



Hon Terry Redman making pasta with the head chef of Bleeno's Bistro at the mid-week farmers markets

Mid-Week farmers markets open in Fremantle

Agriculture and Food Minister Terry Redman officially opened the mid-week farmers markets in Fremantle this week. Terry said the markets played a great part in bringing the best of the regions to the city. It's expected that the popularity of farmers markets will continue to

grow because the fresh food is of high quality and consumers are given the chance to talk directly to the producers. This initiative is set to benefit regional WA producers by providing them with another outlet for their produce.

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\$3million puts Munda Biddi on track for Albany

Regional Development Minister Brendon Grylls this week announced \$3million of Royalties for Regions funding for the Munda Biddi Trail between Mundaring and Albany. The Trail is currently 500km long, but will double in length when completed. Brendon said it's a world-class cycle trail that provides riders with some of the most stunning natural bushland and scenery in the South West.



Supporting youth leadership

Hon Colin Holt and Hon Brendon Grylls visited Denmark this week for the Southern Region Leadership Forum. The forum is supported by the South West and Great Southern development commissions and Lottery West and focuses on encouraging community groups to work collaboratively. Brendon was the keynote speaker at the Forum's Gala Dinner.

Catania helping to promote tourism for North West

Member for the North West, Vince Catania has been attending the Warlu Way Tourism Conference in Karratha this week to support the development of tourism in the north of the state. The conference is looking at development and

awareness of the Warlu Way Trail, a self-drive tour through the Gascoyne, Pilbara and Kimberley regions. North West tourism was granted \$20,000 from the Royalties for Regions fund to help develop the initiative.

Agricultural industry invited to comment on plans

Agriculture and Food Minister Terry Redman has urged Western Australia's agriculture and food industries to have input into the State Government's plans to support the future development of their multi-billion dollar sector. The four draft industry plans were released this week and invite feedback on horticulture, grains, livestock and food for the next three years. Terry said the aim of the plans is to set out what the Government needs to do to assist these core industries grow. For more information

<http://www.agric.wa.gov.au>

Improving indigenous economic capacity in the Kimberley

Regional Development Minister Brendon Grylls and Attorney General Christian Porter announced the Aboriginal Development Package worth \$12.5million this week. The package was signed with the Miriuwung Gajerrong people and is aimed at improving the traditional owners' capacity to participate in the economic development of the East Kimberley region. It will support indigenous employment opportunities through local business development, local tenders, mentoring, vocational training and contract opportunities for indigenous businesses.

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Terry Waldron enjoying the Newdegate Field Days

Nationals MP's in Newdegate

Spring has arrived and the show season is warming up. Hon Terry Waldron and Hon Philip Gardiner have been in Newdegate this week for the annual Newdegate Field Days. Terry and Phil discussed local issues with constituents, including local government reform and the grain freight rail network.



Terry Waldron and Philip Gardiner meeting with local constituents

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Blokes building better communities

Member for Central Wheatbelt Brendon Grylls is speaking at the Inaugural Men's Shed Conference in Mukinbudin today. The Australian Men's Shed Association has run three national conferences, but this is the first in Western Australia. More than 250 men have registered to attend the event. Brendon said the formation of the WA Men's Shed Association is an important initiative for the region. The main focus of the Shed Association is to engage men who are not actively involved in the community and to give them a safe environment to learn, meet and interact.

Providing a stronger voice for the regions

This week, Minister for Regional Development Brendon Grylls, and Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Development, Maxine McKew signed a Memorandum of Understanding to establish Regional Development Australia (RDA), a new regional advocacy body. The RDA committee will be the first point of contact for regional communities in accessing government programs and will actively promote regional initiatives and partnerships. Brendon welcomed the agreement, which will see the Area Consultative Committee network in WA transformed to eight RDA committees and an advisory body for Perth.

Regional Development fact finding tour

Hon Mia Davies and Hon Wendy Duncan visited Queensland this week to

meet with organisations and individuals involved in regional development. Accompanied by Rod Hayes, the Managing Director of Horizon Power, they toured the Gladstone area and met with local groups, including the Gladstone Port Authority. The visit will inform strategic development and investment in regional areas, helping The Nationals WA to further develop Royalties for Regions.

Nationals Ag Region MP's in Moora

Nationals' MPs Hon Max Trenorden, Hon Phil Gardiner and Hon Mia Davies attended the Central Midlands and Coastal league football and netball grand finals in Moora last weekend. The Upper House Members for the Agricultural Region sponsored and presented the netball awards in recognition of the important role sport plays in healthy communities, especially in regional areas. Hon Grant Woodhams sponsored the football trophies. Cervantes defeated Dandaragan in the football. Moora Rovers defeated Jurien Bay in the netball.



Max Trenorden presenting awards for netball grand final

What's on next...

5 Sept: Mia Davies attending Koorda Show

5 Sept: Vince Catania attending Point Samson Centenary dinner

7 - 11 Sept: Max Trenorden going to QLD and SA for local government reform fact-finding tour

8 Sept: Parliament resumes

12 Sept: Nationals Gala Ball at the Burswood

16 Sept: Terry Redman business breakfast at UWA