

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

Nationals members in the Goldfields

Hon Brendon Grylls MLA and Hon Wendy Duncan MLC were in Kalgoorlie this week for the annual Sustainable Economic Growth for Regional Australia (SEGRA) conference. Brendon was the keynote speaker and spoke on the implementation of *Royalties for Regions* and the impact this has had in regional WA. Many delegates attended the conference and guests included The Hon Fred Chaney AO, Chair, Desert Knowledge Australia, Prof Peter Newman, Board of Infrastructure Australia, Chair of Habitat for Humanity in WA, Sustainable Policy Institute, Curtin University and Kim Horne, Executive Director People, Environment and Corporate Affairs, Alcoa of Australia, President, Chamber of Minerals and Energy.

Members at school presentations

School presentation season has started again and MPs have been busy in their respective regions. Terry Waldron was in Katanning this week to attend the presentation afternoon for the Residential College. Tuck acknowledged the students achievements throughout the year and farewelled the Year 12 students. He then went to the Katanning Senior High School year 12 graduation, where he presented the Excellent Course Achievement Award for TEE. Phil Gardiner and Grant Woodhams attended the Year 12 graduation ceremony at Moora Senior High School on Tuesday. Phil said he was impressed by the dedication of the teachers in mentoring and working with the students in their final year of secondary education.

Covering the north

Member for the Mining and Pastoral Region Wendy Duncan has hit the North West this week. Wendy was in Port Hedland to open the "Lush" art exhibition sponsored by Form. While in Port Hedland, Wendy was briefed on the planned Port Hedland port expansion and took a helicopter flight over the area.

First GM canola delivered

The first delivery of genetically modified canola has been made to Perth as part of the commercial trials in WA. Agriculture and Food Minister Terry Redman was at the Metro Grains Centre in Forrestfield to see the first truckload arrive from the Department of Agriculture and Food's research facility east of Geraldton. The 2009 GM canola crop will be transported by road in sealed trucks and segregated from non-GM canola by CBH.



Above: Terry Redman inspecting the first load of GM canola to be delivered to CBH

Bloody Slow Cup

Wendy Duncan was in Newman last weekend for the "Bloody Slow Cup", an event that sees local Aussies and New Zealanders tough it out in a rugby game. The town turned out to support the events and watched the Aussies win for the first time since the event started. Last year 4,000 people attended the Cup and raised \$71,000 for Police Legacy.

NEWS HEADLINES

Supporting volunteers views on bushfire changes, Holt

\$2.5million for Pilbara water projects, Grylls

Development plan for Broome North endorsed by shire, Grylls

Member for Agricultural Region celebrates Seniors Week, Davies

Civil works commence at the Australian Marine Complex, Grylls

Building starts on 100th home for government workers in the regions, Grylls

New fresh food facility to source local produce and provide jobs, Redman

Regional communities relieved as Year 7 students stay in primary schools, Davies

NRM groups deserve funds, Holt

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WHAT'S NEXT

31 Oct – Phil at the Manning Clarke House, UWA 'Day of Ideas'

1 Nov – Colin at Bunbury Turf Club for Melbourne Cup

1-6 Nov – Max in North West with the Standing Committee on Public Administration

2 Nov – Tuck in Broome to meet with Police and Oombulgurri Community

4 Nov – Wendy attending REIWA breakfast

4-5 Nov – Grant and Phil at Australian Parliamentary Conference in Perth

5-6 Nov – Terry hosting Ministers from other states, including the Federal Agriculture Minister, for Ministerial Councils

6 Nov – Vince and Wendy at the Murchison Country Zone meeting in Cue

Member speaks in Dowerin for Seniors Week

Member for the Agricultural Region Mia Davies has congratulated communities throughout the agricultural region for celebrating Seniors Week 2009. Speaking at the Dowerin Seniors Luncheon, Mia said seniors contribute a huge amount and are central to the social fabric of regional communities.

Ultimate mine experience

Member for Moore Grant Woodhams went on the ultimate mine experience in the Mid West this week with two students from Nagle Catholic College that won a competition through the local TAFE. Grant visited Jack Hills iron ore operations 380kms north-east of Geraldton and saw mining professionals at work, in all aspects of the business. Jack Hills is owned by Crosslands Resources Ltd which is the second largest iron ore exporter in WA's fast developing Mid-West region.



Above: Grant Woodhams at Jack Hills iron ore operations north-east of Geraldton

Holt supports volunteer views on bushfire Changes

Member for the South West Region Colin Holt has supported calls from the Volunteer Bushfire Association to ensure changes to the Bushfires Act reflect their concerns. Colin has spoken to a groups involved in fire control, and said the group should be consulted in the formation of regulations. The changes are being debated in the Legislative Council with the aim of passing the bill for this years' bushfire season.

Rural Media Awards

Hon Mia Davies MLC is attending the Rural Media Awards in Perth tonight. Mia will be presenting the Excellence in Rural Communications Award. Mia said the rural media sector should be congratulated for their outstanding coverage of important regional issues.

Busy week in the Wheatbelt

Member for the Central Wheatbelt Brendon Grylls has visited Beverley, Narrogin and Bruce Rock this week. He presented a Lotteries cheque to the Men's Shed Group with Max Trenorden and then travelled to Narrogin to celebrate World Teacher's Day. Brendon also attended the Bruce Rock Branch AGM and Central Wheatbelt Electorate Council meeting

Careers in science encouraged

Member for the Agricultural Region Mia Davies visited York District High School this week for the presentation of a \$2500 BP Education Grant. The grant allows students to access technology and resources, so they can experience science hands on. Mia said projects like this can trigger a lifelong interest in science, which may lead to careers in agriculture, engineering, environmental science, or electrical trades.



Above: Mia Davies presenting a grant at York District High School

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