

A weekly e-newsletter from the Parliamentary National Party WA

Show-casing regional WA

MPs dropped into the Smoke Free Perth Royal Show throughout the week and Hon Brendon Grylls, Hon Mia Davies, Hon Philip Gardiner and Hon Wendy Duncan attended a cocktail function hosted by the Department of Regional Development and the Royal Agricultural Society on Wednesday night. Brendon paid tribute to the hundreds of volunteers, exhibitors and Royal Agricultural Society members who worked for months to produce an outstanding event showcasing the best of regional WA. Special congratulations to the volunteers from the Mid West Region who won the blue ribbon in this year's District Display competition.

Mining and Pastoral Region Member travels across the State

Member for the Mining and Pastoral Region Wendy Duncan officially launched the "Light the Way" art exhibition in Esperance last weekend. An art auction at the exhibition raised nearly \$5,000 to support accommodation for people with mental illness. Wendy also addressed a dinner fundraising for the Esperance Christian Primary School. The school is aiming to raise \$100,000 in 100 days, to purchase more land. After leaving chilly Esperance Wendy headed for Kununurra, where it was 38 degrees, to meet with locals and report on progress of Ord Stage Two. Wendy also helped out on the Esperance Guest Town stand this week.



Above: Shannon Quick, Principal, Rhonda Morcombe, Chair, Wendy Duncan and Minister Graham Jacobs with students of Esperance Christian Primary School



Above: Kim House, Hon Brendon Grylls and Louise House at the Perth Royal Show



Above: Jenny Harris and Hon Mia Davies with at the Perth Royal Show District Displays

Member for Moore in Africa

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and Member for Moore Grant Woodhams is in Africa this week on Parliamentary business. Grant has visited the South African National Legislature and the Western Cape Provincial Parliament. He is now in Tanzania attending the 55th Annual Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference and will return home next week.

NEWS HEADLINES

Regional WA set to benefit from new affordable housing options, Grylls

Fairbridge Village receives boost from Royalties for Regions, Grylls

Peel community members scoop Southern Leadership Awards, Grylls

Cranbrook's Dowrene Farm hand over celebrates indigenous success, Redman

WHAT'S NEXT

3 Oct – Mia Davies, Brendon Grylls and Terry Waldron going to Kulin Bush Races

3 Oct – Wendy Duncan attending CT Scanner dinner in Esperance

4 Oct – Max Trenorden attending Toodyay Annual Picnic Races

5 Oct – Mia Davies attending Wagin Electoral Council meeting in Lake Grace

5 Oct – Vince Catania and Wendy Duncan at Landor Races

6 Oct – Brendon Grylls, Wendy Duncan and Terry Redman in Carnarvon

7 Oct – Mia Davies in Northam to meet with representatives from CYO'Connor TAFE, Avon Industrial Park and Avon Community Development Corporation

9 Oct – Grant Woodhams back from Africa

9 Oct – Colin Holt will be at the Senior Wellness Expo in Albany

Nationals head to Kununurra

Member for the South West Colin Holt and Member for the Mining and Pastoral Region Wendy Duncan made the trip north this week to attend the Kununurra Branch meeting. Wendy discussed the Royalties for Regions Program with about 20 delegates at the meeting. Hon Colin Holt, Candidate for Durack Lynne Craigie and Nationals WA State Director Martin Aldridge toured the Ord River Irrigation Scheme and met with farmers, locals and government representatives. They also visited the proposed work camp, the Aboriginal Hostel (which is under construction) and other town projects.



Above: Wendy Duncan, Colin Holt and Martin Aldridge from the Nationals with members of the Kununurra Branch

Member for Agricultural Region has busy week

Hon Philip Gardiner attended a *Violence to Vibrancy* breakfast on Wednesday 30th September, hosted by the Pacific Institute and the Department of Health. Presentations included an insight on a program that reduced homicides and gang-related violence in Los Angeles by dissuading gang members from their normal violent behaviour. Phil also attended a meeting with a representative of Doctors for the Environment, an independent organisation of medical practitioners who recognise the significant role the environment plays in people's health.

Back to Denison Day

Hon Mia Davies headed to Port Denison on Sunday 27th September for a 'Back to Denison Day' celebration organised by the Irwin District Historical Society Inc. Former residents, friends and families gathered at the Fisherman's Hall on the Port Denison Foreshore. Local identity Max Cramer launched *One Small Port Three Names: a history of the Dongara Port*, a book compiled by the Irwin District Historical Society. Many memories were shared on the day, along with photos and memorabilia.

Regional WA set to benefit from new affordable housing options

Lands Minister Brendon Grylls today announced the winners of the LandCorp REAL (Regional Environmental Affordable Living) Challenge, a competition to find new solutions to the problems of housing affordability and climate responsive design. The challenge will help regional WA access homes designed for specific climate zones, particularly for the Pilbara, Kimberley and South-West Regions. LandCorp will provide winners with land in Baynton West, Karratha, Lakeside Park, Kununurra, Buckingham Way and Collie to build their innovative design and open it for public display. Further information at www.landcorp.com.au/sustainability/realchallenge

Lions convention in Albany

The 38th Annual Lions Convention was held in Albany on Saturday and Hon Colin Holt's research officer Sam Harma opened the Convention on behalf of Colin. More than 300 delegates descended on Albany from across Australia and New Zealand.

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Nationals want more support for rock lobster industry

The Nationals WA support calls from the Western Rock Lobster Council for greater Federal Government assistance to the rock lobster industry. The Federal Government has ruled out providing Exceptional Circumstances support for rock lobster fishers, despite the severe short-term hardship the industry is facing. The rock lobster industry said their current situation is comparable to a long period of drought on farm.

South Australia to follow WA Nationals

Hon Brendon Grylls and Hon Mia Davies have attended a forum in South Australia to discuss how regional Members and minor parties can exercise the balance of political power in Parliament to effectively represent their constituency. Hon Brendon Grylls told the forum that the key to success was taking a responsible and pragmatic approach to deliver good government. Other speakers at the forum included Hon Nick Xenophon (Senator for South Australia), retired Professor of Political and International Studies Dean Jaensch, Dr Clement Macintyre (School of History & Politics, University of Adelaide) and Dr Peter Van Onselen (contributing editor at The Australian and Associate Professor, Department of Political Science at Edith Cowan University).

Cranbrook's Dowrene Farm celebrates indigenous success

Agriculture and Food Minister Terry Redman has applauded the efforts of the Dujimerrup Twonkup Aboriginal Corporation (DTAC) to build an independent farming business in the Great Southern. The Indigenous Land Corporation today divested the title of Dowrene Farm in Cranbrook

to the Dujimerrup Twonkup Aboriginal Corporation. Terry said DTAC would independently manage the 731ha property and have continued access to planning, technical advice and practical support from the Department of Agriculture and Food. Terry said Dowrene Farm would provide inspiration for other indigenous farm businesses in the Southern Agricultural Region.

Fairbridge Village receives boost from Royalties for Regions

Regional Development Minister Brendon Grylls formally launched the final stage of Fairbridge's \$16.5million redevelopment program at its Pinjarra village. The project received the largest funding grant under Round 1 of the Royalties for Regions, Peel Regional Grants Scheme, totalling \$1,820,180 over three years. Fairbridge is well known for its work with youth, including indigenous young people and those at risk. This project will greatly expand the educational and recreational opportunities available at Fairbridge.

Police Remembrance Day in Northam

National Police Remembrance Day was held on 29th September again this year and Member for the Agricultural Region Max Trenorden paid his respects at the local Northam service. More than 50 people attended the service at the Northam Police Station including Superintendent of the Wheatbelt District, Catherine Bullen APM. This important day is a time to remember police officers who have lost their lives.