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John Castrilli's Community News



John Castrilli MLA - Representing the People of Bunbury



John is looking forward to celebrating Christmas with his family, including granddaughters Dominique and Rose.

A message from John

It has been another busy year and I'm proud to say, a year in which some fantastic projects for Bunbury have either been completed or significantly progressed.

Earlier this month I visited the high-care facility at Treendale and am absolutely thrilled to see such great progress, with the roof already on the facility.

December is a busy month for people of all ages, and I've been pleased to be able to attend many primary and secondary school graduations.

I really enjoy visiting schools and hearing younger people in our community reflect on what is important to them.

It is refreshing and reminds us of what the important things are in life, such as the importance of good friendships, respect, family support, and taking part in social and recreational activities.

As we move towards Christmas, I would like to offer my thanks and congratulations to all who help bring the spirit of the season to life in Bunbury every year.

Our community celebrations such as the Christmas parade and Carols by Candlelight are a wonderful way of bringing people of all ages together to celebrate.

Unfortunately the Christmas and New Year period can also be a time of stress and emotional anguish for some in our community who are facing financial hardship or do not have family and friends to celebrate with.

I would urge people to reach out to friendship or help, to share in the joy of the season.

I wish everyone in our community a Christmas that is filled with peace, happiness and time spent with the people who are important to them.

Donation helps fill shelves



John Castrilli was pleased to make a donation to South West Foodbank, which manager Carol Hearn said would be distributed to various welfare organisations.

John Castrilli visited Foodbank last week to hand over two large packages of food donated at a recent function, with items ranging from Christmas treats to staple items such as pasta and tinned vegetables.

Mr Castrilli also donated \$200 to be used by Foodbank for further

supplies to add to its shelves.

"Throughout the year, Foodbank does an excellent job providing a link between food producers and suppliers, and local welfare agencies," Mr Castrilli said.

"Their services are particularly important at Christmas time when food is distributed in bulk to local

churches and welfare agencies."

Manager Carol Hearn said more donations were still needed from the public to help those less fortunate to have an enjoyable Christmas with festive food on the table.

Anyone able to make a donation of food or cash is urged to call Foodbank on 9726 2362.

Summer fire safety important to all

Summer is upon us and with the recent Margaret River fires still fresh in people's minds, it is important to be prepared for the threat of fire.

If you haven't already taken steps to make sure your home or rural property is prepared for the threat of fires, it is vital to do so now.

"Some areas of Bunbury and surrounding suburbs are more fire-prone than others but it is important that all

households make sure they have taken steps to improve fire safety," Mr Castrilli said.

"Even in urban areas, it is important to ensure your gutters are free of dry leaves, prune any dry or dead tree branches and do not store flammable items near your house."

Detailed information on preparing for the bushfire season is available at www.fesa.wa.gov.au.

Upgrades add to school pride

Big upgrades have been taking place at schools throughout Bunbury over the past few years, offering staff and students improved environments to work and learn in.

John Castrilli was pleased to officially open Newton Moore Senior High School's library and other facilities earlier this month.

The library is part of an overall \$13.2million upgrade funded by the State Government, which also included a new cafeteria, new classroom block and refurbishments.

The new facilities have been in use for over two years but had not yet had the formal recognition which they, and the school, deserved.

The upgrades have given the school an improved appearance which is more fitting of the high outcomes being achieved.



Newton Moore Senior High School students Cameron Keohone and Rebecca May show John Castrilli through the school's library, which he officially opened.

Volunteers help out at Intown

A 'Corporate Caring' volunteer day was held at the Intown Centre on November 30.

It offered the centre's clients a morning of free "little luxuries" with a chocolate fountain, cappuccinos, crepes and goodie bags for the kids all on offer.

The event was organised by Volunteer South West as a way to get more people involved in volunteering and offer a helping hand to the Intown Centre, which serves hundreds of meals a week to homeless and disadvantaged people.

John was unable to attend due to Parliament sitting that day, however his office was well represented by Yasmin Pearce who helped out, along with Casey Drinkwater (pictured) from the Rose Hotel.



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