

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

Applications open for Regional Grants Scheme

Minister for Regional Development Brendon Grylls announced the next round of the *Royalties for Regions* Regional Grants Scheme in Bunbury this week. Individuals and organisations throughout regional WA can share in \$45 million from the latest round of funding. Each of the nine development commissions will make up to \$5 million available to applicants in their region. The last round of funding (\$40 million) went to 320 projects across the regions and leveraged more than \$97 million from other sources. For more information visit www.RoyaltiesForRegions.wa.gov.au or phone 9217 1400.



Above: Hon Brendon Grylls launching the next round of the Regional Grants Scheme

Ravie gets reliable power at last!

Minister for Regional Development Brendon Grylls and local Member Hon Wendy Duncan MLC joined the Minister for Energy last Saturday to announce \$3 million for improved power reliability in Ravensthorpe. In Opposition, The Nationals campaigned long and hard for power upgrades for the Ravensthorpe community. The local community was delighted with the outcome.



Above: Western Power's Doug Aberle, Ravensthorpe Shire President Brenda Tilbrook, Hon Peter Collier, Hon Brendon Grylls, Hon Wendy Duncan, Horizon Power's Frank Tudor and Hon Graham Jacobs

Ravensthorpe-Hopetoun Future Fund

Hon Brendon Grylls MLA welcomed the announcement of an independent Ravensthorpe-Hopetoun Future Fund this week. Ravensthorpe Nickel Operation, a subsidiary of BHP Billiton, will contribute a one off payment of \$5 million to establish the Future Fund, matching the \$5 million contribution the State Government has already made to the region. The fund aims to support the community to undertake improvements for the benefit of local people.

Melbourne Cup visits Karratha

Member for the North West Vince Catania welcomed the Emirates Melbourne Cup to the Pilbara, as part of the Cup's Australasian tour. Karratha was one of 23 host destinations on this year's tour, as the cup heads to Flemington for the first Tuesday in November. The Nor-West Jockey Club – WA's oldest racing club established in 1867 – hosted the event.



Above: Vince Catania with the Emirates Melbourne Cup in Karratha

NEWS HEADLINES

WA agriculture and foods exports hit record \$6 billion, Redman

South Hedland revitalisation takes shape, Grylls

New grants money for regional communities, Grylls

Future South-West industrial development plans to be unveiled, Grylls

State Government commits \$400,000 to help eradicate starlings, Redman

\$14.5million to protect and improve WA's natural resources, Redman

Ravensthorpe-Hopetoun Future Fund, Grylls

For more information visit www.wa.gov.au or www.nationalswa.com

WHAT'S NEXT

24 Oct – Tuck attending the Katanning show

24 Oct – Wendy at 'Bloody Slow Cup' in Newman

24–25 Oct – Phil and Grant attending Coomberdale 100 year celebration

27 Oct – Brendon and Wendy at SEGRA Conference in Kalgoorlie

28 Oct – Mia opening Dowerin Seniors Luncheon

28 Oct – Max, Mia and Phil meeting with Shire of Goomalling

29 Oct – Brendon at 10th anniversary of the Bunbury Wellington Alliance

29 Oct – Grant attending Eneabba P&C Quiz night

30 Oct – Brendon and Max attending Beverley Men's Shed Cheque Presentation

30 Oct – Mia attending Narrogin Residential College Presentations

30 Oct – Colin attending Clontarf Academy Awards

Esperance Show dinner a great success

Hon Wendy Duncan MLC was in Esperance last weekend to attend the 58th Esperance Agricultural Show and host the annual Show dinner on Saturday night. Hon Brendon Grylls MLA, Hon Mia Davies MLC and The Nationals' candidate for the Federal seat of O'Connor, Tony Crook, joined Wendy in Esperance for the dinner, along with more than 80 guests. The Esperance Show was well attended and many locals took the opportunity to stop by The Nationals stand and chat to MPs and members.



Above: Chair of RFDS Western Operations Tony Crook, Member for the Agricultural Region Mia Davies and guests

Narrogin hosts tidy town awards

Member for Wagin Tuck Waldron is in Narrogin today to present the Tidy Towns Regional Awards. The Tidy Towns program celebrates 40 years of local environmental achievements and aims to acknowledge Australia's best examples of sustainable communities in regional areas.

Parliament heads south

Member for the South West Colin Holt attended a community reception with Members of Parliament in Bunbury, as part of a Regional Parliament sitting on Monday 19 October. Regional Parliament is a great opportunity for people who are remote from Government to observe and meet with Parliamentarians at work. Many local schools also attend the 'Youth Parliament' sitting on Thursday.

Forum promotes NRM

Member for the Agricultural Region Max Trenorden attended the Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management AGM and Forum in Northam on Thursday 22 October. Presentations at the forum covered future farming trends, the cost of carbon sequestration, *Royalties for Regions* and opportunities for NRM in the wheatbelt.

WA agriculture and foods exports hit record \$6 billion

Minister for Agriculture and Food Terry Redman released figures this week showing Western Australia exported a record \$6 billion worth of food and agricultural commodities in the last financial year. Growing demand for WA products from the Middle East and Asia fueled a major increase in exports from the previous year's record of \$4.7 billion.

Business Breakfast Series ends for 2009

The Nationals Business Breakfast series ended on a high note in Bunbury this week with Members of Parliament, branch members and key members of the South West business community gathering for breakfast at the Lord Forrest Hotel. Brendon addressed guests before heading the Parliamentary Members Q&A panel.

Plantagenet Art Prize

Member for Blackwood Stirling Terry Redman recently attended the Plantagenet Shire Acquisition Art Prize in Mt Barker. Entries came from local and professional artists and were of a high standard.



Above: Terry Redman and guests at the Plantagenet Art Prize

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