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## Representing the people of Bunbury

### Thanks to SES volunteers

I was deeply saddened last week to hear that the body of missing backpacker Jan-Christian Bielenberg was found on the beach near Capel.

Like everyone, I had hoped he would be found alive and well, so this was a tragic end to the situation.

My thoughts go out to Jan-Christian's family and friends during this extremely difficult time.

I commend all those who helped in the search for Mr Bielenberg, including the police and State Emergency Service volunteers from across the South West and Peel regions.

These volunteers must be commended for their dedication and willingness to "put on hold" their work and family commitments to join a search, often at short notice.

Thankfully, not every situation has a sad end.

SES volunteers do a fantastic job year-in, year-out, undertaking search and rescue operations and in their main role as the lead unit for flood, cyclone and storm damage response.

However, like so many other volunteer organisations they are suffering from a shortage of members.

Joining the SES is free and all training is provided. I would encourage anyone interested in finding out more to contact the Bunbury SES unit on **9791 6000**.

### Sport and recreation grants

Applications are open for the 2010/11 round of grants under the Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund.

These grants are made available by the State Government to assist not-for-profit sporting, recreation and community groups, as well as local government authorities.

Several important changes have been made to CSRFF for the 2010/11 round of funding, including:

- An increase of available funds for \$9 million per year to \$20m per year.
- The introduction of a development bonus allowing up to 50% State funding of the total cost for a project, for those which meet certain criteria
- A portion of available funds have been 'quarantined' for sustainability initiatives and non-metropolitan pool upgrades
- The introduction of two small grants rounds per year, for grants where a project costs under \$150,000. This will allow funds to be released more quickly.

If your sporting or recreational group would like to apply for the grants, you will need to discuss your application with the Department of Sport and Recreation.

Applications for standard grants close on September 30.

For more details go to [www.dsr.wa.gov.au](http://www.dsr.wa.gov.au) or contact the Department of Sport and Recreation's Bunbury office on **9792 6900**.

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