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John Castrilli MLA - Representing the People of Bunbury



Project to inject new life into waterfront

FUNDING announced for Stage 1 of the Bunbury Waterfront project will be the catalyst for new investment in the city and a stronger connection with more vibrant waterfront areas, says Bunbury MLA John Castrilli.

Mr Castrilli, along with Regional Development Minister Brendon Grylls, announced last month that more than \$20million would be spent on infrastructure to develop land in the areas known as Marlston North and Koombana North.

This would offer a mix of commercial, tourism and residential uses, along with improved public open space.

After the local community made

its voice heard and asked for land at Koombana South not to be developed, the original scope of the project was revised.

"We have listened to local residents on what their expectations are, and removed the land opposite the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre from the development area," Mr Castrilli said.

"As a result, the total development area of Stage 1, at 11,710sqm is in line with community expectations.

"Unfortunately there are some people in the community who are intent on spreading misinformation, and do not seem to understand that the scope of the development as it

now stands is because we have listened to the community's views.

"I would urge people to let go of any preconceptions they may have had, and take a fresh look at what is a completely new approach to the Bunbury Waterfront Project.

"These new plans clearly show the Government has listened to public expectations and responded accordingly," Mr Castrilli said.

A total of \$23.8million funding will cover development costs for Stage 1 and includes a \$3.5million contribution to the City of Bunbury for the demolition and part restoration of the timber jetty.

"Breaking the Waterfront project into stages will allow progress to

start in the areas supported by the community, while continued planning and consultation will occur in the future with the City of Bunbury on what the community wants to see at Koombana South," Mr Castrilli said.

An amendment is now required by the City of Bunbury to its Town Planning Scheme to rezone the land and bring it in line with the Greater Bunbury Region Scheme, and a structure plan will be produced for the development areas.

"The community will again have an opportunity to provide formal comment on the details of the scheme amendment and the structure plan as part of the public comment period," Mr Castrilli said.



Heidi Martin has been pounding the pavement to help local businesses learn about how Choose Respect can help them and their staff.

Choose Respect hits the streets

THE Choose Respect initiative continues to go from strength to strength in the local community.

More champions have come on board and schools are keeping the message of "Respect for all" at the front of students' minds in a range of ways.

In the wider community, the local Choose Respect management team is building the level of business involvement in the initiative.

Choose Respect champion Heidi Martin has been visiting local businesses to outline the CR message and how it can help people work together more positively.

Save the date!

Get ready to make some noise on November 17 when a Rally 4 Respect is held in Bunbury's CBD.

The rally aims to unite people in bringing back respect in our community and standing up against anti-social behaviour.

Participants will meet at Anzac Park at 4pm with the aim of raising awareness on how Choose Respect can help create a better future for everyone.

More information on the Rally 4 Respect is available from Sarah-Jane on 0409 167 804.



Year 10 student Riana Young discusses political life with John Castrilli after being chosen to take part in Student Parliament.

Inside view of Parliament

NEWTON Moore Senior High School student Riana Young got a first-hand taste of our democratic system when she was chosen to take part in Student Parliament in Perth during August.

Riana was sponsored by John Castrilli to attend the three-day event and participated as the Member for Bunbury in Student Parliament, sitting where Mr Castrilli normally sits.

She said it was "awesome" to be able to see exactly how Parliament worked, and the level of prep-

aration involved when members debated Bills. She also debated a "mock Bill" on lowering the voting age to 16.

Riana met with Mr Castrilli on the last day of the event, when the students also watched the regular session of the Legislative Assembly from the gallery.

On her return to Bunbury, Riana dropped into Mr Castrilli's office to share her thoughts on the week, which she said was a "great learning experience."

Debate over fluoride in water

WHILE many parts of Western Australia have had fluoride added to their drinking water for approximately 40 years, Bunbury has not been included in this process.

As part of the Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies Act, the Department of Health through the FPWS Advisory Committee has been conducting a review into possible fluoridation in Bunbury water.

A public meeting was held last year to gauge community views and

an independent market survey has been carried out.

Once the results of this consultation has been finalised, the Committee will make a recommendation to the Minister for Health on whether Bunbury's drinking water should be fluoridated.

"To help me represent the local community's wishes on this issue, I would encourage residents who have any views to write to my office or send me an email," John Castrilli said

Educational innovation

SOUTH Bunbury Education Support Centre held an open day and special assembly last month to give families and community members the opportunity to learn more about the school, as well as showcasing the efforts of its students in a range of learning areas.

In addition to education programs for students of primary school age, the centre is also running an early intervention program for children of Kindergarten and Pre-primary age with a diagnosis on the Autism spectrum.

Many children with autism have average or above-average intelligence and research indicates that early intervention strategies can offer significant benefits.

Mr Castrilli was pleased to visit the school and watch teachers, education assistants and students in action.

Parking success

Earlier this year, South Bunbury ESC hit a hurdle when it attempted to access funding to get an ACROD parking bay installed for the use of students with physical disabilities.

When John Castrilli was alerted to the school's situation, he worked with the school, the city council and the education department to find a solution.

"This was a situation where red



John paid a visit to South Bunbury ESC recently, where Kaide Kinsella was engrossed in reading activities.

tape had got in the way of getting an ACROD bay installed quickly, but thankfully common sense won out in the end and the school was able to have this vital infrastructure installed," Mr Castrilli said.

Pictured below are Michelle Deworboies and her daughter Teleisha Wilson using the new ACROD bay, which is located close to the education support centre's entrance.



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