



Hon Brendon Grylls MLA with Colin Hassell and Norma Sutherland (Aquarena) and Adam Murszewski (Department of Sport and Recreation)

### News headlines

Hon Brendon Grylls MLA

- Minister congratulates Mid-West regional grants scheme
- State Government welcomes investment by Samsung Corporation in Collie

Hon Terry Redman MLA

- Minister calls for submissions into the review of the Genetically Modified Crops Free Areas Act 2003

Hon Wendy Duncan MLC

- Esperance Anglican school denied expansion opportunity

Hon Philip Gardiner

- Call for country foster carers

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### What's on next...

8 August:  
Hon Terry Waldron  
MLA is attending  
Broome Cup  
11-13 August:  
Parliament resumes  
19 August:  
Business Breakfast,  
Hon Brendon Grylls  
guest speaker

### Brendon Grylls MLA congratulates Mid West RGS recipients

Brendon Grylls, Terry Waldron, Grant Woodhams, Mia Davies, Philip Gardiner and Max Trenorden were in Geraldton for a series of meetings held in conjunction with Regional Cabinet this week. The highlight was a meeting with the

successful recipients of the Regional Grants Scheme funding from the Mid West. The MP's also attended a function hosted by Philip Gardiner and Grant Woodhams at the Geraldton Club for members and supporters.

### Local Government reform still on the agenda

The WA Local Government Association (WALGA) held their annual convention this week and Hon Brendon Grylls called on Shire Councillors to embrace the reform process. In his address, Brendon reinforced that The Nationals do not support forced amalgamations but that they supported the reform process. He encouraged Councillors to work in partnership with the State Government to own, drive and deliver positive change for their communities with the advice that Government was considering changing the formula for future allocations of the Country Local Government Fund to support regional groupings of Councils. Those councils that are prepared to use their collective capacity to leverage projects in the regions will be rewarded. His parting words to the convention were that The Nationals WA embraced reform three years ago in the face of adversity and are now a more sustainable and influential organisation as a result.

### Agriculture, Food and Forestry Tour

On Wednesday Hon Mia Davies joined a host of Members for an industry familiarisation tour organised by Terry Redman, Minister for Agriculture, Food and Forestry. Participants visited Wesbeam (timber processing plant), CBH (Kwinana), Wellards (Live Animal Exporters) and an old growth Jarrah forest on the outskirts of Perth. The Minister's office, Department of Agriculture and Food and the Forest Products Commission led the informative tour.

### Minister calls for submissions into the review of GM

Minister for Agriculture and Food, Hon Terry Redman MLA is encouraging public submissions into the review of the

Genetically Modified Crops Free Areas Act 2003. Go to [www.agric.wa.gov.au](http://www.agric.wa.gov.au)

### Bauxite in Bindoon

This week Hon Philip Gardiner MLC, the Member for Agricultural Region was in Bindoon, to officiate the first digging and processing of bauxite ore for commercial export in WA's history. It is Bauxite Resources first mine and will be a significant project for the region.



Hon Philip Gardiner, Member for the Agricultural Region, with the publicity officer for Bauxite Resources Limited

### Duncan fights for Esperance Anglican School

Hon Wendy Duncan, Member for Mining & Pastoral Region, will be organizing a petition calling on the Government to review its decision to prevent the expansion of Esperance Anglican School to years 11 and 12. Call Wendy's Electorate Office for a petition or download it from [www.nationalswa.com](http://www.nationalswa.com).

### Wheatbelt Aviation Taskforce announced

Hon Brendon Grylls MLA has announced a Ministerial Taskforce to assess the aviation industry in the Wheatbelt. Hon Max Trenorden is Chair and the rest of the Taskforce comprises of Hon Mia Davies MLC and a representative from the Wheatbelt Development Commission, the Shire of Wyalkatchem and the Avon Community Development Foundation. The taskforce will consult with local government, industry and the community to develop a strategic plan for the aviation industry in the Wheatbelt.