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Successful men's health program expanded, Grylls & Redman

Royalties for Regions has contributed $2.78 million over three years towards improving men's health throughout regional Western Australia. The Nationals in Government have committed to supporting the initiative to expand the successful Wheatbelt Men's Health program statewide. Brendon said support programs will be tailored to the specific community needs rather than a one size fits all approach. The expanded initiative will complement existing country health services and other allied services helping to improve the quality of life for men and their families.

Above: Terry Redman MLA and Brendon Grylls MLA at the men's health announcement.

Ord irrigation water service provider chosen, Grylls

SunWater has been announced as the preferred irrigation water service provider for the initial stage of the Ord Irrigation Expansion Project. SunWater will operate and maintain irrigation and supporting infrastructure in the East Kimberley. Brendon Grylls MLA said the Ord-East Kimberley Expansion Project was becoming a major hub for agriculture and social development and would be a world-class development. Royalties for Regions has contributed $220 million funding for the Ord-East Kimberley Expansion Project program.

Waldron welcomes upgrades

Terry Waldron MLA presented a Community Sport & Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) cheque to both Corrigin Shire and Cuballing Shire late last week. Corrigin Shire received $92,197 for the upgrade of their swimming pool including new toilets, change rooms, office space and first aid room. Cuballing Shire received $7,021 for the upgrade of their cricket wickets and outdoor lighting for the recreation centre.

Above: Terry Waldron MLA presenting CSRFF cheques to Julian Murphy (CEO of Corrigin Shire).

Grylls welcomes new advisory group chairman

Brendon Grylls has announced the appointment of former WA Democrats Senator Andrew Murray as chairman of the Western Australian Regional Development Trust. The trust aims to advise the State Government on issues relating to the Royalties for Regions Fund. Sue Middleton (Rural Woman of the Year 2010), Tim Shanahan (Chair, Pilbara Development Commission) and Paul Rosair (ex-Officio) were also appointed as trust members.

Mid West artists on show, Davies

This week Mia Davies attended the opening of the 2010 Good Heart Mid-West Aboriginal Art Exhibition, sponsored by OPR. More than 160 contemporary and traditional works by more than 55 indigenous artists from the Mid-West were exhibited and available for purchase, with all funds going back to the artists.

NEWS HEADLINES

Preferred Ord irrigation water service provider chosen, Grylls

Crook supports plans for regional headspace centres

Former Senator to head Royalties for Regions advisory group, Grylls

Successful men's health program expanded, Grylls & Redman

Detention centre highlights regional neglect, Crook

Waldron welcomes sport and recreation facility upgrades

Duncan opens Esperance drainage project

Prisoner transport methods reconsidered, Holt

German expert gives talk on renewable energy

Woodhams attends District High School Inquiry into the removal of year 11 and 12 course funding

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WHAT'S NEXT

18-19 June - Tuck in Boddington and Kulin

19/20 June – The Nationals Federal Council, Canberra

21 June - Wendy attending Regional Development Commission consultations

21 June - Tuck in Narrogin

21 June - Max in Goomalling

22/24 June - Parliament sitting

25 June - Wendy in Esperance

26/27 June – Brendon, Wendy and Mia in Newman and Jigalong

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Davies heads to Kondinin for Shire Council meeting

This week Mia Davies MLC attended a Kondinin Shire Council meeting. Councillors raised a number of issues including the shortage of doctors in the Wheatbelt, changes to Federal funding for childcare and the Infill Sewerage Program. Also in attendance was Brian Young, who has recently been made a Freeman of the Shire.

Above: Allen Smoker (Kondinin Shire President) Brian Young (Freeman of the Shire) and Mia Davies MLC.

Prisoner transport methods reconsidered, Holt

This week Colin Holt MLC attended an inquiry into the Transportation of Detained Persons. The Environment and Public Affairs Committee is currently looking at the progress and implementation of the Coroner's findings in to the death of Aboriginal Elder Mr Ward who died from heat stroke after being transported from Laverton to Kalgoorlie in January 2008. Air transportation and video link ups for prisoners are being considered as options by the committee instead of long haul vehicle transport.

Woodhams attends DHS Inquiry

Grant Woodhams MLA attended a public meeting in Jurien Bay late last week which looked in to the removal of senior school allocation funding for Year 11 and Year 12 at District High Schools. Dalwallinu, Carnamah and Jurien Bay are among the 21 schools being considered for funding removals. Grant said all three schools in his electorate were excellently represented by their Principals, School Councils and their communities and hopes to have the decision reconsidered. The Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations is due to report to Parliament in August.

Duncan opens Esperance drainage project

Wendy Duncan MLC officially opened the Fisheries Road drainage project in Esperance late last week. The new flow barrier under the busy road will help stop flooding in the area and benefit nearby residents, road users and the surrounding wetlands. Wendy said a lot of traffic is on the road and it is great to see something has finally been done to help prevent further flooding. Royalties for Regions has contributed $100,000 towards the project in collaboration with the Shire of Esperance which also funded $100,000.

Above: Wendy Duncan MLC, Representatives of the Shire of Esperance, Esperance Regional Forum, Department of Environment, South Coast NRM GEDC.

German expert gives talk on renewable energy

This week Max Trenorden MLC and Phil Gardiner MLC attended a Sustainable Energy General Meeting in Perth. German guest speaker Dr Volker Oschmann gave a presentation called 'Going Renewable: Germany's Energy Future' whilst also giving some inside information into Germany's renewable energy policy and offering advice for Australia. Dr Oschmann is now undertaking research on legal issues arising from climate change at the Centre for Mining, Energy and Natural Resources Law at the University of Western Australia.

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