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# John Castrilli's Community News

John Castrilli MLA - Representing the People of Bunbury



# Progress across community

BUNBURY residents from all walks of life have benefited from State Government spending in a variety of areas in the community over the past two years.

People ranging from school students, youth, sportspeople, and the elderly, have benefited from new initiatives and upgrades to school, community and sporting facilities.

Bunbury MLA John Castrilli said the range of projects he had promised before the last State election were all either delivered, or planning was progressing well.

In addition, funding had been made available for other important Statewide initiatives, such as the Country Pensioner Fuel Card and Seniors Cost of Living Rebate, which benefited local residents.

Mr Castrilli has been working hard over the past two years since being re-elected as the Member for

Bunbury, ensuring progress is made on important local projects.

As well as his role as a Cabinet Minister, he has been busy working on local needs in the areas of health, law and order, education and transport, among others.

With a long list of priorities to fulfil, it hasn't always been easy but Mr Castrilli said he was committed to seeing progress made.

"I am sure people will appreciate that not everything can be done straight away, and before bricks and mortar can be laid there's often a lot of behind-the-scenes planning work to be done," Mr Castrilli said.

"There were a lot of areas requiring attention in Bunbury and when I was re-elected I made it my priority to see the wheels put in motion."

"Full funding has been delivered for more than \$10m of important projects being completed at local schools including Bunbury Senior

High and Withers, Bunbury and South Bunbury primary schools.

"This will help our young people to get the best possible education and provide improved working areas for teachers and other staff."

"Spending on roads has benefited residents of Bunbury and the wider region as well as improving access for travellers from Perth."

"Planning is continuing for construction of Stage 1 of the Eelup Roundabout flyover which will improve traffic congestion for local motorists and travellers and reduce crashes by about two-thirds."

On a Statewide level, there have been many changes to help make the community a better place, including establishing Australia's first Mental Health Commission and Commissioner, with a stand-alone budget of more than \$500million for mental health.

"We have also made a commitment to tougher law and order with action taken on hoons, arsonists and people who throw rocks at vehicles, plus mandatory sentencing for people who assault public officers," Mr Castrilli said.

"The Government has also had to make some very difficult decisions in regards to utility costs.

"While I acknowledge this has made it very hard for some people, we have also put measures in place to help those worst-affected, such as the Hardship Utilities Grant Scheme, cost of living rebate for seniors and \$500 pensioner fuel cards."



Work is due to start on a facility to allow young people with brain injuries or degenerative neurological conditions to live in age-appropriate accommodation. It will include 11 high support units plus a mix of 9 individual respite and family respite units.



Brenton Terry, Caleb Sheedy and Gemma Stewart are three of the 42 students in the Bunbury Education District Junior Sport Leadership program, which received State funding of \$100,000 to operate for four years.

## Many achievements over past two years

As the Bunbury community continues to grow, a range of important projects have been completed and progressed, with the following list just some of the many achievements over the past two years . . .

### Education

- Bunbury SHS (\$2million) - New student services area completed, administration area upgrade underway
- Bunbury PS renewal (\$4m) - Variety of upgrades progressing well.
- South Bunbury PS (\$1m) - State-

funded upgrade due to begin September 2010.

- Withers PS (\$1.6m) - New administration area progressing well and due to be finished by December.
- Bunbury Education District Sports leadership (\$100,000) - program continuing with \$25,000 per year



Bunbury and Districts Little Athletics members Shaun Peterson, 10, and Lauren Quaife, 9, make use of the new purpose-built athletics track, with received more than \$1.6m in State funding.

- New Naval Cadets base (\$350,000) - project completed
- Bunbury Behaviour Service Centre - established to support schools and students

### Law and order

- Funds to expand CCTV coverage and provide dedicated 'hotspot' monitoring - \$270,000 delivered. New CCTV system and monitoring already successful in targeting offenders and preventing crime.
- Police - Three new auxiliary police officers in Bunbury means sworn officers have been freed-up for frontline duties.
- Legal changes - stronger laws on hoons, rock-throwers, arsonists and people who assault police

### Transport

- Port access Road - Stage 1 completed. Main Roads continuing planning of Stage 2 for construction in 2011/12.
- Eelup Roundabout flyover - Main Roads progressing plans for Stage 1 of flyover project, which is expected to reduce crashes by approximately two-thirds

### Health

- Bunbury Radiotherapy Clinic - \$9.2m delivered and construction underway
- Bunbury Intensive Care Unit - \$800,000 to establish an intensive care unit by 2011
- Facility for young people with acquired brain injuries or degenerative neurological conditions -

\$700,000 for land provided by the State Government after lobbying by John Castrilli, with construction to start in 2011.

- Infant Hearing Screening tests - now available free for babies born at Bunbury Regional Hospital

### Housing

- 32-unit seniors complex in East Bunbury - purchased by Department of Housing and managed by Access Housing

### Sport and Recreation

- Hay Park Athletics track (\$1.67m) - completed
- Hands Oval upgrade (\$1.34m) - funding committed, City of Bunbury engaging a consultant for the feasibility study
- Soccer oval upgrade - funds of \$136,000 delivered, first stage of project completed

### Community

- Waterfront Project Taskforce - taskforce chaired by John Castrilli has completed and delivered its final report. Community consultation on this important project continuing
- Royalties for Regions - Projects worth more than \$28m to be funded in 2010-11
- Seniors Cost of Living Rebate - payments of over \$100 for singles and \$150 for couples over the past two years for Seniors, with more than \$18m paid across Bunbury and the South West in 2009.
- Seniors Security Rebate - More than \$72,000 delivered across Bun-



Police auxiliary officers Jason De Bruyn and Michelle Stayt have been stationed in Bunbury, with their support role enabling sworn officers to spend more time on the front line.

Bunbury and the South West to help seniors install home security devices

- Country Pensioner fuel card - \$500 per year towards the cost of fuel or taxi fares, for Aged and Disability pensioners

• Choose Respect - funding of \$160,000 over four years - Choose Respect facilitator appointed to continue this initiative's work in the community

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