



Royalties for Regions

The Regional Grants Scheme aims to improve infrastructure and services in regional WA. Projects in Moore include:

Shire of Dandaragan

\$750,000 for the Jurien Bay Foreshore and Jetty Redevelopment Project.

City of Geraldton-Greenough

\$300,000 for the Regional Library and Administration Centre Redevelopment.

Geraldton Greenough State Emergency Service Unit

\$103,500 for the Davies Road upgrade.

Northampton Historical Society Inc

\$117,000 for the Lynton Heritage Site Interpretation Centre.

Shire of Morawa

\$340,888 for the Morawa Community and Business Enterprise Centre.

Shire of Perenjori

\$170,000 for Perenjori Eco Housing.

Women in Agriculture workshop



Hon Mia Davies MLC, Colleen Broad (AWiA), Suzanne Woods (Calingiri), Pat Hughes (AWiA), Angela Byron (DAFF).

I attended the Women in Agriculture 'Australian Women Leading the Way' workshop in March. The workshop

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brought together women from across the State to share their skills and learn from each other. The group learnt about liaising with government, networking and getting the most out of community and industry groups.

Chittering Landcare project

I recently visited the Chittering Landcare Centre to learn more about the great work the group is doing. The Landcare Centre was established in 1998 by a Tiwest Joint Venture with Chittering Landcare Group. It provides offices for natural resource management staff, a

resource centre and a meeting place for community groups. The group is currently working to achieve landcare success by promoting the use of local native species to revegetate; fencing to protect vegetation; and advising on the control of plant and animal pests.

Stop and Search powers under scrutiny

The Legislative Council Legislation Committee is currently examining the proposed 'stop and search laws'. The proposed laws will enable police officers to stop and search people in certain areas without reasonable suspicion. This is a significant change and I'm pleased our Committee has been given the opportunity to examine the legislation. The Committee has heard from a range of stakeholders, including youth groups, police and lawyers and is scheduled to report to the Legislative Council in June.

Changes to firearms licensing

The firearms licensing system in WA has recently changed. The WA Police have advised of some delays with the new system, which are currently being resolved. For more information about the new system visit www.police.wa.gov.au.

What's on

7th & 8th April - Geraldton

12th April - Wongan Hills

13th April - Northam

14th April - Agricultural Hall of Fame Luncheon and Induction Ceremony

15th April - Chamber of Minerals and Energy AGM

20th - 22nd April - Legislative Council sitting

21st April - Kondinin

25th April - Geraldton and Northampton for ANZAC Day

From Mia's desk ...

It's been a busy time since I last reported with a number of key events and milestones. I am pleased to report that Royalties for Regions is now enshrined in Western Australian law for future generations. The legislation was gazetted on 26 March, by coincidence, just a day before our State Annual Conference held in Albany. One of the key speakers at the Conference was Professor Geoff Riley of the UWA Rural Clinical School. His presentation on recognising depression or risk of suicide was sobering – particularly the fact that more people die every year as a result of suicide than of car accidents. It's an area of our health system I have a keen interest in and would like to hear from groups working in this space in the Agricultural Region.



Hon Grant Woodhams MLA, Member for Moore and Hon Mia Davies MLC, Member for the Agricultural Region