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Representing the people of Bunbury

Progress made for Bunbury

It's amazing how quickly time flies. It has now been a year since I was re-elected to Parliament as part of the Barnett Government.

During this time, I have been continually working to see election promises delivered for our city.

However, I think most people realise that there are some things which may take the full four years to implement and not everything can be achieved in the first 12 months.

I am proud to say that a range of promises have already been delivered for Bunbury over a broad cross-section of the community.

This includes funding in the 2009/10 Budget for more than \$10m worth of health projects.

While the results may not yet be obvious to the community, I can assure people that there is plenty of work going on behind the scenes to deliver on health promises as quickly as possible.

We are also investing in the future of students, with more than \$7m delivered for education in Bunbury, including funds for school upgrades which are being actively worked towards.

The new TS Bunbury Naval Cadets headquarters is now in the final stages of completion after receiving a \$350,000 grant.

To help keep our city safer, funds have been delivered for more CCTV cameras in Bunbury, in addition to funding to monitor the camera network during peak periods.

Meanwhile, more police are in training in WA's academy and will be deployed to areas where they are needed, including Bunbury.

And as part of a long-term initiative to help make our city a better place to live, a Choose Respect facilitator has been employed in Bunbury, fulfilling another election promise.

Seniors and pensioners have been given a better deal with the Seniors Cost of Living Rebate, Seniors Security Rebate and Country Age Pension Fuel Card all helping make life easier, along with free public transport for aged and disability pensioners.

Of course, there is still more to be done.

In the same way as a household budget, Government spending needs to be balanced to ensure money is delivered where it is needed, but also that we are responsible and decisions are made which do not put us into massive amounts of unnecessary debt and which keep in mind that 'the good times' will eventually return to WA.

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