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Living wills

NEW legislation introduced by the State Government means people can now make an Advance Health Directive, or "living will" which sets out the medical treatment they would wish to receive or decline in certain situations.

It will offer a legal framework to protect an individual's wishes about the medical treatment they receive in the event of becoming incapacitated.

People over the age of 18 can prepare an AHD which details the medical treatments they would provide or refuse consent to in certain situations including coma, stroke, terminal illness and others.

Further information and forms on preparing an Advance Health Directive are available from John Castrilli's office at 4B Spencer Street.

Choose Respect

THE Choose Respect initiative is well on its way to becoming embedded in the entire Bunbury community.

"Step by step we are creating the building blocks for Choose Respect to flow through our city," John Castrilli said.

Edith Cowan University is working towards implementing Choose Respect and also looking at researching its impact in the community.

ECU Dean Robert Irvine, a Choose Respect Champion, is now in talks with the Bunbury health campus and Manea College about how the entire precinct can take the Respect message on board.

In Bunbury and the surrounding area, Choose Respect is now part of Carey Park, Adam Road, Withers, Djidi Djidi and Glen Huon primary schools, and work has also started with Parkfield, Australind and Kingston schools.

Strong progress has also been made with Newton Moore and Bunbury senior high schools, which is important so that when the current students from local primary schools move into high school, the message of respect will continue.

Green technology

UP TO \$10 million of State Government funding is on offer to help develop sustainable, low-emission technologies to reduce WA's greenhouse gas emissions.

Bunbury MLA John Castrilli urged local businesses, government and non-government organisations to apply for the funding, which was part of a commitment to practical initiatives to help the environment.

Applications close at 5pm on March 24 and can be made through the Department of Environment and Conservation's website at <http://www.dec.wa.gov.au>

Funding is subject to successful applicants matching every \$1 invested by the State Government with \$3 from elsewhere.



Mike Schramm from the Department of Planning, John Castrilli and Geoff Klem of the City of Bunbury, view the 3D model which shows proposed planning amendments to areas of Bunbury's waterfront land.



State funds for new soccer pitch

HAY Park's soccer ground is receiving a raft of upgrades thanks to State Government funding.

Funds of more than \$136,000 allocated through the Community Sport and Recreation Facilities fund have been used to redevelop the soccer ground to bring it up to State competition standard.

The new pitch has been designed for State level use, such as in games featuring the South West Phoenix.

Earthworks, reticulation and new turf has already been completed, in addition to a spectator mound and a low fence to deter spectators from entering the pitch.

The second stage of the project will deliver funds towards a brand new clubhouse on the western side of the soccer ground.

Pictured are John Castrilli with City of Bunbury chief executive officer Greg Trevaskis and the Department of Sport and Recreation manager Troy Jones.

Time to have say on waterfront project

A PUBLIC meeting was held on March 3 to discuss proposed amendments relating to the Bunbury Waterfront project.

Amendments to land zoning under the Greater Bunbury Region Scheme have been proposed for the Waterfront areas of Koombana North, Koombana South and Marlston North, to enable planning for the area to move forward.

"Unfortunately I was unable to attend to chair the meeting due to illness," said Bunbury MLA John Castrilli.

"I would urge people interested in finding out more about the amendments to obtain a copy of the documents available from the City of Bunbury offices."

"Public submissions on the zoning amendments close on May 17 and this is an important opportunity for people to be able to have

their say on the zoning of the waterfront areas."

About 46 community members attended the meeting, where planning consultant Patric de Villiers explained the process undertaken so far by the Waterfront Taskforce's Technical Advisory Committee.

Mr de Villiers explained that this stage of the process related to the proposed rezoning of the three areas, not final development plans.

If the GBRS amendments are passed, the City of Bunbury would also need to amend their local planning scheme, and the public would again be given the opportunity to make submissions.

Key differences between the Taskforce recommendations for the Waterfront and the 2008 Landcorp plan included:

- Approximately 90 per cent of

Public Open Space in Koombana South would be retained under the Taskforce recommendation.

- Setbacks from the water would be increased from a minimum of 10m to a minimum of 47m with an average setback of 65m.

- Instead of 17 storeys in Koombana South, development would be along the road arc and heights would be up to five storeys, with one small section a maximum of seven storeys to link with the current development located opposite at the Silos.

Mr Castrilli supports the need to revitalise the city's waterfront areas in order to make better use of the city's range of attractions.

"I believe the current approach is much more closely aligned with community expectations than the plans released by the previous government," he said.

Wide-ranging education approach at Withers

JOHN Castrilli visited Withers Primary School recently to hear about how the school is embracing a wide-ranging approach to education, including taking on board the Choose Respect initiative.

Mr Castrilli said programs being undertaken at Withers showed that there was more involved in education than just test results in the classroom.

"The school has a breakfast program which is a fantastic way to help children get a healthy start to the day," Mr Castrilli said.

"There is an African proverb which says 'It takes a village to raise a child' and this is a great example of the wider Bunbury 'village', including Foodbank, being able to assist with the school experience."

During his visit, Mr Castrilli also took a look at the building work being done at the school.

Work is currently underway on a Commonwealth funded upgrade, to be followed by a State project due to start soon.

The \$1.6million State Government project will include a much-needed new administration block with staff and conference rooms, staff toilets, disabled-access toilets and new hard courts for sporting activities.

Mr Castrilli said the upgrades, combined with several new initiatives being planned, would benefit the school and the wider community.

"Principal Stuart Cumming has some exciting and innovative ideas for learning programs and engagement with parents," Mr Castrilli said.

"Combined with the new buildings, I think this will really take Withers to the next level in terms of education and involving the whole school community in the learning experience."



John Castrilli speaks to Withers Primary School principal Stuart Cumming while students enjoy cereal and toast as part of the school's breakfast program.

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