NEXT

25 June – Max and Brendon in Kellerberrin

26 June – Brendon, Wendy and Mia in Newman

27 June – Brendon and Wendy in Jigalong

28/9- Vince in Exmouth

29 June – Wendy in Carnarvon

29 June – 1 July – Legislative Council sitting

30 June – Vince and Brendon in Karratha

2 July – Mia and Brendon in Beverley and Northam

2 July – Colin in Bunbury

3 July – Vince and Tuck in Dampier

Davies pleased internet filter opposed

WA Young Nationals voiced their opposition to the Federal Government's plans to filter the internet at The National's Federal Conference held in Canberra last weekend. WA delegates said the filter would limit freedom of speech and freedom of information, as well as slowing internet speeds across the country. Mia Davies MLC said it was a fantastic opportunity for young people to engage in policy debate in a national forum and congratulated the Young Nationals' delegates.

The Nationals celebrate 90 Not Out

Fifteen delegates from WA travelled to Canberra for The Nationals Federal Conference last weekend. This year the Party celebrated 90 years of continuous representation in the Federal Parliament. Federal candidate for O'Connor Tony Crook moved a motion proposing that the Federal Government match the State Government's investment in Royalties for Regions dollar for dollar to ensure regional WA receives a fair share of Commonwealth funding. The motion was lost and the experience has galvanised the resolve of Tony, Lynne Craigie (Durack) and the Senate team led by John McCourt (Broome) that it's essential for regional WA to have a National in Canberra.



Above: The West Australian delegation to The Nationals Federal Conference and Gala Ball, celebrating 90 years as a Federal organisation

Gardiner reviews DHS funding

This week Phil Gardiner MLC attended further Estimates and Financial Operations Committee hearings reviewing the removal of senior school allocation funding for Year 11 and Year 12 courses at District High Schools. The Committee is expected to make an announcement of their findings regarding the Year 11 & 12 Vocational Education and Training (VET) funding issues in regional WA in the near future.

Holt presents housing awards

Colin Holt MLC was the key speaker at the Housing Industry Association 2010 Great Southern Awards in Albany this week. The event recognizes industry leaders and was attended by nearly 200 guests. Colin said it was a great opportunity to outline the direct benefits the Housing for Essential Workers Policy is having on the local building industry.

Catania welcomes reform

This week Vincent Catania MLA moved an amendment to the *Public Sector Reform Bill 2009*. The bill aims to improve the transparency and accountability of the public sector. The amendment, which was supported by the Premier, will ensure public sector workers will have similar rights available to other WA workers through the industrial relations system. It will also assist in the attraction and retention of public sector workers.

Presidents Advance Programme

Four Young Nationals from Western Australia participating in the President's Advance Programme (PAdP) travelled to Canberra to attend The Nationals Federal Conference. The PAdP aims to introduce young people to different facets of political life. They attended the Young Nationals' meeting, debated motions and met Nationals leaders and Federal MPs.

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