

## *From my desk...*

This month regional Australians have found themselves in the middle of a political debate that everyone has an opinion about. No-one involved in the cattle industry condones the cruelty displayed in the Four Corners report. The Federal Government's response to this needed to be measured and diplomatic. Instead, it has thrown industry into turmoil, devastated hard-working families and individuals, and damaged relations with Indonesia - an important neighbour and trade partner. The Western Australian Government has no tolerance for animal cruelty, but we also have no tolerance for government decisions that needlessly disrupt food supply to valued customers, while damaging Australian businesses and bringing hardship to Australian families. The State Minister for Agriculture, Terry Redman, has worked hard to maintain pressure on the Federal Government to reconsider its decision. The actions of Animals Australia and the Federal Government amount to economic and diplomatic terrorism and Western Australians are bearing the brunt of this. The Nationals in Government are working to re-open the live cattle trade to Indonesia as soon as possible.



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### **Wyalkatchem CRC opening**

I attended the opening of the rebranded Wyalkatchem Community Resource Centre (CRC) on 3 June. This was a great community event, which highlighted the importance of CRCs. Royalties for Regions has invested \$40 million in the Community Resource Network. Congratulations to Chair, Marcus Reily, Coordinator Lynsey Gawley and all volunteers for their great work managing the Wyalkatchem CRC.



Hon Mia Davies MLC with community members and staff at the Wyalkatchem Community Resource Centre.

### **York Town Hall 100 years celebration**

I was in York on 31 May for the celebration of the 100 year anniversary of the York Town Hall. This event marked 100 years since Mayor Neville laid the foundation stone at the York Town Hall in 1911. Mayor Neville's family donated the silver trowel used to lay the foundation stone to the York Residency Museum.

### **Regional Indigenous Women's Conference**

I was privileged to spend some time with

a group of inspirational Aboriginal women in Kalbarri this month. The women, who travelled in from all over the Gascoyne, Murchison and Mid West, meet every year to discuss strategies for building local leadership and making positive change in their communities.

### **Merredin wind farm celebration**

I joined Hon Brendon Grylls, Energy Minister Peter Collier and community representatives at the Collgar Wind Farm Energising Event near Merredin on 9 June. Collgar is a \$750 million renewable energy project consisting of 111 wind turbines located about 25km south east of Merredin. The project will be the biggest wind farm in WA and the largest single stage wind farm development in the southern hemisphere.



Minister for Regional Development, Brendon Grylls, Hon Mia Davies MLC and Energy Minister, Peter Collier at Collgar Wind Farm.

### **Funding for Geraldton breast cancer program welcomed**

New funding for a program that helps women in the Mid West to manage the

after-effects of breast cancer surgery is great news. The State Government committed more than \$192,000 to fund the Encore program, run by the Young Women's Christian Association. It is good to see funding for this program extended to Geraldton.

## *What's on*

### **June**

- 2 - Northam
- 3 - Wyalkatchem
- 8 - Geraldton
- 9 - Merredin
- 13 - Goomalling
- 14-16 - Parliament siting
- 18 - Live export rally
- 19 - Beverley
- 21-23 - Parliament sitting
- 22 - Kalbarri
- 24 - Rural and Remote Education Advisory Council meeting
- 25 - York
- 28-30 - Parliament sitting

### **July**

- 1 - Kalbarri
- 3-4 - Katanning
- 5-6 - Geraldton
- 8 - Moora
- 13 - Brookton, Corrigin, Kondinin
- 14 - Kondinin, Naremben, York
- 20 - Wyalkatchem and Koorda