

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

Pilbara Cities project to deliver affordable housing for Karratha workers

Earthworks are set to start on a service workers' accommodation village in Karratha, which will deliver much-needed affordable rental accommodation for non-resource sector employees. The project is a key component of the Royalties for Region's Pilbara Cities initiative to revitalize the town of Karratha. The \$30.4 million service workers' accommodation village is the first of its kind in Western Australia and will provide 100 units to house up to 250 people. The project aims to provide affordable housing options for service workers and ease the pressure in the rental market. The first housing should be available by Christmas.



Above: Hon Wendy Duncan MLC, Vince Catania MLA and Hon Brendon Grylls MLA in Karratha

Royalties for Regions to fund Tambellup park upgrade

Member for Wagin Terry Waldron this week welcomed Royalties for Regions funding to upgrade of Diprose Park in Tambellup. The refurbishment of Diprose Park has been an ongoing Council and community initiative. \$150,000 from Royalties for Regions will boost current funding and enable the project to be completed more quickly. New council staff housing in Tambellup will also benefit from Royalties for Regions funding.

Catania and Grylls in Exmouth

Member for the North West Vince Catania and Minister for Regional Development Brendon Grylls this week visited Exmouth and saw a number of Royalties for Regions projects. Vince opened the new Exmouth Mall, which received Royalties for Regions funding and has significantly improved the townscape. Vince also attended the

opening of the Exmouth Gamefishing Club.

Holt visits Albany business

Member for South West region Colin Holt visited Fletcher International Abattoir in Albany to discuss issues and challenges facing the business as they continue to operate. The abattoir is one of the largest employers in Albany and leader in the export of processed meat in Australia.

Sheep research not all hot air

Minister for Agriculture and Food Terry Redman has welcomed research to breed sheep that produce more wool and meat but emit less methane to reduce the carbon footprint of the nation's sheep industry. The research is a new collaborative effort between the Department of Agriculture and Food, Murdoch University and the national Cooperative Research Centre for Sheep Industry Innovation.



Above: Minister Terry Redman observes new research methods

NEWS HEADLINES

Major market unlocked for WA wheat, Redman

Fuel card not running out of petrol, Holt

Boulder quake provides opportunity for enhancement of the precinct, Duncan

Minister kicks off construction of rugby headquarters, Waldron

Pilbara Cities project to deliver affordable housing for Karratha service workers, Grylls

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More housing options soon to be on offer in Karratha, Grylls

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WHAT'S NEXT

28–29 April – Vince, Brendon, and Wendy in Karratha

29 April – Max in Northam re-opening of The Link Theatre

2 May – Brendon, Phil, Mia, Max, Grant and Colin attending The Nationals WA Toodyay Bushfires Fundraiser at Northam Race Club

3 May – Terry, Wendy, Brendon and Mia attending opening of Muchea Livestock Centre

4–6 May – Parliament sitting

6 May – Brendon hosting Regional Chambers of Commerce and Industry Meeting at Parliament House

6 May – Mia in Geraldton

MPs discuss future of Roebourne

Hon Brendon Grylls MLA, Hon Wendy Duncan MLC and Vince Catania MLA were in Karratha this week, where they attended a Gnarluma Corporation Board Meeting. The future of Mt Welcome homestead in Roebourne, Roebourne Arts Group and the proposal for a port at Ankatell were discussed during this meeting. Brendon announced new land deals for the Roebourne Arts Group and the "Chook Farm" which were warmly welcomed by Gnarluma people.



Above: Minister Brendon Grylls, Hon Wendy Duncan MLC and Vince Catania MLA at the Board Meeting of the Gnarluma Corporation in Roebourne

Redman welcomes new major market for WA wheat

The Western Australian grains industry has made a significant breakthrough in its bid to export wheat to Saudi Arabia. Agriculture and Food Minister Terry Redman said Saudi Arabia's sole wheat importer had changed its tender specifications to allow Australian wheat to be imported into the country. This change to specifications could be significant in developing a strong wheat trading relationship with the kingdom.

Boulder quake provides future opportunities for enhancement

Member for the Mining and Pastoral Region Wendy Duncan said last week's earthquake should be seen as an opportunity to give the Boulder town centre a makeover. Funds will be provided to restore and revive the historic precinct once a detailed

report of work and funds required is provided.



Above: Hon Mia Davies MLC at the Northampton Anzac service with Commander Lachlan King (left) and Frank Mallard (right)

Davies in Geraldton and Northampton for ANZAC Day

Member for the Agricultural Region, Mia Davies attended ANZAC Day services in Geraldton and Northampton on Sunday. Hundreds of people turned out for the dawn service in Geraldton and events continued throughout the morning. Mia travelled on to Northampton, where she attended the ANZAC Day service and presented Viv Carson with Honouree Affiliate Membership, Certificate of Appreciation for tireless effort for the local RSL.

Duncan recognises cadets

Hon Wendy Duncan MLC attended both ANZAC day services in Esperance last weekend. It was an opportunity for Wendy to meet the Australian Army Cadets from the Esperance 503 Army Cadet Unit. Wendy is now a patron of this unit and will work to help raise awareness of the army cadets.



Above: Hon Wendy Duncan MLC with cadets in Esperance

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