

# John Castrilli MLA



## Representing the people of Bunbury

### A day to reflect

My congratulations and thanks go to Bunbury RSL President Trevor Kenny and members for organising this year's Anzac Day dawn and morning services.

During the morning service, I was honoured to lay a wreath to commemorate the contributions and sacrifices made by Australian service men and women in times of conflict.

Each year I am amazed by the growth in numbers at these events. The decision to shift the morning service to the Graham Bricknell Music Shell this year highlights the fact that despite the passing of the years, more and more people feel compelled to gather and pause to pay their respects on this special day.

The number of children and young adults in attendance was an encouraging sign, and their commitment to keeping the Anzac spirit alive in memory of those who fought for our freedom is commendable.

As a community, we are fortunate to have kept such a strong tradition of honouring this part of our history and are seeing it maintained thanks to the passion of people from all generations.

The spirit and respect shown on Anzac Day makes me proud to be an Australian, and my sincere thanks go to everyone responsible for the services.

### A helping hand in the community

On Thursday night I attended the 18th birthday and re-naming celebrations for Enable South West, which was previously known as South West Family Support Association.

The event recognised the importance of the work done by Enable, which works with individuals and families of people with disabilities to meet their needs in a range of areas, supporting their social, physical and emotional wellbeing.

In the past, I have spoken in Parliament about the importance of disability services, and am pleased the new State Government has made a commitment to significantly increase funding for this sector.

While no amount of funding will ever be enough, it is certainly a great step forward.

### Free local bus travel for pensioners

A reminder that seniors and disability support pensioners can now take advantage of free travel available on local Bunbury City Transit buses.

The State Government initiative means eligible seniors and pensioners can travel free on the city's public buses between 9am and 3.30pm on weekdays and all day on weekends and public holidays.

Those eligible for the free travel under the State Government initiative will need to show their WA Senior's Card or Centrelink aged or disability pension card when they board any Bunbury City Transit bus.

This free travel initiative gives pensioners a helping hand and hopefully will also encourage greater use of public transport in the city and surrounding suburbs.

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