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## Representing the people of Bunbury

### History proudly on show

On Saturday I was honoured to officially open the Bunbury Horse and Country Music Show.

A highlight of the event included the horsemanship displays by the Bunbury 10th Light Horse Memorial Group.

This group shows a fantastic dedication to re-enacting the skills of Australia's Light Horsemen to display to the current generation, who may not understand the important role which horses and their riders played in previous wars.

In the lead-up to Anzac Day, it was a fitting tribute to the gallant service of those who took part in Australia's war effort.

Bunbury has a strong connection to the 10th Light Horse Regiment through the late George Baxter, who after serving in Palestine, Egypt and North Africa, continued his service to the community as a Bunbury councillor and long-time manager of the Bunbury Tourist Bureau.

Bunbury was also used as a Light Horse training ground at the outbreak of World War II, after which the regiment defended home soil.

Commemorative groups such as the 10th Light Horse Memorial play an important role in keeping our local and national history alive and accessible to people of all ages.

### Free transport proves popular

The State Government's free travel scheme for seniors and pensioners has just reached its one-year milestone and has helped thousands of people with travel costs.

In the metropolitan area, pensioners and seniors have taken more than six million free trips on public transport since the initiative started.

The free public transport has also been very popular locally, with Bunbury City Transit services available free to seniors, aged and disability pensioners during designated times.

It is important for older people and those with disabilities to maintain an active lifestyle where possible and stay involved in the community.

Being able to travel independently is part of that, with free public transport making Bunbury's facilities more easily accessible.

For those who have not yet taken advantage of the service or are new to town, free travel on Bunbury City Transit buses is available between 9am and 3.30pm on weekdays and all day on weekends and public holidays. It is available by showing your WA Senior's Card or Centrelink aged or disability pension card when boarding.

For those who rely on public transport to get to appointments, do shopping or visit family and friends, the free travel is very helpful and encourages greater use of public transport in the city.