

A newsletter from the Hon Wendy Duncan MLC, Member for the Mining & Pastoral Region

## Fresh approach to the news

Welcome to my new-look newsletter, which I hope you find informative and enjoyable. I have received positive feedback from people since writing this newsletter and hope it is one way to communicate the work being done on behalf of constituents throughout the Mining and Pastoral Region.



## DIALOGUE FOCUSES ON PILBARA REGION

On the 18 September Wendy visited Karratha, to open the Pilbara Dialogue, an initiative by the Pilbara Development Commission to bring together senior representatives from major resource companies, state and federal government agencies, local authorities and peak non-government agencies. It was a perfect opportunity for an update on Royalties for Regions and the Pilbara Revitalisation Plan (including plans for underground power, water and health), as well as an update on housing initiatives.

Wendy officially launched the "Spotlight on the Pilbara" a project, managed by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, sponsored by the Pilbara Development Commission. This project brings together information from state government agencies into a free, easy to use, website



Above: Pilbara Dialogue launch.

## CUP FEVER CELEBRATED

Glamour and glitz was the order of the day at the Kalgoorlie Cup, attended by Wendy Duncan and Tuck Waldron on the weekend of 19, 20 September. While Tuck was presenting the Cup, Wendy was enjoying typical Goldfields hospitality and even had a win on a couple of races. Congratulations once again to the Kalgoorlie Boulder Racing Club for a wonderful Round. The weekend was topped off by joining the crowds at Coolgardie Day, a great family event to conclude the Round.



Above: Suzie Williams (GEDC board member), Lloyd Morley (Telstra), Robert Hicks (CEO Goldfields-Esperance Development Commission) and Wendy Duncan.

## VISITING THE ELECTORATE

During the Parliamentary break Wendy was busy getting to know her vast electorate attending; the Tropicool Festival in Carnarvon, the FeNaCING Festival in Karratha, the Broome Races and the Fortescue

Festival in Newman. While in Newman she was delighted to meet the wonderful Martumili artists who had come to Newman from their remote communities to display their work at an exhibition in the Newman Tourist Bureau.



Above: Martumili artwork was enjoyed in Newman.

## MARVELLOUS MOTHERS AND MEALS ON THE MOVE

Wendy shared the message of 'avoiding the trap of trying to live up to others' expectations' with the Mothers Encouragement Group (MEG) in Esperance recently. Wendy spoke of her experiences as a mother of four and as a politician. The MEG provides a support network for Esperance mothers and meets fortnightly on a Tuesday during the school term.

Wendy also helped raise the profile of the valuable Meals on Wheels service when she pulled up her sleeves and helped load a few meals into the delivery vehicles. The service celebrated the National Meals on Wheels Day on August 26.

