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Decision paves way for Waterfront planning

The decision to pass two amendments on land-use zoning relating to the Bunbury Waterfront is a big step forward in the future of this project.

Bunbury is growing as a city and the waterfront has the potential to inject new opportunities and new vibrancy into the city centre.

I welcome the decision by Planning Minister John Day to pass Regional Scheme Amendments on two portions of land – Koombana North and Marlston North. The withdrawal of the proposed amendment for Koombana South is an outcome which I believe will be acceptable to the majority of the community.

The Waterfront Taskforce, of which I am Chairman, will now consult with the City of Bunbury and encourage the city to develop a master plan for Koombana South to create an area which is in line with people's expectations for revitalising this space.

The approval of the two scheme amendments means that planning can now move ahead to shape the future of some of the city's most promising waterfront land.

Some people had questioned why they had not seen any "concrete plans" for the Waterfront, but the reality was that no planning could proceed until the Scheme Amendments were finalised.

I am pleased that a resolution has now been reached which will allow planning to progress for two of the key waterfront areas, so they can reach their full potential instead of being unused spaces.

The growth of our Waterfront areas into vibrant, thriving places with a range of uses will help confirm Bunbury's future as WA's second city.

Join in Women's Day celebrations

Next Tuesday is the centenary of International Women's Day and events will be happening across the State.

In Bunbury, a celebration will be held at the Graham Bricknell Music Shell from 11am and all women, men and children are welcome.

The event will include a fashion parade, performance poetry, taekwondo demonstrations and the launch of a women's time capsule.

Events such as this show the true strength of our community and I would encourage people to head along to enjoy the entertainment and inspirational speakers.