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Representing the people of Bunbury

White Ribbon Day

Yesterday I was honoured to join our Attorney General Christian Porter at the local White Ribbon Day remembrance ceremony which was organised by the South West Women's Refuge.

The ceremony paid tribute to the 18 people who have died as a result of domestic violence in Western Australia this year, and was designed to send a strong message to the community that we do not condone domestic violence.

I found it particularly heartening to see so many men at the ceremony who were there to stand up and speak out against domestic violence.

After all – that was the premise which White Ribbon Day was founded on by a group of Canadian men in 1991.

The White Ribbon campaign was launched in Canada on the second anniversary of the murder of 14 women from Montreal and has spread to Australia where it has become a prominent annual commemoration.

I was particularly proud of our community yesterday, in particular those behind the South West Women's Refuge.

Through that public acknowledgment of this devastating issue, our community is taking ownership which is a critical and significant step towards cultural change.

And lastly, I applaud the Refuge staff and volunteers for the work they did yesterday to bring the issue to the fore.

Their contribution to our community is nothing short of inspirational.

They are literally saving lives, giving people hope and changing the culture of our society for the better.

Underground Power resurvey

Just a quick reminder to all Withers, Usher and Glen Padden landowners to make sure you return your surveys on the underground power project.

You should have all received your survey forms by now and they are due in by December 19.

The future of this project now lies in your hands and it's vital that you have your say to ensure a fair and democratic outcome is achieved the second time around.

School holidays

I take this opportunity to wish our primary and high school students the best as they conclude their school year and get set for the Christmas holidays.

Fortunately, I will get the opportunity to see many of the graduating students at the ceremonies over the next two weeks – a time of year I always look forward to.

Stay safe and be kind to your parents.

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