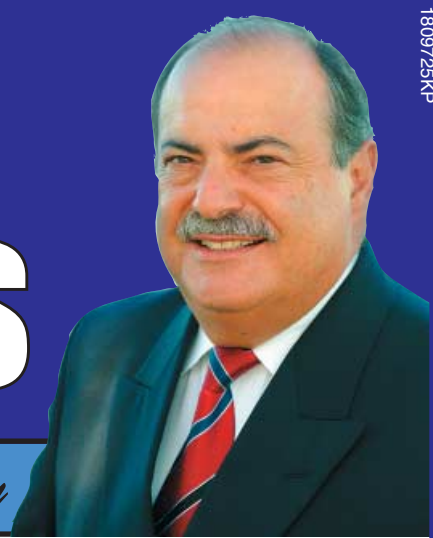


# John Castrilli's Community News



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## Flying the Flag at Retirement Village

Proud Australians at the Leschenault Retirement Village in Hayes

Street were very grateful to John Castrilli for his presentation of the Australian Flag to fly on their new flag pole. The flag pole has become an important focal point of this community minded village.



## Thanks to Tom Keough

Recently the Bunbury Branch of the RSL held an afternoon tea to farewell long serving member Tom Keogh on his retirement. Tom has worked tirelessly fighting for the rights of veterans for twenty years and has made a significant impact upon the lives of so many families. In addition to his work with the RSL, Tom also volunteered in various fields within the community. It seems if there was something that needed doing, Tom was the man to ask.

I offer to Tom and his family, my sincere thanks for his efforts and my congratulations for making such a positive difference in our world.

## Harmony Week

High Schools from the South West region recently came together during Harmony Week to debate human rights issues such as discrimination, multiculturalism and equality in our society today. John Castrilli was invited to attend this important debate to address the students and to accept the Youth Communique on behalf of the students.



## South Bunbury Residents Community Morning Tea

A reminder to South Bunbury Residents the next Community Morning Tea will be held this Saturday 28th April at 10.00 am in the Guide Hall, Mary Street, Bunbury.

All residents living in the South Bunbury area are welcome to attend to listen to issues and to discuss concerns.

John will be holding further community Morning Tea's in other suburbs of Bunbury throughout the year. Please keep an eye out in the mail for your invitations.

## Yarragadee Update

A successful Rally against the tapping water from the Yarragadee aquifer was held in Perth late last month. The Rally not only proved to be a potent tool for bringing South West residents together to voice their concerns as one, but also assisted in alerting the metropolitan community to the dangers of this proposal.

While the Government advise they have carried out studies into the impact on the environment for this proposal, there are many variances in the findings and there is too much that is not known. John Castrilli has called for an immediate halt to the proposal and emphasised the need for alternative water saving alternatives to be investigated.

The Minister's decision is expected shortly.



## Incontinence Assistance On Its Way – At Last!!

Until recently, WA was the only state in Australia not to have a State Incontinence Subsidy available. After regular lobbying for the past two years the long awaited for Subsidy Scheme was announced in May last year. Unfortunately, almost one year later, the government has still been putting together this program with no or little relief for incontinence sufferers received so far.

The good news is that Silver Chain has been appointed administrators of the Continence Management & Advice Service (CMAS) and the Bunbury clinic came into action on the 2nd April 07.

"While I welcome this service, I am disturbed to learn that it is planned to only hold one clinic per month (6 clients on average) in Bunbury for assessments." Mr Castrilli said. "I would therefore suggest clients call to register for an appointment as soon as possible otherwise the delay to be included on the program may become very lengthy."

To register for an appointment, sufferers can call Silver Chain on free call 1300 787 055.

John would be pleased to receive feedback in time from recipients of this subsidy to advise of the advantages and shortcoming, if any of the program.

## Association for Independent Retirees

While governments are responsible for providing infrastructure and services within a community, local organisations and support groups are often the essential ingredient that provides a community with its soul. Bunbury is fortunate to have a very caring community with many groups with like minded people or people dealing with similar circumstances that come together and support one-another.



**AIR President Don Martin, Members Elwyn and Daisy Harries discuss issues with John Castrilli.**

One such group is the Association of Independent Retirees who meet each month. John Castrilli was invited as the guest speaker this month and addressed the group on a number of issues that affected our area and the differences he found between Local Government and State Government. John, of course was well placed to comment on this issue having spent 8 years as the Mayor of our City prior to being elected into State Government.

Anyone wishing to join the Association for Independent Retirees can contact President Don Martin on 97 959869. Don may also be able to be coaxed into disclosing his recipe for his famous vanilla slices which are now a essential part of monthly meetings.

## Our Deficient Health System

The Health system deficiencies continue to place people in unimaginable situations such as the horrendous treatment received by Mrs Trish Hough following her recent heart-attack. After being transferred to Perth for life saving procedures, Mrs Hough was prepared for surgery on three occasions only to have the procedure cancelled each time. Unfortunately Mrs Hough suffered another heart attack while finally undergoing the deferred treatment but is now slowly recovering.

During the recent visit to Bunbury by Leader of the Opposition Hon Paul Omodei and Shadow Minister for Health Hon Dr Kim Hames, John arranged for Mr & Mrs Hough to relay their story first hand to highlight the problems within the health system.



**Mr and Mrs Hough and daughter Tracy with John Castrilli, Hon Paul Omodei and Hon Kim Hames.**

## The Issues

Local Member John Castrilli is currently working on many issues which include:

### Health

- The purchase of an Ureterorenoscope for the South West Campus – to allow the treatment of kidney stones locally.
- Better administration services and procedures for PATS applicants

### Education

- School Canteen changes – While supporting the Healthy Choices initiative, John has called for the Minister to review the process and to examine the practicalities of the recently introduced changes to school canteens.
- Funding for playground equipment for South Bunbury Special Education School.

### Police

- The provision of a 1800 number to assist regional people contact the Infringement Management Section when trying to pay or amend traffic infringement notices.

### Transport

- The introduction for a multiple use taxi subsidy scheme for country taxi's to match that introduced for metropolitan taxi drivers.
- Continual calls and monitoring for the promised upgrade to the track and stock for the Australind train service.
- The urgent need for the Outer Ring Road project to be commenced.

### Justice

- More Family Court magistrates and reduced waiting times for court hearings.
- Disciplinary Reform for Legal Practitioners.

### Disabilities

- Young People in Nursing Homes – to get our young people out of aged care facilities and for those in facilities in Perth to have the ability to return to their home region.
- Respite Care – continued work on the provision of respite care for families with disabled family members.

### Locally

- Safer pedestrian crossings on Sandridge Road, Strickland Street, Parade Road & Blair Street - Crosslands.

John seeks your opinion on any of the above issues. Please call the office on 97 91 3636 for more information.