

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

Royalties for Regions to fund Pilbara water projects

Regional Development and Lands Minister Brendon Grylls today announced the nine projects that would share \$2.5million, allocated to test the feasibility of projects to make the best use of water resources in the region. Nine pilot water projects and associated works in the Pilbara will go ahead as part of the \$358.5million Royalties for Regions Pilbara Revitalisation Plan. The successful projects include the irrigation of biofuel crops from mine dewatering and a water bottling facility using excess mine dewatering and locally manufactured biodegradable bottles. The projects not only have the potential to supply the Pilbara with alternative, viable water sources but also provide employment and training opportunities for people in the area.



Above: a pile of rubble is all that remains of the parapet from the top of this building in Burt Street, Boulder.

Member said quake damage is heartbreaking

Member for the Mining and Pastoral Region, Wendy Duncan visited Kalgoorlie-Boulder on Tuesday in the wake of the earthquake that shook the Goldfields town. She was devastated to see the structural damage to some of Burt Street's iconic historic buildings. Wendy sat in on part of the emergency management group meeting and has been able to assist with lining up some of the resources as well as pledge the necessary support from the State Government.

Waldron backs more green, less screen initiative

Sport and Recreation Minister Terry Waldron has been involved with Nature Play WA aiming to provide encouragement for parents and help them develop strategies to get their children away from the TV and

computer screen. The departments of Sport and Recreation (DSR) and Environment and Conservation (DEC) will work together to provide a series of resources encouraging families to get outside together. The first of these resources is the Nature Play WA website, which will evolve to offer a complete menu of activities for the family and give tips on how they can create a new community of active families to share the fun of being in nature.

Crook welcomes royalty decision



The Nationals candidate for O'Connor Tony Crook has welcomed an announcement that the gold royalty rates will not be increased in this year's Budget. Mr Crook said the declaration, made yesterday in Parliament, will be a relief to many in the gold industry. Mr Crook lobbied MPs on the issue, saying that many producers were just finding their feet following the Global Financial Crisis and it would be a disincentive to junior companies looking to get started.

NEWS HEADLINES

Shire of Collie agrees to scheme amendment for Shott's Industrial Park, Grylls

WA Beef Council to drive cattle industry forward, Redman

Cape Peron development partner announced, Grylls

Minister backs more green-less screen initiative, Waldron

Youth exercise right to demonstrate, Davies

Oakagee gets the thumbs up from the Japanese, Woodhams

Damage to Boulder historic buildings heartbreaking, Duncan

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WHAT'S NEXT

25 April 2010 ANZAC Day

Hon Brendon Grylls MLA – Albany
Hon Terry Waldron MLA-Kondinin
Hon Terry Redman MLA-Greenbushes
Hon Grant Woodhams MLA-Toodyay
Hon Wendy Duncan MLC-Esperance
Hon Vincent Catania MLC – Carnarvon
Hon Max Trenorden MLC-Northam
Hon Philip Gardiner MLC-Moora
Hon Mia Davies MLC-Geraldton / Northampton
Hon Colin Holt MLC- Harvey

North West Airline Services Welcomed by Duncan

The Hon Wendy Duncan MLC has welcomed the announcement by Airnorth of two new services to the North West of Western Australia which are expected to commence on June 1. The additional services will link airline travel between the Kimberley and Pilbara regions, taking out the need for people from these North West regions to first travel to Perth in order to access other North West centres.

Woodhams returns from Japan

Member for Moore Grant Woodhams has just returned from Japan after leading a four member parliamentary delegation on a visit to Western Australia's sister state Hyogo. Woodhams said the visit had three major objectives. The first was to reassure the Japanese of the importance of their relationship with Western Australia. The second was to meet with major trading partners of WA and discuss the situation in the Mid West. The third was to educate WA parliamentarians as to the nature of doing business with Japan. Woodhams and his parliamentary colleagues met with some of Japan's major businesses including Toyota, Mitsubishi, Mitsui, JFE Steel and the Tokyo Gas and Electric Company. They also met with State and National government representatives.



Above: Traffic in Japan where The Hon Grant Woodhams has returned from parliamentary talks.

Davies welcomes youth exercising right to demonstrate

Member for the Agricultural Region Mia Davies this week welcomed a demonstration on the Government's proposed 'stop and search' laws as a

display highlighting our State's healthy democratic system. Human rights group Search for your rights lead the demonstration at Parliament House on Tuesday. Mia said it was great to see young people engaging with the political process and making their voice heard on issues that matter to them.

Opening of the new Legislative Council chamber

All Council Members attended Monday's official opening of the refurbished Legislative Council Chamber at Parliament House. President Barry House welcomed and introduced the Governor, who officially opened the Chamber.

Catania presents grant to Burringurrah Community

The Hon Vince Catania has recently presented a Lotterywest Grant cheque of \$246,831 to Burringurrah Community. Vince travelled to the Community to present the cheque which is out from Gascoyne Junction. The cheque was for the Burringurrah Aboriginal Community to assist with a facility upgrade and office equipment for the Youth Centre.

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