

Canning students in Canberra

Prime Minister John Howard recently took time out of his busy schedule to meet students from Serpentine-Jarrahdale Grammar.

Mr Randall was delighted to have the opportunity to introduce the Year 8 students to the Prime Minister during their visit to Canberra's Parliament House.



■ Prime Minister Howard steps out with Serpentine-Jarrahdale Grammar students.

\$17.7 million facilities opened in Canning Vale

Don Randall was delighted to attend the official opening of new facilities worth over \$17.7 million at Canning Vale College recently.

The works include the construction of a first class senior school building, a gymnasium, a materials technology centre and an industrial kitchen. The project was co-funded by the Australian Government under the *Capital Grants Programme* to the tune of \$5,475,000 and the State Government.

Mr Randall and Canning Vale College Principal Ron Bamford had the opportunity to show Federal Education Minister, Hon Julie Bishop, through the new buildings ahead of the official opening ceremony.

Minister Bishop was impressed with the quality of the facilities and took the opportunity to present the College with a cheque for \$60,000 towards its chaplaincy programme.

The Federal Government is investing up to \$30 million annually in ensuring Australian Schools have Chaplains who can make valuable contributions to the spiritual and emotional wellbeing of students at all levels.

Science building for Carey Baptist College

Science students at Carey Baptist College will benefit from a new facility worth approximately \$2 million.

The new building includes five science laboratories, a multi-purpose science laboratory, a science curriculum staff office, a science preparation area, an outdoor courtyard and internal and external veranda areas.

Mr Randall officially opened the Science Wing recently. The Federal Government contributed \$200,000 towards the project under the *Capital Grants Programme*.



■ Principal Des Mitchell and Don Randall unveil Carey's new science building.

Real money for real school projects

Canning students will benefit from almost \$1.3 million in funding for new and improved school facilities under Round Four of the Australian Government's popular *Investing in Our Schools Programme*.



■ Armadale Christian College Principal Scott Puzey shows Mr Randall the results of its 2006 Investing In Our Schools Grant worth \$47,600.

"The Australian Government is filling a critical need in public education by providing support directly to school communities for projects they nominate as a priority but which have not received support from their State Government," said Mr Randall.

Following the overwhelming response to the Howard Government's \$1.2 billion *Investing in Our Schools Programme*, the Minister for Education, Science and Training, the Hon Julie Bishop, has confirmed that the Programme will be extended.

Congratulations....

- Armadale Senior High School - \$26,823 for computer equipment.
- Byford Primary School - \$20,404 for fencing and sporting equipment.
- Caladenia Primary School - \$100,00 for music, drama, sporting and computer equipment.
- Challis Early Childhood Education Centre - \$91,372 for play equipment.
- Clifton Hills Primary School - \$66,145 for library resources.

- Gwynne Park Education Support Centre - \$25,846 for furniture and computer equipment.
- Jarrahdale Primary School - \$54,940 for shade structures and walkways.
- Kelmscott Primary School - \$96,500 for library resources.
- Mundijong Primary School - \$75,485 for shade structures and computer equipment.
- Roleystone District High School - \$87,940 towards classroom furniture and grounds improvements.
- Serpentine Primary School - \$33,935 for grounds improvements.
- Willandra Primary School - \$6,938 for library resources.

Safer Streets for Armadale

Brazen criminals in Armadale's CBD will soon be caught on camera thanks to a Federal Government grant worth \$150,000.

Don Randall MHR recently congratulated City of Armadale Mayor Linton Reynolds, on receiving the \$150,000 funding under the Howard Government's *National Crime Prevention Programme*.

This project will allow for the installation of around 15 strategically placed Closed Circuit Television Cameras in the Jull Street Mall as a part of Stage 1 of the City of Armadale's *Safer CBD Initiative*.

"It's only by having a strong economy that we can afford to invest in the things we need. By paying back Labor's \$96 billion debt, taxpayers are now saving \$8.9 billion a year in debt interest payments - money that is being invested into better services like the *National Crime Prevention Programme*," said Mr Randall.



The Randall Report

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

Helping hand for local volunteers

The valuable work of Canning volunteers will be made easier, safer and more enjoyable following the announcement of the Federal Government's 2007 Volunteer Small Equipment Grants.

Mr Randall said he was thrilled that 22 Canning volunteer organisations had been successful in securing up to \$3,000 for much needed equipment.

"These grants provide much welcome basic support for volunteers who give their time to help the local community," Mr Randall said.

"Many volunteer organisations struggle to raise funds and the small equipment grants are a way of lending these essential organisations a helping hand and recognising the valuable work of our local volunteers."

Mr Randall was delighted to visit Araluen recently, and took the opportunity to present Rod Ross and Liz Dunn of the Araluen Botanic Park Foundation with a cheque for \$1,355.

Ms Dunn said the grant was most welcome and would be used to purchase gardening tools for volunteers who keep the Park's garden beds immaculate.

Mr Randall is encouraging all Canning residents to visit the renowned 'It's Yates Springtime at Araluen' festival and check out this year's wonderful display honouring the year of the Surf Lifesaver.

The *Volunteer Small Equipment Grants Programme* is part of the Federal Government's commitment to supporting Australia's 6.3 million volunteers.



■ Mr Randall congratulates Araluen's Liz Dunn on their successful grant for new gardening tools.

Congratulations...

- Armadale's AUSSI Masters Swimming Club
- Wallangarra Riding and Pony Club
- Roleystone Netball Club
- Roleystone Sporting Club
- Landcare Serpentine-Jarrahdale
- Roleystone Tennis Club
- Oakford's Riding for the Disabled Association
- North Murray Diamond Sports Association
- Centrals Football and Sportsperson Club
- Armadale Christian College's Red Cross Cadets
- Araluen Botanic Park Foundation

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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, Etnilyn, 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"

This Federal election is set to provide Australians and the electors of Canning with a clear choice on who is best to maintain this country's outstanding quality of life and future well being.

It's also becoming very clear that the two distinct choices the electorate will have to decide upon is who is best to manage the direction of industrial relations in the workplace and who is best to keep Australia's economy strong.

The retiring chief of BHP Billiton, Chip Goodyear, recently said "Australians simply don't know how good they have it". He continued by saying; "The fact is that it is a very high quality of life in Australia and the vast majority of people around the world could only dream of the opportunities that they have here."

Yet most Australians seem to take their good fortune for granted. In fact, some believe that anyone could run this economy because it either runs on autopilot or it's simply good luck. Most thinking people don't subscribe to this fallacy.

Australia's good fortune is due largely to careful reform in the workplace and the economy, which has given us the flexibility to become more productive and, as a result, internationally competitive. This is seen in indicators such as a 30 year low in unemployment, low inflation and low home loan interest rates. These rates are still lower than Labor was able to achieve in 13 years in Government.

Labor wants to take away Australian workers' choice to strike a workplace agreement. It wants to scrap the flexible Australian Workplace Agreements (AWAs) and replace them with union enforced 'one

size fits all' collective agreements. This will come as a shock to the more than 29,000 Canning electors on a registered AWA, because Labor has committed putting them back under thumb of the union bosses.

Seventy per cent of Mr Rudd's Labor front bench are former union bosses or careerists. As ACTU Secretary Greg Combet said; "I reckon we used to run the country a while back. I reckon it wouldn't be bad if we did run it". This flies in the face of low unemployment (4.2%), higher wages and record low strikes and industrial action.

In a frightening move a Rudd Labor Government has foreshadowed raiding the Future Fund and a revamp of the GST agreement. The threat of altering the rules governing the GST is real. If there were to be wall to wall Labor Governments at a Federal, State and Territory level, then Labor would have the 'legal' right to raise the level of the GST from its current 10 per cent to 17 per cent or more as the British Labour Government did.

There is only one barrier to economic mayhem and the destruction of Australia's continued prosperity - that of course is a Liberal Coalition Government.

I am confident that the electors of Australia will not place the strong and hard fought gains of the past 11 years in jeopardy.

The reality is that Australia can't afford to go backwards and put the future of their families and their homes on the line by punting against the best this Nation has ever experienced.

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Ranford Road Update

Motorists will soon see major improvements on Ranford Road with planned upgrades to get underway this month.

The City of Armadale will commence construction of a dual carriageway on Ranford Road between Warton and Wright Roads in coming weeks.

Works are already underway on Ranford Road on the section just west of the Tonkin Highway.

Mr Randall was delighted to announce in December 2006 that the Federal Government had committed \$3.5 million under *AusLink's Strategic Regional Programme* towards the \$5 million construction of dual carriageway along a section of Ranford Road between Southern River and Warton Roads.

"The upgrade of Ranford Road is extremely important for the rapidly developing area and will benefit residents, business owners and schools, as well as becoming a major link between Perth and the South West," said Mr Randall.



Barry Hahn and 'Little Man' show Mr Randall the progress being made along Ranford Road.

Byford Train Promise Derailed

Byford residents should be questioning the State Labor Government's commitment to the growing area following Planning Minister Alannah MacTiernan confirming this week that electrification of the railway line from Armadale to Byford was not on the Government's agenda.

"Dismissing the railway as 'unrealistic' and 'too expensive', the Minister seems to have conveniently forgotten Labor's 2001 election promise of the Byford service by 2008," said Mr Randall.

Labor's 2001 Policy Paper 'Getting Transport Back on Track' states, among other promises, "Labor will plan for the electrification of the passenger rail network from Armadale to Byford by 2008".

"It appears that the State Labor Government has paid little more than lip service to its election commitments since West Australian voters bought them to power in 2001," said Mr Randall.

Mr Randall said that unfortunately taxpayers would not be surprised by the broken promises, with the Gallop and Carpenter Governments record on delivering major infrastructure projects speaking for itself.

"In the same 2001 policy document Labor commits to delivering the Mandurah railway by the end of 2005," Mr Randall said.

"We all know the Perth-Mandurah Railway is at a standstill. Overspending, major mismanagement and industrial disputes have left eager passengers waiting on the platform for several months."

Mr Randall said that Minister MacTiernan's suggestion of increasing bus services to Byford was not a long term solution.

"Byford is one of Perth's fastest growing areas and without forward planning and infrastructure development the area's residents will be left with inadequate and out of date transport services," Mr Randall said.

Labor would cost Canning workers

Canning workers earning under \$100,000 could be excused for missing the 'fair' part of Labor's long-awaited *Forward with Fairness II* policy.

The 29,000 Canning workers employed under Australian Workplace Agreements, many earning less than \$100,000, would have their current flexibility, higher wages and improved conditions yanked away if Labor had the opportunity to implement its industrial relations plan.

Workers on \$100,000 plus salaries would remain free to negotiate their own agreements, free of excessive conditions.

"With Canning having the second highest amount of

AWA's in Australia, a Rudd-led Labor Government spells bad news for the jobs of local workers," said Mr Randall.

"Labor's unfair policy will return the workplace to the dark days, the inflexibilities of an award system, the 'one size fits all' collective bargaining model and complete union domination."

Labor's IR alternative confirms beyond doubt Labor's 'one-in all-in' policy. Under Labor, non-union collective agreements would be a thing of the past. It will open up a million small businesses to potential union domination.

Mr Randall said that Labor's IR policy was clearly not reflective of the way the workers feel, with West Australians taking up AWA's

in droves, and the Howard Government's economic management credentials continuing to stack up against the failed and confused policy back flips of Labor.

"Canning workers and employers are clearly endorsing *WorkChoices* and AWA's and why wouldn't they be? Unemployment is at a record low, wages are higher, productivity is higher and there is more room for flexibility in the workplace."

"Why isn't Mr Rudd listening to Australian workers? The answer is simple. The union bosses have spent millions on Kevin Rudd's election campaign and the fine print of Labor's policy shows they are



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getting excellent value for money."

"Australians and Canning workers in particular, simply cannot afford a Labor Government."

WHO REALLY PULLS LABOR'S STRINGS?

70% of Labor's front bench are ex-union bosses.

Tackling Climate Change

Climate change is a global problem that requires a global response and the Howard Government remains focused on practical actions that will make a real difference.

By taking action at a national level Australia is one of the few countries on track to meet its Kyoto carbon emission target by 2012, whereas the countries producing two thirds of the world's greenhouse gases have no target obligations whatsoever.

The Howard Government has invested \$3.4 billion in developing a world class climate change strategy.

In moving towards the world's most comprehensive domestic emissions trading system by 2012, unlike Labor, the Howard

Government is committed to setting sensible long-term targets that will not impact on Australia's economy, jobs and families.

In contrast, Peter Garrett has his set his sights on a 20 per cent reduction by 2020. Achieving this unrealistic target would require replacing Australia's entire existing fossil fuel-fired electricity generation

capacity with electricity from nuclear energy and at the same time taking every single vehicle off our roads.

"Recklessly locking Australia into unilateral targets, such as Labor proposes, would not only significantly damage our economy, but have no real impact in reducing global emissions," said Environment Minister Malcolm Turnbull.

The Howard Government's response to climate change

Practical. Commonsense. Balanced.

Debt - The Labor Way

The ledgers of current State Labor Governments serves as a fine example of what a Rudd-led Labor Government would do to the Nation's economy; Australia would be up to its eyeballs in debt.

Labor States started increasing their borrowings in this year's Budgets and the Treasurer, Peter Costello, expects that "the growth of State debt will completely outweigh Commonwealth savings over the next five years", putting upward pressure on interest rates for homeowners.

The Howard Government eliminated the \$96 billion debt inherited from Labor in 1996 and has set about putting Australia in a strong financial position.

"Australia's current prosperity has not happened by sheer chance. Over the last decade the Howard Government has made the hard decisions and has carefully managed the Nation's trillion dollar economy," said Mr Randall.

"The bottom line is that Labor can't manage money."

"Mr Rudd's claim that he is an economic conservative is fiction. He is deluding himself and Australians would be loathe to fall for it."