



Royalties for Regions supports indigenous business in the Pilbara

Hon Brendon Grylls MLA visited Tom Price this week, to announce the funding of \$145,000 from the Pilbara Regional Grants Scheme, to support the Ashburton Aboriginal Corporation's biodiesel manufacturing business. The biodiesel project represents an excellent opportunity for the local indigenous community. It

involves recycling potential hazardous waste products into saleable biodiesel and will provide local indigenous communities with fuel for heavy machinery and power generation. The Ashburton Aboriginal Corporation also has a partnership arrangement with the Shire of Ashburton to be their preferred biodiesel supplier.

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Hon Terry Redman MLA

- Reminder to submit views on Federal Government's changes to Youth Allowance

Hon Grant Woodhams MLA

- Visiting Parliament in Canada this week

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Hon Mia Davies MLC

- In Geraldton to present cheques from the Royalties for Regions, Regional Grants Scheme, to the local Farmer's Market and to the State Emergency Service (pictured below)



What's on next?

Regional Cabinet in Geraldton next week

Hon Grant Woodhams MLA and Hon Philip Gardiner MLC are hosting a National Party function at the Geraldton Club on Sunday evening

The FeNaCle Festival is on in Karratha this weekend
Local Government Week takes place next week

Conference of State Parliamentarians

This week, five of our MPs are in Melbourne for the Conference of State Parliamentarians (COSP). State National Party parliamentarians from throughout Australia will be meeting at Parliament House in Melbourne to discuss a wide range of issues. COSP is an excellent opportunity for National Party MPs from across Australia to raise a range of issues with particular reference to the effects of both State and Federal government policies on rural and regional Australia. The business session will run all day on Friday and will provide an overview of how The Nationals are promoting ideas and actions to support country people wherever they live in Australia.

Aquatic Centre finally gets funds to upgrade

Hon Terry Waldron MLA has been busy in his electorate this week. He was in Katanning to present the Shire with a cheque for \$330,000 on behalf of the Community Sporting & Recreation Facilities Fund. The funds will go towards a much needed refurbishment for the Aquatic Centre. This is the first of two payments being made for this project.



Hon Terry Waldron presenting a cheque for \$330,000 to Andrew Holden, the Manager of Corporate Services for the Shire of Katanning

Member for Central Wheatbelt captivates a different audience

Hon Brendon Grylls MLA was welcomed back to his old school and boarding house in Perth this week. Brendon was the guest speaker at the Wesley College Boarder's Dinner and the head of boarding Mike Lans, said Brendon was a gracious and inspirational speaker. His speech focussed on the importance of personal integrity, being yourself and on the value of contributing to society. Mr Lans said the boys were captivated by Brendon.



The Wesley Boarder's Dinner, where Hon Brendon Grylls was guest speaker

Time running out for Youth Allowance submissions

Hon Terry Redman MLA has completed his submission to the Senate Inquiry, regarding the Federal Government's changes to Youth Allowance. He expressed his concerns of the adverse impact on regional families and he is urging parents and students to submit their views too. The Senate Inquiry provides an outlet for country families to let the Rudd Government know how seriously these changes will affect them. You can lodge your submissions at the following address. <https://senate.apf.gov.au/submissions>