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City embraces Choose Respect



A big group gathered last week to hear about the exciting progress of the Choose Respect initiative.

MORE than 60 people turned out at Carey Park Primary School last Wednesday to hear about how much progress had been made towards making Bunbury the first Choose Respect city in WA.

As the strong turnout testified, the community has responded with immense enthusiasm to Choose Respect, an initiative which aims to spark a much-needed change in our culture by fostering care and consideration.

Bunbury MLA Castrilli announced his endeavour to spread the initiative through our community earlier this year.

Since then, two workshops were held and a resource team was formed to develop strategies to introduce Choose Respect into various sectors of our community.

The resource team introduced themselves at the progress update

meeting last week, which was sponsored by Mr Castrilli.

Choose Respect creator Gary Butcher said he was overwhelmed by how enthusiastic the Bunbury community had been towards Choose Respect.

"When I developed Choose Respect as a chaplain at Armadale Senior High School, it was designed to tackle bullying and students' inappropriate behaviour within a school setting," he said.

"It had such great results that other schools took it on and I realised it could be applied in a community setting.

"Several towns are now embracing Choose Respect but to have a city such as Bunbury show so much interest, it is very exciting."

If you would like to be kept up to date with Choose Respect, please register with Leanne at the Office of John Castrilli MLA on 9791 3636.

Investment levels the playing field

Bunbury MLA John Castrilli welcomes the recent opening of the administration centre for the South West Academy of Sport in Bunbury.

He believes the development helps to recognise the immense value of our region to the sporting achievements of Western Australia.

"It's about levelling the playing field for our local sportsmen and women to ensure they have access to similar opportunities offered in Perth," Mr Castrilli said.

"The South West has a proud track record producing world-class sports stars and thanks to a recent commitment to boost the State Government investment in regional sports infrastructure, this looks set to continue."

Mr Castrilli said he also looked forward to seeing other sports infrastructure projects progress.

Prison upgrade to ease overcrowding

AFTER raising many concerns about overcrowding and security flaws at Bunbury Regional Prison in recent years, Bunbury MLA John Castrilli was pleased to see the long-awaited completion of a security upgrade and expansion.

Mr Castrilli also welcomed the news that a recent recruitment drive means the prison now has a full staffing complement.

The upgrade of prison includes 72 new minimum security beds to create a pre-release unit. It also includes:

- A perimeter fence around the minimum-security facility.
- Expansion of the staff mobile duress alarm system and upgraded central control room.
- Enhanced internal security and fire detection systems.
- A new health centre.
- A modified prisoner programs area.
- Modifications to doors, locks and viewing panels for staff safety.

Resurvey on the cards

THE City of Bunbury are set to decide tonight whether a resurvey will be undertaken in regards to the planned underground power project for suburbs of Withers, Glen Padden and Usher.

The Office of Energy has recommended that the City of Bunbury resurvey the landowners affected and Bunbury MLA John Castrilli was hopeful that would happen.

He believed the initial survey was inadequate and had not established a true level of support or opposition for the project.

His office received countless calls from concerned constituents last

May who did not believe they had an adequate opportunity to register their view on the project.

Of great concern was that some could not afford the average landowner contribution of \$3000.

Mr Castrilli has given his advice to Western Power and City of Bunbury as to why the initial survey had not met community expectations and hopes the resurvey will address some of those flaws.

He said he is not opposed to underground power but he wants to ensure the majority of landowners are supportive of the project before it moves ahead.

A WARM WELCOME



Bunbury MLA John Castrilli enjoyed a visit to Advocacy South West recently to attend a barbecue get-together with its clients and carers. Advocacy client Lawrence Mitting (right) extended the invitation to the barbecue because he had enjoyed a few of Mr Castrilli's community meetings and wanted to return the favour. Lawrence is pictured with fellow client Bradley Iseppi. Mr Castrilli said he was very impressed to witness the strong bonds between the Advocacy staff, volunteers, carers and clients. "The work that Advocacy South West do clearly extends well beyond their duty," he said.



Roadskills WA Bunbury managing director Danny Simpson, driving student Jessica Van Gent and her mother Heather Van Gent look forward to seeing the new driver training facility.

A life-saving investment

YOUNG drivers in the South West will be the beneficiaries of a \$200,000 grant from the State Government's Regional Infrastructure Funding Program.

The grant application was backed by Bunbury MLA John Castrilli and its successful outcome was announced by Regional Development Minister Brendon Grylls last week.

The funds will go towards the construction of a new, high-tech training facility for the innovative South West Youth Driver Development Program.

That facility will be built near the Bunbury City Speedway and in-

clude bitumen and gravel roads, an open bitumen pad for braking and skid control, vehicle wash down and storage buildings.

"The South West Youth Driver Development Program has been an invaluable service in our community for more than a decade and this grant will help train thousands more students into the future," Mr Castrilli said.

"Tragically, our road toll has soared in recent years and clearly, more needs to be done to build safer roads, ensure adequate policing levels and boost driver training opportunities."

Foundation praised for dedication

THE recent launch of the Val Lishman Health Research Foundation Suicide Prevention Study highlights the immense strength and compassion of the South West community, according to Bunbury MLA John Castrilli.

Mr Castrilli applauded the Foundation for pursuing this critical health issue, which has been made easier thanks to the backing of community fundraising efforts.

"The team behind the Val Lishman Foundation deserves our gratitude for their past work and their continued dedication to health research in our region," he said.

"For over a decade, the Foundation has proven its excellence in health research for regional WA and should be applauded for taking on the vast and perplexing issue of suicide prevention."

During the launch, Mr Castrilli was honoured to introduce the new Minister for Mental Health Dr Graham Jacobs. Dr Jacobs made history this year when he became the State's first Minister responsible for the new mental health portfolio.

"For too long mental health issues have existed on the margins of the health debate but our new Minister is clearly committed to changing that," Mr Castrilli said.