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Representing the people of Bunbury

Boost for boating activities

Boating facilities will be boosted in Bunbury thanks to a \$240,000 State Government grant to the Koombana Bay Sailing Club.

The funds, delivered through the South West Development Commission, will be used by the club towards its planned floating jetty.

The project will involve installing 10 pontoons adjacent to the existing rock groyne which could be brought onshore during winter to avoid damage.

The floating jetty will offer more facilities for boat users and will also be used by Rotary's Sail into Life program, which helps people with disabilities to enjoy sailing.

As a patron of the Koombana Bay Sailing Club, I am proud to see them thinking outside the square to provide improved facilities for the boating community of Bunbury.

It's also a great example of what can be achieved when the State Government and local community work together with a common goal.

Fire preparation important to all

Bushfire season is approaching and it is time to make sure your home is fire-safe. Even if you live in a suburban property, it is still important to undertake fire safety measures such as cleaning gutters and making sure you don't have piles of dry, flammable materials such as tree prunings near the house.

If your home or suburb is surrounded by bushland, it is even more important to ensure your home is prepared for summer, and to have a plan of action if a fire should threaten your property.

More information on summer fire preparation can be obtained from your local council.

Vital time to save water

The new one-day-per-week sprinkler rules which are currently in place for October and November have been successful in saving precious water in the South West.

Most people understand the urgent need to save water and although it may take a little getting used to, the new roster is a vital step in managing our water supply before the heat of summer hits us.

To put things in perspective, WA has had its second-driest winter on record. Run-off into our dams has been only about one-fifth of what we experienced in previous dry years and far below 'normal' years.

I would encourage everyone to check their sprinkler systems to ensure that they are working efficiently and not directing water onto roads, driveways or paving.

We all have a part to play in conserving water. Water-saving tips and the sprinkler roster are available at www.watercorporation.com.au or phone 13 10 39