

## Kids in the house

Canning Vale's Nageena Maskinyar is one of 140,000 Australians suffering from Type 1 diabetes.

But, Nageena has taken matters into her own hands, aiming to raise public awareness about the disease as a Youth Ambassador at the recent Kids in the House event in Canberra.

During the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) event Nageena and the other ambassadors met with the Prime Minister and Health Minister Tony Abbott.

The Kids in the House promotion was designed to increase public and political awareness and understanding about the chronic nature of the disease and the struggle sufferers face on a daily basis.

There is currently no means of prevention, nor a cure, for juvenile, or Type 1, diabetes. Sufferers are required to stick to regimented insulin injections and manage their illness carefully.

Last year the Federal Government committed \$30 million to the



■ Young ambassadors raise diabetes awareness in Canberra.

establishment of the Islet Transplantation Foundation, which the JDRF consider to be a groundbreaking initiative and the most promising means of finding a cure for the prominent disease.

"The Government has also committed a further \$26.5 million to diabetes related research," said Mr Randall.

"Nageena is an inspiration to all of us and it drives home the importance of medical research so we can find a cure for diabetes."



■ Mr Randall with ambassador Nageena Maskinyar and her mother Nafisa.

## Seniors Update

"The Australian Government recognises the valuable contribution that older Australians with their wealth of skills and experience continue to make to our society. Therefore there is a strong commitment to supporting seniors, to ensure they are able to lead satisfying, productive and healthy lives," says Canning MHR Don Randall.

Have you got your copy of the Seniors Information Kit?

### HEALTH

Pensioner Concession Cards enable people receiving benefits access to pharmaceuticals listed under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme at the concessional rate, a lower Medicare safety net, access to bulk billing and free hearing assessments and rehabilitation from selected providers.

A Commonwealth Seniors Health Card is available to assist Australians of a certain age who do not qualify for an age pension with certain living costs.

### SUPERANNUATION

A Plan to Simplify and Streamline Superannuation is designed to give people more money in their retirement

and greater flexibility in how to withdraw it. One of the most fundamental reforms is the removal of tax on superannuation benefits for Australians aged 60 and over who have already paid tax on their superannuation contributions and earnings.

### MATURE AGE EMPLOYMENT

Many older Australians want to stay in the work force longer or want to get back into the workforce. From July 2007 age pensioners wishing to return to the workforce will have access to a capped number of places in the Employment Preparation programme and Job Search Training services.

### ACTIVE SENIORS

There are already 6.3 million volunteers throughout Australia, but there is always room for more. If you are interested in finding out more about volunteering in Australia or overseas visit the GoVolunteer's website at [www.govolunteer.com.au](http://www.govolunteer.com.au)

Are you planning a holiday? The Australian Government provides travel information to seniors planning a trip overseas through the SmartTraveller website. Brochures are also available outlining tips for having a healthy and safe trip by calling 1300 139 281.

## Cut your fuel costs

Join the 11,000 Australians each month who are slashing their fuel bills by converting their cars to LPG under the Coalition Government's LPG Grant Scheme.

You can save up to \$27 a week off your fuel bill!

A grant of \$2,000 is available to people who convert their private vehicle to LPG

A grant of \$1,000 to purchasers of a private, factory-fitted LPG vehicle is also available.

The West Australian Government also offers a \$1,000 rebate on LPG conversions.

That's a total of up to \$3,000 in rebates for LPG conversions!

For more information or to register, please phone the AusIndustry hotline on **13 28 46**, or visit [www.ausindustry.gov.au](http://www.ausindustry.gov.au)



# The Randall Report

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A community newsletter from Don Randall JP MP, Federal Member for CANNING

## Perth-Bunbury Highway Underway

Work has finally begun on the much anticipated Perth-Bunbury Highway following a recent groundbreaking ceremony marking the start of its construction.



Mr Randall welcomed the beginning of the \$511 million project, turning the first piece of ground required to commence construction of the Highway and it wasn't a moment too soon.

With \$20 million of the \$170 million in Federal Auslink funding contingent on the project commencing in 2006, the State Government secured the funding in the nick of time, commencing the project just ten days prior to the New Year.

"This is an outstanding result, especially for the people of Mandurah. The Highway has been on the cards for 30 years and with the rapidly growing Peel and South West Regions this infrastructure has become imperative," said Mr Randall.

Mr Randall said that road safety was a major concern and construction of the highway would go a long way to cutting down the road toll in the Peel region.

There were eight fatalities on Old Coast Road in 2006, with the section of road near Lake Clifton among the most notorious in Western Australia.

"The Peel region is one of the fastest growing in the nation. With traffic volumes increasing every day it's important that there is a transport network in place to support the growth of the region."

"Not only will the new Highway cut 30 minutes from the trip between Perth and Bunbury, it will open up the South West for business and industry"



■ Mr Randall (right) joins Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, Alannah MacTiernan, Premier Alan Carpenter and Ray Sputore of the Southern Gateway Alliance in getting the Perth-Bunbury Highway underway.

The new Highway project involves the construction of a 70.5 km four-lane dual carriageway from the current southern end of the Kwinana Freeway at Safety Bay Road to join the Old Coast Road near Lake Clifton. The deviation will eliminate 19 sets of traffic lights and congestion through Mandurah.

Mr Randall said the \$170 million Auslink funding was part of the Federal Government's \$15 billion commitment to Australian roads. The programme is designed to integrate essential transport elements for a competitive and efficient economy, and well connected cities, regions and communities.

"Rest assured I will be monitoring progress of the Highway very closely. I remain committed to seeing the Perth-Bunbury Highway completed on budget and open to motorists before 2009."

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You are in the electorate of Canning if you live in one of the following suburbs...

Armadale, Banksiadale, Barragup, Bedforddale, Birchmont, Blythwood, Bouvard, Bridgewater, Brookdale, Brookland Greens, Byford, Canning Vale, Carcoola, Cardup, Castle Glen, Challis, Clifton Hills, Coolup, Crestwood, Darling Downs, Dawesville, Dwellingup, Erskine, Erimlyn, Fairbridge, Falcon, Forest Lakes, Forrestdale, Furnissdale, Halls Head, Hamel, Herron, Holyoake, Hopeland, Huntingdale, Inglehope, Jarrahdale, Karragullen, Karrakup, Kelmscott, Keysbrook, Kooljerrenup, Lake Clifton, Lake Preston, Livingston, Mandella, Marrinup, Meelon, Miami, Mount Nasura, Mundijong, Murray Lakes, Myara, Nambelup, Nirimba, North Dandalup, North Pinjarra, North Yunderup, Oakford, Oakley, Oldbury, Pinjarra, Point Grey, Preston Beach, Ranford, Ravenswood, Roleystone, Sanctuary Waters, Serpentine, Solus, South Yunderup, Southern River, Stake Hill, Teesdale, Thornlie, Tuart Grove, Wagerup, Wannanup, Waratah, Waroona, West Pinjarra, Westfield, Whitby, Whittaker, Wungong, Yunderup.

# Don's Desk

*"You talk, I'll listen"*

I believe that we are entitled to enter the 2007 year with increased comfort and optimism.

The conclusion of 2006 re-confirmed the strong position that the Australian economy is currently experiencing. Unemployment is at an all time record low at 4.5% nationally, whilst in Western Australia it is at an unbelievable 3.1%. Inflation is comparatively low at below an annual 3% and home loan interest rates are just over 7%.

These outstanding set of economic conditions do not happen by accident. The Howard Government is committed to sound financial management. These measures include eradicating government debt (we have paid off Labor's \$96 billion debt legacy), ongoing workplace and taxation reforms and a commitment to individual choice in education, health care and in the workplace.

Governments that sit back and enjoy the present without a plan for the future become lazy and begin to regress. This complacent mentality is the cause of the "boom bust" cycle of the past.

The introduction of the WorkChoices package in March 2006 has seen a rise in workforce productivity and job opportunity. The enshrinement of Australian Workplace Agreements (AWA's) into law has seen an unprecedented growth in this choice of workplace agreement. Since March 2006 almost 300,000 new agreements have been entered into. In the same period state based union inspired Employee, Employer Agreements (EEA's) have numbered less than 100.

Workers are voting with their feet and selecting an agreement that generally pays more, tailors job conditions to a mutually agreed arrangement and is more flexible in its application resulting in greater productivity and work force harmony. This is evidenced by the fact that days lost to strikes are a record low of 2.3 days per 1000 employees.

The only danger to these marvellous set of economic conditions is a reversion to a union dominated Labor government. A recent editorial in The Australian (January 5th 2007, page 11) concluded that Labor's industrial relations policy is out of touch with the current workforce – it's simply old-fashioned;

*"By favouring a one-size-fits-all solution on IR, Labor misreads the dynamics of the modern workplace. Not everyone is the same, and not everyone wants to be packaged into a five-day, nine-to-five working life. And by imposing a financial penalty on employers who want to break the mould, it is potential employees who have the most to lose."*

Over 25% of Canning residents have a registered AWA. A Rudd Labor government would comply with the policy of "ripping up" AWA's and imposing a step backward to union sponsored award based agreements. Given that there are more small businesses operating than members of the trade union in Australia (down to less than 17%) this would ensure a return to the levels of unemployment, industrial unrest, productivity falls and interest rate rises characteristic of Labor Governments.

Finally, I was pleased to be part of the groundbreaking ceremony for the beginning of the Perth-Bunbury Highway extension on December 23rd 2006. This project has been one that I am passionately committed to. I expect that this vital road will be open to traffic well before the end of the 2009 deadline. I will keep you informed.

In particular I wish all those in the Canning electorate a happy, healthy, productive and prosperous 2007.



# Everyone can be a lifesaver

With hot weather still ahead Don Randall is urging all Canning residents to become an everyday community lifesaver and learn how to prevent tragic drownings.

Mr Randall recently joined forces with three-time Olympic medallist Samantha Riley and the Royal Life Saving Society to launch the 'Everyone Can Be a Lifesaver' campaign and to raise awareness about the importance of water safety.

265 Australians lost their lives in drowning related incidents in 2005 according to the Royal Life Saving Society Australia's 2006 National Drowning Report.

"The clear message is that you can not be complacent when around any water," Mr Randall said.

"Many Canning residents head to the beach, local pool or even local rivers and dams to cool down during the warmer months. We all need to make sure that we know how to stay safe at every location and what we should do in case of an emergency."

"Royal Life Saving has a number of programs that give everyday Australians these skills through education, training, health promotion, risk management, advocacy, sport and participation and research," Mr Randall said.

For more information please contact the Royal Life Saving Society on (08) 9383 8200 or at [www.royallifesaving.com.au](http://www.royallifesaving.com.au)

### Facts at a glance:

- 265 Australians drowned in 2005-06.
- 220 were male (83%), 45 were female (17%).
- One-third of all drowning deaths occurred in lakes, dams and lagoons away from the coast.
- In the over 55 age group 70 people drowned.
- There were 37 deaths in the 0-4 year age group.
- There were 33 drowning deaths in Western Australia last year.

Mr Randall with Olympic swimmer Samantha Riley aim to raise awareness about water safety.



# Cutting Greenhouse Emissions

The Australian Government is taking the issue of greenhouse gas emissions very seriously considering the significant increase in emissions in recent years.

Electricity is the largest contributor to carbon dioxide emissions. By 2030 it is expected that electricity would count for more than half of the world's greenhouse gas emissions. It's time for action.

A recent inquiry by the Standing Committee on Industry and Resources concluded unanimously that nuclear power is currently the most reliable and proven means of limiting increased greenhouse emissions while meeting the world's voracious appetite for energy.

"Whilst there is certainly a place for renewable energy sources, they alone have little prospect of meeting the rapidly growing demands for energy and abating greenhouse gas emissions to the degree required," said Mr Randall

Worldwide nuclear power plants save some 10 per cent of total carbon dioxide emissions from world energy use, a saving in greenhouse gas emissions that would otherwise be contributing to global warming.

There are currently 441 commercial nuclear power reactors operating in 31 countries, including the USA, France and Germany, with another 65 under construction or in the planning phase. Last year nuclear reactors generated 2,626 billion kilowatt-hours or electricity – 16 per cent of the world's electricity production.

If parts of the world were not already using nuclear power carbon dioxide emissions would be 2.5 billion tonnes higher per year.

Mr Randall said that with Australia holding seven of the world's 20 largest uranium deposits, the Government has a responsibility to consider nuclear power as a viable energy alternative.

Financially nuclear power is cost competitive with gas and coal fired electricity generation in many industrialised countries. Nuclear power plants offer very low operating costs, security of energy supply and electricity price stability.

As the Committee concluded "Australia should throw the world a climate lifeline".

### COUNTRIES REDUCING GREENHOUSE EMISSIONS

COUNTRY	NUMBER OF NUCLEAR REACTORS	% OF NATIONS ELECTRICITY PRODUCED BY REACTORS
France	59	79%
Germany	17	31%
Japan	55	22%
United Kingdom	19	20%
USA	103	19%
China	10 (50 more proposed!)	2%

Egypt, Vietnam and Turkey all have nuclear reactors planned for 2007

Source: World Nuclear Association, January 4th 2006

# WHAT THE EXPERTS SAY

"...nuclear energy is the only non greenhouse gas emitting power source that can effectively replace fossil fuels and satisfy global [energy] demand"

**Dr Patrick Moore**  
Co-founder of Greenpeace

"...nuclear energy from its start in 1952 has proved to be the safest of all energy sources"

**Sir James Lovelock**  
Eminent Scientist

"Nuclear energy provides a reliable, safe, cheap, almost limitless form of pollution free energy"

**Bishop Hugh Montefiore**  
Former Chairman of Friends of the Earth

# Securing Australia's borders

The Howard Government's vigilance on border protection and its policy on unlawful entry into Australia continues to hold strong.

Only 50 people arrived illegally by boat in 2005-2006. This is a stark contrast to the 9,500 illegal boat arrivals between July 1999 and December 2001 and evidence the Government's border protection policy is working!

In 2005-2006 the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs located more than 10,000 unlawful non-citizens in Australia, mostly including people who had overstayed their visa.

Mr Randall said Australia had a strong record of welcoming refugees, taking in 13,000 genuine refugees each year. But, the threat of people smuggling and illegal entry remains and requires constant attention.

### WHY APPRENTICES IN CANNING ARE BETTER OFF UNDER THE HOWARD GOVERNMENT

- Apprenticeships in Canning have more than doubled since 1996 to 1320 apprentices in training.
- Training is available close to home with the opening of the Australian Technical Colleges in Armadale and Maddington in 2007.
- A Federal Commitment of \$10.8 billion over the next four years to Vocational and Technical Education.
- The Australian Government does not set courses, schedule delivery or run a single TAFE. It has therefore not turned people away from TAFE - the states do!
- \$3000 Work Skills vouchers for people aged 25 years and over to get the basic skills to succeed in their jobs and a head start in the workplace.
- Helping to ease the early financial burden on Australian Apprentices by providing those starting an eligible Australian apprenticeship with a tool kit worth up to \$800.
- \$1000 Commonwealth Trade Learning Scholarships available to apprentices in an eligible trade with a small or medium size business.
- Extending the Living Away From Home Allowance to third-year Australian apprentices who have moved away from home to take up or remain in an Australian apprenticeship.

## WorkChoices slashes strike days

WorkChoices continues to bring calm to the workplace.

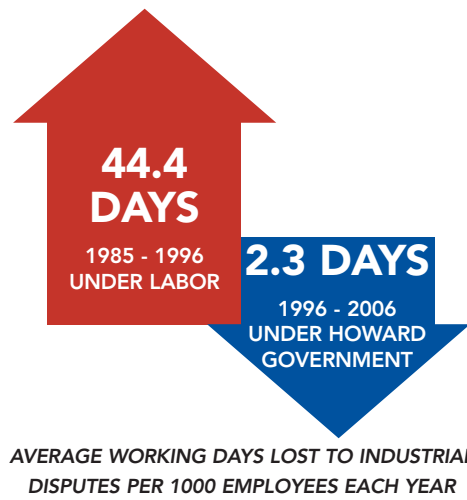
Figures for September 2006 show that days lost to industrial disputes have fallen to a historical low of 2.3 days per 1000 employees.

Mr Randall said Labor's claims the new legislation would result in mass sackings and wage loss has proven to be nothing but a scare campaign.

"For ten and a half years Labor has opposed every single reform that has brought about these extraordinary results for the Australian economy."

"Unemployment at its lowest level in 30 years, wages are higher and workplace productivity is high. West Australians are reaping the benefits of a strong national economy," said Mr Randall.

Under Labor, between 1985 – 1996, the average days lost to strike was 44.4 working days per 1000 employees.



## WorkChoices working for Rudd's staff

New Opposition Leader Kevin Rudd seems to have seen the value and flexibility that Australian Workplace Agreements have to offer. He has just employed his new senior staff under these agreements.

Despite his predecessors loud and persistent declarations to tear up AWA's since WorkChoices was introduced the new leader has gone a long way to endorsing the agreements.

Mr Randall said Mr Rudd's move was ironic.

"Labor has been screaming and shouting for months about AWA's being used to cut wages and conditions for Australian workers".

"If AWA's are good enough for his own staff, why shouldn't they be good enough for every working Australian?"

### Rudd's staff play by Howard rules

Federal Opposition Leader Kevin Rudd's either got a long haul in front of him to workplace agreement...

### The Advertiser AWAs benefit Labor advisers

AT FIRST glance, it seemed ironic at best - hypocritical at worst - that newly elected federal Labor leader Kevin Rudd would put his new senior staff on Australian Workplace Agreements.

■ Australian Financial Review, 18/12/2006, p40, Adelaide Advertiser, 18/12/2006, p20

"I'm delighted to see that Mr Rudd has seen the overwhelming benefits of AWA's – flexibility and higher wages. I can only hope that this signals a backflip on Labors economically reckless policy to rip them up."

### DID YOU KNOW?

87% of Western Australian apprentices will complete their apprenticeship compared to only... 45% in New South Wales and 44% in Victoria

### CANNING UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

9.1%

1996 UNDER THE LABOR GOVERNMENT

SEPTEMBER 2006 WITH THE HOWARD GOVERNMENT

4.8%

## Jandakot relocation doesn't fly

The controversial proposal to relocate Jandakot Airport to a site near Keysbrook is essentially a "dead duck", Mr Randall told a community meeting in Mandurah recently.

Mr Randall said he had received confirmation from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Transport and Regional Services, The Hon Mark Vaile, that the Federal Government would not support Jandakot Airport Holdings plan to move the airport.

Minister Vaile said that despite the claims of leaseholders, there was no issue of safety due to Jandakot's proximity with Perth Airport and the existing arrangements were more than adequate to cater for future growth and development.

In a letter to Ascot's directors Minister Vaile said the leaseholders should "...proceed with implementing the Master Plan for Jandakot Airport and operating the airport in accordance with the lease and the Airports Act 1996".

Mr Randall received an overwhelming response from constituents residing close to the proposed site as well as Jandakot business owners expressing dissatisfaction with the proposal.

"I am delighted to be able to ease the minds of the hundreds of people that have contacted my office regarding the proposed relocation of the airport."

"The Federal Government is not now, and will not in the near future, support



■ Sunday Times, November 11 2006, p16

any move to relocate Jandakot Airport."

## Preston Beach wetlands under scrutiny

Canning MHR, Don Randall is calling for closer scrutiny of the management and protection of the World Heritage Listed Peel-Yalgorup Wetlands.

A recent report completed by the Auditor General's office on the Management of the Ramsar Wetlands in Australia, named the Peel-Yalgorup wetland as a site protected under the International Ramsar Convention without a dedicated management plan.

Mr Randall said it was time the State Government paid closer attention to the acclaimed Preston Beach wetland site to prevent the destruction of the sensitive and important environmental ecosystem.

"It is simply not acceptable, nor in the spirit of the cooperative treaty, that there is no management plan in place to protect this important and very rare site. It's time the State Government started meeting its end of the bargain."

Mr Randall said he had contacted the Minister for Environment and Heritage, Senator the Hon Ian Campbell, calling on him to ensure that the Department of Environment and Heritage imposes greater scrutiny on the Western Australian Government's management of the site.

"It appears the Federal Government will have to act as an environmental watchdog to make sure the West Australian Government is doing its job in managing the site," said Mr Randall.

The Peel-Yalgorup system includes the largest and most diverse estuarine complex in South-Western Australia and is one of the most important areas for waterbirds in Western Australia, supporting in excess of 20,000 waterbirds annually.

Mr Randall confirmed that the Department of Environment and Heritage would undertake extensive reports into proposed developments at Preston Beach to ensure that there would not be any adverse affect on the Wetlands.

"The protection of this important environmental site is vital. We have an internationally acclaimed treasure in our backyard and it's time it got the attention it deserves," Mr Randall said.

## Best Ever Waroona Show

The 2006 Waroona Show has been heralded as the best ever with 9,500 people heading through the gates to see a range of exhibitors.

Mr Randall was delighted to attend the Waroona Show late last year and award the Waroona Agricultural Society 2006 Rural Ambassador to Fiona Ellis.

Congratulations Fiona!



■ Mr Randall presents Rural Ambassador Fiona Ellis with her Acubra Hat award

### FAST FACT

#### The New Baby Boom

In 2005 there were 265,000 births in Australia. This is the highest number of births since 1971 and the second highest since 1960.



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## New service for Peel small business owners

The 4,000 small and home based business owners in the Peel region will soon have a new service that will provide them with ongoing advice and support.

Mr Randall was thrilled the Peel Area Consultative Committee (PACC) has been selected to deliver the Small Business Field Officer service which will provide the local small business community with a free and effective service to help them run their small businesses.

"I encourage all small business owners in the region to take advantage of having a free, friendly and informed person to advise them on business related matters."

"For example, if a small business wants information on AWAs or how to export, they will be able to contact the Field Officer who will be able to provide information and refer them to the appropriate services."

PACC Executive Officer Pat Gallagher said the Committee was very pleased to have been awarded the \$233,000 grant.

"This valuable programme will provide a terrific boost for the rapidly expanding small business sector and will benefit the whole Peel business community. We want to have a fantastic officer in place to nurture new businesses and help the existing businesses grow," Mr Gallagher said.

It is hoped that this new officer will be available to help small businesses in early 2007.

The Peel Small Business Field Officer is one of only four new service providers in Australia. Mr Randall said the area was selected because of its rapid population growth and very high employment growth.

"The Field Officer will be able to help small businesses grow their business, which in turn creates more jobs and opportunities for the entire Peel community," said Mr Randall.

The Small Business Field Officer Initiative is part of the Federal Government's \$2 billion commitment to small businesses through AusIndustry.

## Milestone for East West link

Mr Randall was delighted to recently open the first milestone of the \$4 million East-West Link Road, which will provide a direct link between the new transit station and Mandurah Terrace and improve access to Mandurah's City Centre.

Joined by Mayor Creevey and City of Mandurah councillors Mr Randall commended the hard work of the staff that completed stage one - the new intersection with traffic lights at the corner of Peel Street, Scott Street and Anstruther Road.

The Federal Government has provided \$2.7 million under the Roads to Recovery programme for the project which is vital to cope with Mandurah's ever increasing population.

"Mandurah is becoming an extremely popular place and this is putting pressure on existing infrastructure. The Federal Government is thrilled to assist the project that assists in access to the new station, Peel Health Campus and new residential developments," said Mr Randall.

In the first four years of the Roads to Recovery program, the Australian Government has provided \$1.2 billion to local councils for local road improvements to meet safety, transport connectivity, social and economic needs, by funding in excess of 15,000 projects.

"Mandurah is a great example of an area where the Government has been glad to assist the Council in the renewal and development of local roads, Mr Randall said.

"The rapid and sustained growth of the Peel Region has placed existing roads under great pressure and there has been the need to upgrade roads and construct new infrastructure."

Currently, significant progress is being made on the reconstruction of Allnutt Street between Thompson and Dower Streets, with the installation of traffic signals at Dower Street expected in May 2007.



City of Mandurah Mayor, Paddi Creevey and Mr Randall officially open the new intersection at Peel St, Scott St and Anstruther Road

## Peelwood Reserve revamp near completion

Construction is expected to be completed shortly on the \$2 million revamp of Peelwood Reserve Sporting Complex.

The upgrade includes the building of new clubrooms and function areas, a new grandstand to seat more than 250 people, refurbished change rooms, two new soccer pitches and new sport lighting.

The Federal Government has provided \$588,500 towards the redevelopment under the Regional Partnerships programme with the balance being provided by the City of Mandurah, Mandurah City Soccer Club and the Department of Sport and Recreation.

"The redevelopment will provide significant benefits for the entire local community, bringing together local sporting groups and promoting physical activity at all levels," Mr Randall said.

"The rapid growth of the Peel Region has placed strong demand on community facilities. This complex will soon be available to several sporting and community groups and will be a hub for the Peel sporting community."

"The success of this redevelopment shows what can be achieved when the Government joins forces with regional community groups. It's real money for real projects."

The progress of the upgrade was a testament to the hard work of the Peel Area

Consultative Committee, working in conjunction with both the City of Mandurah and the Mandurah Soccer Club.

The Federal Government has allocated more than \$360 million for Regional Partnerships Projects until 2008.



John Fitzmaurice, Mr Randall, PACC Executive Officer Patrick Gallagher and City of Mandurah Director of Community and Economic Development Ian Hill see the sporting complex take shape

## Looking for Funding for a Local Project

If you are looking for Commonwealth assistance for a local project but are not sure where to start, a useful tool is the Grantslink website.

The website can be found at [www.grantslink.gov.au](http://www.grantslink.gov.au) and is a central point for information on all Australian Government grants across all portfolios such as regional development, education and volunteers.

Community groups, schools, sporting clubs and volunteer organisations can all benefit from Commonwealth grants and it might be just the kick start your group needs to make that long awaited project a reality.

Be sure to let Mr Randall know if you are applying for a grant so he can write a letter of support for your application.



## Funding in brief

### LOCAL SCHOOLS

The Federal Government has recently awarded Canning Schools more than \$2.5 million under the Investing in our Schools Programme;

Ocean Road Primary School received \$62,960 for information technology equipment

New play equipment is on the cards for Halls Head Primary School with its \$13,000 grant

Falcon Primary School students will benefit from new computer equipment with its \$1500 grant

### LOCAL VOLUNTEERS

Canning community organisations

shared in more than \$31,309 in Volunteer Small Equipment Grants.

The Australian Cystinosis Support Group was thrilled with the \$2720.00 grant the group has received. The Support Group will use the money towards computer and multi media equipment which would enable the group to interact with members throughout Australia and New Zealand

The Dawesville Playgroup will use its \$569.00 to purchase much needed changeable and play mats.

Keeping track of members and producing newsletters will be made a little easier for the Southern Estuary Progress Association after receiving a \$600 grant.

### WATERWISE

Local community groups on shared in

\$378,147.03 in Community Water Grants funding for projects to save, recycle or improve the health of local water resources.

The Preston Beach Golf Club, received \$45,950 to implement its waterwise initiative which will save 255,000 litres of water each year. The Club will use the money to replace traditional golf greens with synthetic turf, eliminating the need to water the greens at all.

Landcare SJ Inc received more than \$34,000 and will save more than 600,000 litres of water a year with their water recycling water initiative and the installation of a rainwater tank at the Mundijong meeting place which will service two community buildings.

**SOON JUST ONE CARD COULD REPLACE THEM ALL.**  
The Australian Government is proposing to introduce a single card in 2009 for people to access Medicare, veterans' services and Government social services.  
What is the card? How will it work? How will the card benefit me?  
To find out the answers to your questions, call 131 792 from 9am to 4pm weekdays, visit [www.australia.gov.au/accesscard](http://www.australia.gov.au/accesscard) or pick up a brochure at your Medicare, Centrelink or Department of Veterans' Affairs office.  
TTY: 1800 146 150 (for hearing/speech impaired)

## • COMING ATTRACTIONS • Federal Government brings performing arts to Peel

Mandurah residents will be able to enjoy an evening at the theatre in 2007 following the Government's \$3 million investment in Playing Australia.

Keep an eye out for the following performances at the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre

**The Messiah – HotHouse Theatre – April 2007**

**Carmen – OzOpera – September 2007**

**Educating Rita – HIT Productions – October 2007**