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Another step forward for Eelup Project

The announcement this week that the contract has been awarded for the traffic light installation at Eelup Roundabout is another significant step forward.

Stage 1 of the project, which has already involved the construction of a slip lane, is expected to reduce crashes by up to two-thirds.

The signals will be programmed to reduce congestion at the roundabout, particularly during peak periods such as long weekend and holiday traffic.

I am very pleased to see this important project taking shape to enable Eelup to cope with projected future traffic volumes.

The signalisation of the roundabout is a necessary first step in the creation of a future flyover, as the lights are needed in order for the later work to go ahead.

The work to install traffic signals will begin in early 2012.

Motorists will encounter delays but this short-term pain will be far outweighed by the long-term gain of having an improved intersection.

I urge all motorists to be patient and drive safely during the roadworks.

Event funding on offer

Applications are now open for the latest round of Eventscorp's regional events funding, jointly funded by Royalties for Regions

Organisers of smaller, developing regional events held between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013 can apply for funding of up to \$50,000.

Bunbury has a growing list of regional events which add vibrancy to our city and provide a range of attractions for visitors and locals alike.

I would urge any groups interested in the scheme to visit the website at

www.tourism.wa.gov.au/Events/Pages/Regional_Events.aspx or contact Wendy Tate on 9262 1759.

Applications close on February 16, 2012 at 4pm.

Best wishes to community

At this time of year I feel it is important to reflect on the importance of our family, friends and community.

I would like to thank the numerous volunteers and support networks, both formal and informal, within our community who work to make Bunbury a better place all year round.

Extending the hand of friendship and support can make such a huge difference in people's lives.

At this time of year, a smile and a quick chat with a neighbour or even a stranger can really make a difference, especially to someone who is feeling stressed or lonely.

I wish everyone a safe and joyous Christmas and a New Year filled with good health and happiness.