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Representing the people of Bunbury

Premier all-ears during visit

Premier Colin Barnett's recent visit to Bunbury was a productive event, with informative meetings held with the City of Bunbury and Bunbury Port Authority.

Matters of local concern which were brought to the Premier's attention included the College Grove land swap, Ocean to Preston Regional Park, future export potential from Bunbury port and the Waterfront project and timber jetty.

The Premier is keeping an open mind about funding arrangements for the restoration/demolition project and I am continuing to work on an early resolution to the problem of our deteriorating jetty.

Support for small business

Small business owners and retail tenants in Bunbury are set to benefit from changes to legislation due to be introduced in Parliament.

Commerce Minister Troy Buswell has announced that measures to improve transparency and accountability in the Commercial Tenancy (Retail Shops) Agreements Act 1985 would be introduced into State Parliament in September.

The changes aim to ensure fairer outcomes for both landlords and tenants.

With more than 196,000 small businesses in WA, I am pleased the Government is committed to supporting them, which in turn supports jobs in Bunbury.

A toast to speaking success

Congratulations to the Bunbury Penguin Club, which celebrated its 50th anniversary on Friday night.

The club offers women the opportunity to improve their public speaking skills and self-confidence in a social way.

Public speaking is a skill which, like any other, improves with practice.

In fact, I spoke about this very topic when I attended a recent assembly at Coinda Primary School and gave a talk on public speaking.

The assembly was interesting and entertaining, and I was glad to attend and offer a few tips on public speaking which I hope were helpful to the students.

Time to turn off reticulation

With the heavy winter rain finally arriving, I would like to remind local residents and businesses to turn off their reticulation systems if they haven't already.

Even without the heavy rain we had last week, there is enough dew in the mornings that watering isn't needed, avoiding the frustrating situation where you see sprinklers going during a downpour.

It is important that we all do our bit to use water responsibly.

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