



electorate update

## Out & about in Canning

### Work for the Dole

Young people in Canning have benefited from sharing in over 1,283 Work for the Dole placements in the last two years. They have given something back to the community and gained new skills along the way. Projects they have worked on include: the PCYC project assisting the WA Police and Citizens Youth Club in the Kelmscott/Armadale region and a mobile maintenance team which looks after historic sites in the Pinjarra, Waroona and the South Yunderup areas.



*Don supporting local Work for the Dole project at Araluen Botanic Gardens*

### Improving the way we travel

The Howard Government is committed to ensuring local roads are safe and made easy for people to travel throughout the area. That's why we have already committed over \$12 million to local roads through the Roads to Recovery Initiative over the past 7 years.

Don is also committed to keeping pedestrians as well as our roads safe. Federal Blackspot funding of \$320,000 has been provided to the Armadale City Council for a project on Lake Road, Railway and Seaforth Avenues to install a roundabout and close off the intersection at the railway. In addition to this, the Council has been provided with an extra \$619,000 for other blackspots in the area. Over \$71,800 has been provided to Mandurah City Council for a project on Old Coast and Southern Estuary Road.

### Supporting Regional Services

Under the Dairy Regional Assistance Program, local company, Custom Composts, has been granted \$88,000 in Federal funding to expand their specialist composting business in the Peel region.

\$65,000 has also been provided to the Jarrahdale Wood Gallery to expand their facilities. This project will be instrumental in providing a specific venue to showcase local and south west timber industry products.

### Reducing the Interest Rate burden

Families and business in the Canning electorate are benefiting from the lowest interest rates in around 30 years. That means families are saving around \$585 a month on the average home loan of \$190,000. Businesses are also saving on interest repayments giving them the opportunity to develop their business and create local jobs.

## MedicarePlus



### Protecting and strengthening Medicare

MedicarePlus strengthens the three pillars of Medicare that have protected us for over 20 years.

- +** More opportunities for bulk billing. GPs receive an additional \$5 for every bulk-billed service to children under 16 and Commonwealth Concession Card holders.
- +** New MedicarePlus Safety Net provides concession card holders and families receiving Family Tax Benefit (A), cover for 80% of out-of-pocket costs above \$500 per individual or family per year. All other Australians will be covered for 80% of their out-of-pocket medical costs above \$1000 per individual or family per year.
- +** Provides more doctors and better access to medical care for residents of aged care homes.
- +** Increases the number of doctors and nurses in the community through support for the equivalent of 1,500 full-time doctors and 1,600 full-time practice nurses - especially in areas of most need.
- +** Easier Medicare claims for people who are not bulk billed - no more need to stand in a Medicare line.

For more info visit [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au)

# How the national issues aff

## Boosting local aged care support

Improving aged care services in our local area is a priority for Don. That's why he's worked hard with the Howard Government to provide over \$1.2 million in Home and Community Care funding for ongoing assistance for the elderly.

\$578,650 has been secured for high and low care residential places for JE Murray Home in Armadale; Graceford Hostel in Byford and a new facility in Canning Vale. \$115,153 was also provided for the Armadale/Kelmscott Assessment Team to ensure quicker processing times for aged care assessment.

\$44,000 in funding from the Veteran and Community Program has also been provided to the City of Armadale with the 'Developing Our Seniors' Leadership Project.



*Students from Campbell Primary School show Don their work*

## Improving facilities for our students

Our children need the best learning environment to make sure they have the best start in life. That's why the Howard Government has provided over \$4 million in capital works grants to local schools. In addition to this, \$2.5 million has been provided to the Murdoch Peel Campus for a University Learning Centre as well as a commitment to an extra 68 nursing school places.

## More Apprenticeships.... gaining new skills

Local apprenticeships have increased dramatically with over 950 new Apprenticeship placements in Canning - funded by the Howard Government - commencing in the first half of this year, and providing more job opportunities for young people in Canning. This focus on the 70% of school leavers who choose not to go to University directly from school will enable them to gain skills and trades that lay a foundation for their future.



*Don and Minister for Education, Science and Training the Hon. Dr. Brendan Nelson with apprentices from Cays Engineering in Mandurah*

“My voting record in Parliament help

“Supporting the Prime Minister on the important issues is helping bring real benefits to the people of Canning.”

DON RANDALL



## What Don has voted for to make our communities even better

- Strong Border Protection
- Work for the Dole
- Protecting and Strengthening Medicare
- New laws to combat terrorism
- More Apprenticeships
- Better roads and infrastructure
- Better Workplace Relations
- Protection of our Environment

*David Zalsmann explains his new and innovative greenhouse technology which has received funding of \$195,975 under the Federal Government's Farm Innovation Program.*

# Protect the people of Canning

## Fighting drug use

To make sure local resources are available to fight drug use. The Howard Government has allocated \$256,373 from its successful Tough On Drugs program to the local Kelmscott DrugArm.

## Supporting Local Families

With the Howard Government, Don believes looking after families is very important. That's why \$624,501 has gone to local child care funding and 420 places have been established for Outside School Care Services.

## Protecting our local environment

Through the Natural Heritage Trust, local environmental projects have received funding to assist their long term protection. Projects have included: \$1.7 million for the Peel Harvey inlet to protect its unique

features. \$73,706 has also been provided for Envirofund projects including \$18,955 for the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group which will allow them to increase the number of landowners undertaking better property management.



*Don discussing the importance of preserving our unique environment with the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group*

\$9,091 has also been delivered for the Preston Beach Progress Association for their project to rehabilitate the degraded dunes near Preston Beach.

## Protecting, securing and building our future

The Government has proven its ability to react quickly, decisively and with strength when domestic security and our borders are threatened. But at the same time, the Federal Government has maintained our long and proud humanitarian record.

Communities in the Canning electorate can remain confident that the Government will ensure our national security, and economic strength, and our communities continue their sense of social stability and confidence.



*Burnt out dormitories at Port Hedland detention centre after riots earlier this year*

to ensure a safer more secure future for all Australians”

## “Over the next 12 months I will work hard to support these priorities...”

- Continue fighting for more doctors for outer metro areas and areas of need, specifically in Serpentine - Jarrahdale and Armadale;
- Continue to pressure the Gallop Government to apply under appropriate federal road funding programs to deliver the Peel Deviation;
- Working for greater prospects for school leavers so they have enhanced access to apprenticeships and training;
- Working to deliver more aged care places and CACP's across the electorate and provide opportunity for ageing in place;
- Greater support for local government in identifying and applying for roads black spot funding and the continuance of the Roads to Recovery program for local governments in the Canning electorate;
- Greater focus on ensuring both the Peel and Hills regions in Canning capitalise on their tourism potential so they become the tourist Mecca's for which they have the demonstrated potential;
- Delivering mobile phone black spot funding, TV black spot funding and more internet broadband services to areas of need such as Dwellingup, Karragullen, Huntingdale, Thornlie and Canning Vale;
- Delivering a better deal for Centrelink clients who are currently contending with legislative inconsistencies with Family Tax Benefit overpayments; and
- Continuing to fight for the unique needs of the veterans' community in ensuring they have access to ongoing medical care and veterans entitlements.



*Don discusses local issues with Serpentine-Jarrahdale Councillor Jan Star*

# Don Randall

Member for Canning

# 'Focussing on the important issues is delivering results for all Australians'

Australia remains in a secure position. That's because the Coalition is delivering strong government and responsible economic management in the national interest. The Australian economy has continued to grow solidly - outperforming most other developed economies - and that's good news for families and businesses in the Canning electorate.

Despite a testing year which included terror and war overseas, and bushfires and devastating drought at home, the Howard Government remains focussed on the important issues - delivering real benefits for Australians, especially working families.

From 1 July this year, every Australian taxpayer in Canning benefited from personal income tax cuts.

This practical measure included increases in personal income tax thresholds.

These build on the tax cuts the Coalition delivered in 2000 - the largest income tax cuts Australia has ever had.

Low income earners in Canning also benefited with an increase in the low income tax offset from \$150 to \$235.

The Government delivered a budget that had a surplus of \$2.2 billion - with every cent being used to pay back the debt left by Labor.

The Coalition has repaid over \$63 billion of Labor's \$96 billion debt, and is keeping interest rates at around their lowest levels in 30 years.

The current unemployment rate is 5.6%. It has been 22 years since the rate was at this low level. More than 1 million jobs have been created since the Howard Government was elected in March 1996.

The Coalition is investing an additional \$2.1 billion over five years in our Defence Force to protect Australia's interests at home and abroad.

Australia's existing domestic security arrangements are being further upgraded by investing an additional \$411 million over five years.

This includes an additional \$152 million to enhance Australia's intelligence capacity to prevent terrorism.

Higher education will be strengthened with an additional \$1.5 billion over the next 4 years while making the system more flexible and accessible.

Medicare is a vital part of our health system and is being strengthened so all Australians can benefit. The Government is working to make health care more affordable and accessible by investing over \$2.4 billion in the MedicarePlus package.

To improve the care provided by public hospitals, the Howard Government has also provided \$42 billion to State and Territory Governments under the new Australian Health Care Agreements to help make our hospitals better.

And our regional areas will be supported with \$740 million over three years in drought relief assistance, especially to help those parts of our country doing it tough.



## *Don Randall... Working for you in Canning*



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