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# John Castrilli's Community News

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## Upgrades a smart move

### Celebration of community spirit

AUSTRALIA Day is a wonderful time of celebration in the local community.

Bunbury MLA John Castrilli said it was an opportunity for people to pay tribute to the work of previous generations and acknowledge our current volunteers and leaders.

Mr Castrilli said Australia Day was always a highlight of the calendar and a fantastic chance to acknowledge the diverse efforts of residents.

"Today I would encourage people to look to the future and think about what they can do to help and how they can become more involved in their local community," said Mr Castrilli.

"I offer my congratulations to those who will be named as Bunbury's Citizens of the Year, and hope that others can take inspiration from them."

### PATS reminder

NEW brochures and posters have been produced to inform patients of the financial help available through PATS — the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme.

PATS helps country residents who need to travel more than 100km each way for specialist medical treatment.

It offers a travel subsidy for fuel, coach or rail travel, and in some case an accommodation allowance.

There is also a flat-rate travel allowance for people travelling between 70 and 100km who qualify for PATS assistant for cancer or dialysis treatment.

The application for PATS must be completed by your GP before travelling to your specialist appointment.

More information is available from the South West PATS office on 1800 823 131.

### Port Access Road

AS many drivers will have noticed, this long-awaited new road is almost complete.

Fulfilling an election promise for Bunbury, the road gives heavy vehicles more direct access to the Bunbury port and will help ease pressure on Eelup Roundabout.

Construction of Stage 2 of the Port Access Road, which forms part of Stage 1 of the Outer Ring Road, is expected to start in 2011.

### Funds to tackle graffiti

LOCAL organisations are being encouraged to apply for funding to help tackle graffiti under the State Government's Graffiti Fund.

"People in Bunbury are sick and tired of graffiti vandalism on homes and public property," said John Castrilli.

"Programs can be funded which aim to stop graffiti before it happens, as well as those which enable rapid clean-up of graffiti to deter reoffending."

There are four categories which aim to tackle graffiti vandalism from every angle — prevention, education, removal and community engagement.

Applications close on February 5 and details are available at [www.crimeprevention.wa.gov.au](http://www.crimeprevention.wa.gov.au) or by phoning 9222 8735 or 9222 9089.

WITH the school year due to start next week, many parents and children will be wondering what 2010 holds in store for them.

Bunbury MLA John Castrilli said families would see some big changes to facilities over the coming year, with upgrades now underway at several local schools.

"As part of my election commitment to Bunbury, work has begun in delivering much-needed improvements to our schools," Mr Castrilli said.

"Work is currently underway on a \$2million State-funded upgrade at Bunbury Senior High School, with a new teaching area being created in the old library, along with an upgrade of the administration area.

"These and other projects will result in a much better environment for students and staff in our schools."

"Withers Primary School is also a hive of activity, with construction due to start in March for a \$1.6million State upgrade."

"This will include a long-awaited new administration block with staff and conference rooms and staff toilets."

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South Bunbury Primary is just one of the schools in Bunbury set to benefit from State-funded upgrades as part of an election commitment by John Castrilli. A Federal project is currently underway at South Bunbury, to be followed by the State upgrades.

access toilets and new hard courts for students to use for their sporting activities."

Bunbury Primary School will receive a \$4m State upgrade as part of two projects which include an im-

proved library resource centre, extension and refurbishment of 12 classrooms, a new toilet block, art and craft teaching area, music room and storage area.

"This project is currently open to

tenders from building companies and construction is due to start in April," Mr Castrilli said.

Commonwealth funding was also made available to schools, and the State Government has fast-tracked the delivery of the Federal Building the Education Revolution (BER) program to speed up the process.

At South Bunbury Primary School, BER works on the library and a two-classroom block with art and music rooms are due to be finished by the end of May.

Following this, work will start on the State-funded \$1m upgrade which will include refurbishment of the administration, medical, staff areas and canteen, along with new activity areas, a stage and ramps, and a carpark.

Other projects have already been successfully completed in Bunbury as a result of Mr Castrilli's election promises for education, including the new TS Bunbury headquarters and funding of \$25,000 a year to continue the Bunbury Education District Sports Leadership Program.

## Shipshape future for Navy cadets

THE future of navy cadets in Bunbury and surrounds received a huge boost earlier this month with the opening of the new TS Bunbury Navy Cadets headquarters.

The facility at Turkey Point is a custom-designed base which gives cadets the best possible environment to undertake their training and skills development.

It also has enough space to allow for camps with up to 100 youths from other units attending, and was put to excellent use last week when the annual sailing camp was held there.

The completed project represents another of John Castrilli's election promises to be delivered in less than 16 months.

"This facility is a wonderful example of what can be achieved when a community group is supported by government, local businesses and volunteers to achieve their goal," Mr Castrilli said.

US President Franklin Roosevelt once said "We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future."

"However, the cadet headquarters achieves both, delivering a community asset with benefits that will be seen well into the future, and also helping equip young people with the skills and leadership to make them valued members of our community," Mr Castrilli said.



State funding of \$350,000 helped complete the new headquarters.

## Waterfront update

MEMBERS of the community will be able to have their say on amendments which affect planning for the Bunbury Waterfront project.

Following the final report from the Waterfront project taskforce, chaired by John Castrilli, the WA Planning Commission has adopted three major amendments to the Greater Bunbury Region Scheme.

These amendments establish the broad land use direction and will determine the nature of local scheme amendments.

Mr Castrilli said the move was a major step forward in removing some of the hurdles and allowing the project to be re-examined and advanced in a way which was acceptable to the community.

Advertising of the amendments is due in mid February, and will be

open for public comment for 90 days.

"This will be an important part of the process which was about going back to the drawing board and getting the initial planning right," Mr Castrilli said.

"I would urge people to have their say when the public comment period opens."

"This stage will not focus on the details of development, rather it deals with the structural issue of changes to regional reservations and zonings."

"The community will also be consulted in any local planning scheme amendments and structure planning process, as the taskforce is committed to progressing the project in keeping with community values and State interests," Mr Castrilli said.



Royal Australian Navy Cdre Geoff Geraghty, Bunbury MLA John Castrilli, TS Bunbury Sub-Lt Jane Dugand, Captain Eliot Fisher and Forrest MHR Nola Marino are delighted with the new TS Bunbury headquarters.

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