

# John Castrilli MLA



## Representing the people of Bunbury

### Mural a source of pride

Last Sunday I attended the opening celebrations of the Wilkerson Way mural in Withers.

I first became aware of the problems with vandalism in this area in 2006 after speaking with residents, and I requested the City of Bunbury include the wall of the laneway in its public art program.

This has now been completed as one of the City's "Outer Spaces" projects, which transform problem areas into artworks which local young people can get involved with and be proud of, and which are much less likely to be vandalised.

I was delighted to be able to see the end result, which involved local school students working under the guidance of artist Troy Bennell to create a colourful mural promoting respect and cultural harmony.

My wife Loretta and I were honoured to be able to add our handprints to the mural along with other community members, and I hope that this sense of shared ownership will help people to feel part of this project and discourage vandalism in the area.

### Fuel cards a big help

The expansion of the Country Pensioner Fuel Card scheme is set to benefit many more local people who are on limited incomes.

As well as Aged Pensioners, the \$500 fuel card is now available to people receiving Centrelink categories Disability Support, Carer Payment, Widow B or Wife pension.

You do not need to own a car or have a licence to apply for the fuel card, because it can also be used for taxis or for family members to drive you to appointments, shopping or outings.

Application forms are available from Australia Post outlets.

If you received the fuel card last year you do not need to reapply and you should receive your new card by the end of this month. If you have changed your address, call the Fuel Card hotline on 1300 666 609.

### Taxi assistance available

Recently I have also had several people contact my office in need of financial assistance with transport but who do not qualify for the pensioner fuel card.

In some cases the State Government's Taxi User Subsidy Scheme (TUSS) may be able to help with the cost of taxi fares for people who are unable to use Bunbury's public transport because of permanent disabilities.

People who have a severe permanent mobility disability, cognitive/intellectual disability or are legally blind, can apply for TUSS which provides taxi travel at a discounted rate.

More information is available from my office or online at [www.transport.wa.gov.au/taxis](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/taxis)