

# John Castrilli MLA



## **\$23.8million FOR WATERFRONT STAGE 1**

It was my great pleasure on Saturday to join with Minister for Lands & Regional Development, Hon Brendon Grylls to announce the Government's approval of \$23.8million funding to pave the way for Stage 1 of the Bunbury Waterfront Project.

This is a significant step for Bunbury and a project which I have been working very hard to find a way forward from the concerns with the original proposal. The funding is another strong show of support from our Government for the future of Bunbury.

Stage 1 will comprise of two development areas at Koombana North and Marlston North and will be a mix of commercial, tourist and residential uses as well as providing improved public open space.

Following the community consultation, it was clear the community's concerns were mainly related to the proposal to develop the area known as Koombana South. By breaking the Waterfront project into stages, it has allowed progress to start in the areas supported by the community while continued planning and consultation can occur in the future on what the community wishes for Koombana South.

It is now up to the City of Bunbury Council to amend their Town Plan Scheme to bring it into line with the Greater Bunbury Region Scheme and to finally decide what they are going to do with the Jetty. \$3.5million has been included in the funding to assist the Council with the demolition or part restoration of the Jetty as they have requested.

I eagerly look forward to the action starting that will provide a world class waterfront precinct and further enhance our natural landscape.

## **Citizens Advice Bureau Re-Opens**

My sincere congratulations to all involved with the re-opening of the Bunbury Citizens Advice Bureau. It was fantastic to be part of the opening ceremony last week and to have the opportunity to thank the volunteers who will be providing assistance through this very good organisation. The closure of the CAB some years ago had left somewhat of a void in the community, and I am very pleased to see the referral service re-open in the Walker Hall.

## **Nominations for Young People Who Care Awards**

Nominations are now open for young people aged between 10-18 who are providing voluntary care in their communities. The Young People Who Care Awards are an excellent opportunity for these inspirational young people to be formally recognised and rewarded. One of the great privileges of being in public life is the many wonderful people I get to meet and we certainly have some outstanding young people in our mix.

To find out more about the awards visit [www.youngpeoplewhocare.com.au](http://www.youngpeoplewhocare.com.au)