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## Representing the people of Bunbury

### Holiday house a wonderful facility

Earlier this month I had the pleasure of attending the official opening of a new holiday home in Bunbury for people with disabilities.

The house, located near the Maidens Reserve, aims to give people with disabilities, their families and carers, access to a relaxing holiday near the beach.

Baptistcare will operate the home, which has been completely renovated and furnished with funding including \$27,000 from Lotterywest.

The official opening reminded me of the importance of new beginnings and fresh opportunities for people from all sectors of our community.

Baptistcare is something of a quiet achiever in the community and I hope many people will be able to benefit from this home and enjoy a holiday near the ocean, whether they are from Bunbury, the South West or further afield.

### Focus on the positives

Improving quality of life and opportunities for people with disabilities is a priority for this Government.

Last week I opened the Community Living Forum which showcased a range of new options for people with a disability wanting to move into their own home.

The Community Living Initiative grew from recognition that options such as group homes do not suit everyone and more avenues were needed for people with disabilities to live in their own homes, supported by their local community.

We are certainly fortunate in Bunbury to have a caring community with many support networks, both formal and informal, to help people from all walks of life to achieve their goals.

The forum focused on what people with disabilities can do, rather than what they can't do, and I think we can all learn something from this approach.

Time and again in my work, I've seen that so much more can be achieved when you have a "can do" approach rather than focusing on obstacles which may lie in your path.

### Milestone for Rotary

This Sunday, the South Bunbury Rotary Club will be holding its 25th annual Children's Fair.

This a remarkable achievement and I congratulate all at Rotary who have helped the club reach this milestone.

The children's fair is always a wonderful day of entertainment for families in the area, as well as being an important fundraiser for Rotary.

The efforts of Rotarians in supporting our community in a range of ways are indeed inspirational.