



## Failure of high school sends wrong message to students



*Bunbury MLA John Castrilli listens to concerned parents from Newton Moore Senior High School who are upset over the State Government's failure to complete a promised upgrade of the school as originally promised.*

BUNBURY MLA John Castrilli has joined forces with parents, teachers and students at Newton Moore Senior High School to push the State Government for funds to complete a promised upgrade as announced in 2004.

Mr Castrilli said the school has 14 transportable classrooms and is in a state of disrepair yet the Labor Government will not commit the extra funds needed to bring it up to scratch.

Works on the scaled-back upgrade will begin shortly, however, the funds will not go far enough.

"In 2004 the Labor Government identified the dire need for an upgrade which would then cost \$9.5 million but since then

building costs have increased and the Project Control Group have had to scale it back twice," Mr Castrilli said.

"Now it is just a bare-bones plan and a whole classroom block will not be built, meaning the transportables will have to stay.

"This failure to meet the basic needs of these students is send a message to our youth that their education is not worth investing in."

A petition is located in Mr Castrilli's office at 4b Spencer Street which calls on the State Government to commit the funds need to complete the project to meet all the needs as originally identified.4.

## George Baxter's memory honoured

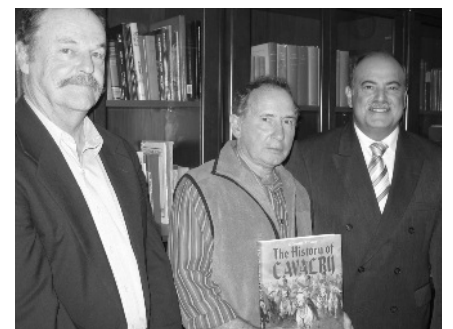
THE memory of renowned and respected Bunbury war veteran Allan George Baxter will live on for many years thanks to a new library named in his honour at the Bunbury RSL.

Last month Bunbury MLA John Castrilli officially opened the new facility alongside RSL president Ross Stewart and George's son Ian Baxter.

The library honours George's military service and 13-year service as a Bunbury councillor and management of the tourist bureau.

George joined the 10th Light Horse Regiment in 1937 and served in Palestine, Egypt and North Africa.

Mr Baxter had previously been honoured for his services to the community by the City of Bunbury with the naming of the George Baxter Boardwalk in 2000.



*George Baxter's son, Ian, was the special guest at the opening of a library in his father's honour. The library at the Bunbury RSL sub-branch was officially opened by RSL president Ross Stewart and Bunbury MLA John Castrilli.*



*Newton Moore Senior High School Year 12 student executives Emma Twist, Marianne Excell, teacher Jason Schuttloffel, Chris Owens and Adele Gardiner take part in the interactive road safety survey at a Road Safety Forum hosted by Bunbury MLA John Castrilli.*

## Focus turns to road safety

THE South West community, young and old, combined on June 8 to discuss the soaring road toll and strategies to curbing it at a forum organised by Bunbury MLA John Castrilli.

"The forum was the catalyst we needed in the South West to table these notable ideas and come up with some real solutions to combat this distressing trend," Mr Castrilli said.

In the morning 62 students, trainees and apprentices took part in a game-show style survey on road safety topics which resulted

in collating realistic data about the problems and positives on the region's roads.

Later community leaders gathered to take part in a similar exercise.

Over the next few months Mr Castrilli will meet with some of the forum participants to expand on several promising ideas raised. He will then present those strategies to the Office of Road Safety and data collected from the surveys will also be analysed by Monash University which will assist in formulating a new Road Strategy from 2007.

# Students marvel at Parliament House



*Bunbury MLA John Castrilli was pleased to see Adam Road Primary School Year 7 students such as Abbey Morton, Isiah Indich and Tiana Harris express an interest in politics when they visited Parliament House recently.*

SPARKLING chandeliers, tall shelves of leather-bound books and the busy chambers of Parliament impressed Year 7 students from Adam Road Primary School recently.

Bunbury MLA John Castrilli greeted two groups from the school who slotted in a tour of State Parliament into their fun-filled camp in Perth.

Students got the opportunity to watch the politicians ask questions of Ministers in the chambers and ask Mr Castrilli questions about his job.

"I received several reports about how well-behaved and polite they all were which was a positive reflection on the calibre of the Adam Road School community and a great promotion of Bunbury," Mr Castrilli said.

## What Issues Are Important to you:

Let John know by emailing to [jcastrilli@mp.wa.gov.au](mailto:jcastrilli@mp.wa.gov.au) or writing to 4B Spencer Street, Bunbury

# Community meeting



*Bunbury MLA John Castrilli liaises with residents Joyce Morgan and Valda Smith at the North Bunbury Community meeting held recently.*

AN array of issues concerning North Bunbury residents were brought to light on Saturday, June 23 as residents gathered at a meeting organised by Bunbury MLA John Castrilli.

The North Bunbury meeting was one of a series which Mr Castrilli has been holding throughout Bunbury which invite all residents living in the area to gather and discuss pertinent issues affecting them or the wider community.

Mr Castrilli also invited along Inspector John Lindley from Bunbury Regional Police to assist in

answering questions relating to community policing and safety.

Some of the topics discussed at the North Bunbury meeting included crime, hoons, road infrastructure, preserving heritage buildings and transport options for the disabled.

Mr Castrilli will now be investigating a number of issues raised and seeking solutions.

Should you live in North Bunbury and want more information on issues raised and their outcomes please phone 9791 3636 to be placed on the mailing list.

## Success benefits train users

WHILE Bunbury MLA John Castrilli is continuing to push for a new Australind train to replace the ageing stock small changes to make the journey more user friendly have been achieved along the way.

Earlier this year Mr Castrilli received calls from train users who found it difficult to navigate around the Perth station and were put out by limited opening times of the platform.

Mr Castrilli wrote to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure outlining the problems, prompting action to remedy the situation.

As a result, the opening times of the waiting area at platform 3 of the Perth station were extended from 7.30am and 4pm to provide a two-hour window before departure.

Previously the platform's gates were locked until 5pm which caused angst for people who wanted to sit and wait

before that time.

Mr Castrilli has also written to the Minister asking for a large sign to be erected pointing to the Australind platform which will be visible from Wellington Street.

Some commuters have also experienced difficulties with booking tickets since the Visitor Information Centre have been unable to continue this ticketing service in the CBD.

Tickets can be booked over the telephone and paid for by credit card. However if you do not hold a credit card nor have your own transport to allow you to travel to the Train Station, Mr Castrilli has negotiated a special register to allow these people to pre-book and pay on the day of departure.

"If you are having difficulties, please contact my office for more information," Mr Castrilli said.