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Representing the people of Bunbury

Awards showcase business success

On Friday night I attended the 2009 South West Small Business Awards.

Special congratulations must go to ERG Electrics, a contracting company specialising in design, management and construction of electrical installations throughout the South West. ERG Electrics was named as the overall winner and will now compete in the State awards.

In testament to the region's business strength, one-third of previous finalists in the WA Small Business Awards have come from the South West.

Small business is the backbone of our society and an essential part of our local community. I thank and congratulate all the businesses involved in Friday's awards for their efforts not only in overcoming hurdles to achieve success, but helping our community grow and flourish in these challenging economic times.

Budget delivers on promises for Bunbury

Still on the subject of our economy, the Liberal/National Government's first budget has delivered funding in a range of areas set to benefit the city.

The budget makes a record investment in creating jobs, infrastructure and services across the State and I am pleased with the range of projects funded for Bunbury, delivering on election promises for the city.

All the areas funded help support employment in the city and I feel that this level of investment has reaffirmed the Government's commitment to Bunbury.

The Budget includes strong spending on education and training in Bunbury, including significant funds for promised school upgrades plus a \$16m investment in new TAFE infrastructure.

Funding for election promises in health, transport, policing and community safety, sport and recreation and community infrastructure including the Waterfront project has also been delivered.

More than \$250 million has been allocated for Bunbury over the next four years on Government projects, stimulating our economy and creating both short and long-term employment, in addition to training initiatives so we are able to take advantage of the good times which will inevitably follow this current period of downturn.

Students get insight on Parliament

Today I look forward to greeting students from South Bunbury Primary School during their tour of Parliament House.

The tours help students gain an insight into how our democracy works, giving a first-hand view of the role, history and functions of our State Parliament.

I am always happy to support these visits and sponsor the students' morning and afternoon teas, and hope the South Bunbury students enjoy their informative tour of Parliament House.

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