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Representing the people of Bunbury

Highway marks new era for city

The opening of the new Perth to Bunbury Highway this Sunday will mark a significant milestone in our State's transport history.

Congratulations to Main Roads and Southern Gateway Alliance on making this enormous project a reality.

The long-awaited freeway extension and new Forrest Highway will not only provide a more efficient transport corridor, it will also open new doors for Bunbury and the South West in terms of tourism, business and lifestyle opportunities.

I also sincerely hope the new highway helps reduce the number of fatalities and serious crashes, as it will supersede a notorious 30km stretch of Old Coast Road. However, road safety also relies on the attitudes of all road users and I urge motorists to drive with care when taking advantage of the new route.

Style restored for hairdressing facilities

Never underestimate the strength of people power, when those with a passionate view band together for a common cause.

The Bunbury community has proven this over a number of important issues such as the Save the Australind and Save the Yarragadee campaigns and the Newton Moore Senior High School upgrade.

People power again came to the fore last year shortly after the election when a group of hairdressing apprentices wrote to myself and Hon. Nigel Hallett MLC seeking our assistance to upgrade their aged and inappropriate training facilities at the South West Regional College of TAFE.

After raising the issue with the Minister for Training, Hon. Peter Collier, he immediately ordered an investigation with the result being an urgent upgrade to TAFE hairdressing facilities.

It was my pleasure to meet with a number of students last Friday at the campus and to be able to thank Minister Collier for his prompt action in achieving the necessary improvements.

Current and future hairdressing apprentices will certainly benefit from the improved training facilities.

Lighting the night with hope

Our community is set to band together tonight for the Light the Night fundraising event for the Leukaemia Foundation.

Hundreds of glowing balloons will symbolise hope for the future, as well as celebrating survivors and commemorating those who have lost their battle with leukaemia and related blood disorders.

I congratulate all involved and encourage people to head to Bicentennial Square from 5.30pm to show your support, as well as enjoying on-stage entertainment, hearing inspirational stories and learning more about how the Leukaemia Foundation helps people in need.

The entertainment commences at 6.30, with a walk held at 7pm to remember, celebrate and give hope.

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