

# John Castrilli MLA



## Representing the people of Bunbury

### Strong progress on radiotherapy centre

Last week the construction contract for the \$15.2m Bunbury radiotherapy centre was awarded to local builder Perkins Pty Ltd.

It is pleasing to see the tender awarded to a Bunbury-based company, and Perkins is a strong performer with an excellent track record on large-scale projects.

The contract marks a big step forward in delivering the centre, which was an election promise for Bunbury and will be funded with \$9.2m from the State Government and \$6m of Federal funds.

This is a vital service for the people of the South West and one I've been pushing hard to achieve for many years.

The new centre will be the first of its kind in regional WA and will save local residents the expense and stress of travelling to Perth for radiation treatment.

The centre will include a clinic and consultation facilities, treatment rooms, reception and waiting rooms, as well as staff and support areas.

It will treat patients suffering from the most common cancers in the South West, including breast, colon, lung, and prostate cancers.

### Community support for cabbie

In other good news for Bunbury, our local taxi driver Doug Slater was last week announced as the winner of the Extraordinary Taxi Ride.

Doug will take a total of 22 passengers on journeys spanning 6500km and nine weeks, showcasing WA's extraordinary range of places, people and tourist attractions.

The campaign launched last month captured international attention and the website [www.theextraordinarytaxiride.com.au](http://www.theextraordinarytaxiride.com.au) received almost 60,000 visitors.

The coverage which Doug and the Extraordinary Taxi Ride have already, and will continue to attract for Bunbury, is fantastic for our city.

Doug's easygoing nature and first-hand knowledge of life in WA will be an asset to his passengers as he takes them on their journey, experiencing our State's extraordinary places, people and events. (Although I must admit I still think Bunbury is the most wonderful place in the world!)

My congratulations go to Doug for his efforts, and I wish him all the best as he embarks on this journey of a lifetime and becomes an ambassador for tourism in WA. I would also like to thank everyone from the community who voted for Doug and in doing so, helped put the spotlight on Bunbury and the State.