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Taskforce tackles waterfront zoning

Resolving planning issues related to the waterfront project was on the agenda when the first meeting of the Bunbury Waterfront Taskforce was held on May 28.

The Taskforce, of which I am Chairman, aims to find a swift resolution to planning issues related to the Eastside precinct.

The first meeting endorsed a technical advisory committee, chaired by an independent consultant, to address issues related to the Greater Bunbury Region Scheme.

I expect to receive a final report in four months time, which will include an analysis of community preferences from submissions already received.

The Taskforce is a technical group which will examine detailed planning and land zoning issues.

It is an important step in speeding up the resolution of planning issues so that development can occur in the shortest possible time and in line with community expectations.

One of the key aims of the taskforce is to advance an amendment to the Greater Bunbury Region Scheme for public comment.

I can assure people that community consultation will continue to be a part of the process at the appropriate time.

Proud to be part of strong community

Also on May 28, I was pleased to attend the Australia's Biggest Morning Tea event at William Barrett & Sons. Meanwhile, my wife Loretta enjoyed the morning tea and entertainment at the South West Italian Club. Both morning teas were a great success and an example of community-based fundraising at its best, in aid of such a worthy cause.

Events such as these are the heart of our community, and make me proud to be part of Bunbury. Whether organising food and entertainment, working behind the scenes or showing their support by heading along to enjoy a cuppa and a chat, everyone involved serves an important role in promoting a healthy community spirit. I congratulate and thank everyone involved in these, and other fundraisers on the day, for their efforts towards cancer support and research.

Fuel cards cut travel costs for pensioners

The first of the State Government's Country Age Pension Fuel Cards have now been delivered to applicants in the Bunbury area.

Delivered through Royalties for Regions, the \$500 fuel cards are another helping hand to aged pensioners struggling to meet the rising costs of living.

While there were some minor teething problems with this initiative, they have now been addressed and people are able to use their cards at participating service stations, and also for taxi transport.

Any Bunbury residents who still have questions related to the fuel card are welcome to contact my office on 9791 3636.

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