

John Castrilli MLA



Representing the people of Bunbury

Canvassing your views

As some of you may know, for several years I have been holding community meetings in all Bunbury suburbs to canvass the views and concerns of those who live there.

On Saturday, I held another in South Bunbury where a lot of pertinent topics were again covered.

Of most concern was the Bunbury Waterfront project, with attendees raising the need for significant changes to the current plan to achieve a more family-friendly design and ensure valuable public open space is retained.

The other hot topic discussed at length concerned the ongoing and plaguing problem of broken glass, graffiti and hoons near the Back Beach.

It was great to have City of Bunbury Ranger Lewis Winter on hand and Senior Sergeant Russell Gardiner to hear such concerns which they may be able to help address.

Should you live in South Bunbury and want a record of what was discussed on Saturday along with the action taken please phone my office or email me through my website.

The next public meeting will be held in East Bunbury at the Calvary Hall on June 28.

Withers Underground Power petition

Already more than 550 signatures are listed on the petition requesting the City of Bunbury halt the Withers Underground Power project until more public consultation is conducted.

However for those who have not signed it – it is not too late.

The petition will be collected on Friday and submitted in Council next week.

To sign it in the meantime, either pop into my office at 4B Spencer Street or the Minninup Forum newsagency.

The Council has already given an indication that will seriously consider a resurvey following the community meeting I organised which attracted about 300 concerned residents.

My reason for getting involved was in response to numerous calls to my office from affected landowners who were concerned by the minimalist nature of the public consultation and the requirement for them to pay an average cost of \$3000 or \$270 over 20 years.

Farewell to Bunbury stalwarts

I wish to send my sincere condolences to the families of two Bunbury stalwarts, Tom O'Brien and Tom Spencer, who passed away recently.

Mr O'Brien was a hard-working surveyor, an active community member and writer. His works included the South Bunbury Saga, a history of the South West Football League and the history of Norseman.

Mr Spencer was a prominent former Bunbury Senior High School principal and valued member of the RSL. Both will be missed by the community they served.

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