

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

Royalties for Regions contributes \$7.4million to Gascoyne water pipe upgrade

Regional Development Minister Brendon Grylls and Agriculture and Food Minister Terry Redman visited Carnarvon on Tuesday 6 October to announce \$7.4million from Royalties for Regions for the upgrade of the Gascoyne Irrigation Pipeline. The replacement and upgrade of the pipeline will provide irrigation across the Carnarvon horticulture precinct and will be capable of servicing a proposed 400ha expansion. The Carnarvon horticultural area already plays a critical role in WA's fruit and vegetable production and the expansion of the foodbowl will bring opportunities for growth, employment and prosperity for the region.

Esperance gets new CT scanner

Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Development and Lands Wendy Duncan attended the CT scanner dinner in Esperance on Saturday 3 October. Wendy announced \$246,000 from Royalties for Regions to add to the community's fundraising effort. The CT scanner has been ordered. Wendy congratulated the community on raising the funds.



Above: Wendy Duncan with donation cheques at the CT scanner dinner

Member for South West focuses on health issues

Member for the South West Colin Holt has been looking at health issues in the region this week. Colin met with the Director of South West Health for an update on issues including the Busselton, Harvey and Collie hospital developments. Colin also toured the Collie hospital to hear how the community would services redeveloped to provide extra health benefits.



Above: Brendon Grylls, Vince Catania, Wendy Duncan and Terry Redman with the Gascoyne water pipeline

Member for Agricultural Region visits Northam TAFE

Hon Mia Davies MLC visited the C. Y. O'Connor TAFE in Northam on Wednesday 7 October to discuss vocational education with Managing Director, John Scott. Mia toured the Northam facilities and discussed options for flexible education delivery for people who can't access a TAFE campus. While in Northam Mia also visited the Avon Industrial Park and met with Shire CEO, Neville Hale.



Above: C.Y. O'Connor TAFE Managing Director John Scott, Mia Davies and Chair of Avon Community Development Foundation

NEWS HEADLINES

Ngala's online services to support families in rural and remote areas, Grylls

New mentoring program to grow rural skills, Redman

Government explores business opportunities in State's north, Redman

State Government contributes \$7.4million to Gascoyne water pipe upgrade, Grylls and Redman

New chairman appointed to Regional Development Council, Grylls

Fine-tune your grant writing skills, Duncan

Government throws lifeline to Leeuwin II, Waldron

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WHAT'S NEXT

9 Oct – Grant Woodhams returns from Africa

10 Oct – Brendon Grylls officially opening the York Society Art and Craft Awards

10 Oct – Terry Redman attending the dedication of Peaceful Bay Sea Rescue Group's new rescue vessel

10 Oct – Tuck Waldron attending Tambellup Show

10 Oct – Max Trenorden attending the Toodyay Show

10–11 Oct – Brendon Grylls attending Narembeen Relay for Life

12 Oct – Terry Redman GM Technology Seminar

13 Oct – Mia Davies and Philip Gardiner attending local government breakfast

13–15 Oct – Parliament sitting

14 Oct – Brendon Grylls, Wendy Duncan, Philip Gardiner and Mia Davies attending the RFDS Life Flight Jet launch

15 Oct – Mia Davies attending Youth Council of WA AGM

Members tour North West region

Hon Brendon Grylls MLA, Hon Wendy Duncan MLC and Vince Catania MLA toured the Horizon Power in Carnarvon on Tuesday 6 October. They also attended a morning tea at the Carnarvon Senior Citizens Centre, toured the Gwoonwardu Mia Gascoyne Aboriginal Heritage and cultural centre and attended The Nationals WA Carnarvon Branch member's dinner.



Above: Brendon Grylls, Vince Catania and Wendy Duncan at Horizon Power Station in Carnarvon

Lake Grace MP Forum

Nationals WA members and members of the public from the Wagin area gathered in Lake Grace on Monday 5 October for the Wagin Electorate Council meeting, followed by an open community forum for locals to raise issues with their MPs. Hon Terry Waldron MLA, Hon Mia Davies MLC and Hon Philip Gardiner MLC attended and discussed issues, including local government reform, GM technology, the grain freight network, residential accommodation for students in Perth and the regions.



Above: Tuck Waldron, Mia Davies and locals at the Lake Grace Sportsman's Club

Member for Agricultural Region marks pipeline anniversary

Hon Max Trenorden MLC attended the 25th Anniversary celebrations for the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline at the Convention Centre on Thursday 8 October.

Minister for Racing and Gaming announces funding for Leeuwin II
Minister for Racing and Gaming Tuck Waldron announced \$500,000 to ensure the Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation can continue to operate. In a joint announcement Tuck reflected on the contribution the Leeuwin program has made to the leadership skills of participants.



Above: Minister Faragher and Minister Waldron with the Leeuwin II

Members attend Landor races

Member for the Mining and Pastoral Region Wendy Duncan and Member for the North West Vince Catania attended the Landor races on Monday 5 October 2009. Wendy had the important task of awarding the Fashions of the Field. Vince and Wendy caught up with locals and enjoyed a flutter on the Landor Cup.



Above: Wendy Duncan presenting the Fashions of the Field award at the Landor races

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