

New fishing spot for Wannanup

Mr Randall recently announced \$7,500 in Australian Government funding towards the construction of a new fishing platform at Wannanup.

The new platform will cater for the needs of elderly and disabled fishermen, with the City of Mandurah getting construction underway as soon as possible.

Mr Randall said that the fishing platform is among 110 projects across the country sharing in almost \$4.4 million funding under Round Five of the Federal Government's *Recreational Fishing Community Grants Programme*.

"Around \$14.1 million has been provided under the Programme for projects such as boat ramps, fishing platforms, jetties, educational programmes, fishing clinics and rescue activities," Mr Randall said.

"Recreational fishing is an important part of the social and family fabric of Australia and I'm proud that the Howard Government is able to support this activity in such a practical way."



■ Don Randall watches as Dorothy Harbisher reels in her catch at Wannanup.

Safer Streets for Mandurah

Don Randall has welcomed Federal Government funding of \$150,000 to the City of Mandurah towards the Mandurah Train Precinct Community Safety Initiative.

The initiative will involve the installation of Closed Circuit Television Cameras throughout the new transit station precinct.

The grant, under the *National Community Crime Prevention Programme*, aims to strengthen the fight against crime in the local community.

These grants give local communities the opportunity to undertake specific crime prevention and community safety projects.

"This project is a step towards making Mandurah a safer place for everyone and is a grassroots approach to tackling crime at a local level," said Mr Randall.

"Crime and fear of crime rate amongst the highest concerns of Canning residents and the Australian Institute of Criminology estimates that crime costs Australia a massive \$32 billion a year."



Real money for real projects

Canning students will benefit from almost \$1.3 million under Round Four of the Australian Government's popular *Investing in Our Schools Programme*.

"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 the State Government," said Mr Randall.

"This Programme builds on the record funding the Australian Government has provided to State Government schools every year since 1996, with an 120% increase over that time while enrolments have only increased by 1.2%."

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....

- Dwellingup Primary School - \$62,661 for heating, air-conditioning and computer equipment.
- Glencoe Primary School - \$35,672 for computer equipment.
- Halls Head Community Centre Education Support Centre - \$100,000 for air-conditioning.
- Halls Head Community College - \$100,000 for air-conditioning.
- North Dandalup Primary School - \$96,500 towards assembly areas.
- Ocean Road Primary School - \$30,362 for air-conditioning.
- Pinjarra Primary School - \$52,480 for sheds and storage facilities.
- Pinjarra Senior High School - \$35,800 for floor coverings and classroom improvements.
- Waroona District High School - \$97,700 for school grounds improvements.



■ Education Minister Julie Bishop and Don Randall present Pinjarra Senior High School principal Beth Aitken with a cheque for \$ 35,800.



The Randall Report

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

Surf Life Saving Club House for Mandurah

Mandurah's surf lifesavers will soon be better equipped to patrol local beaches and save lives with the help of a Federal Government grant of \$651,200 towards the construction of a club house at Pyramids Beach.

Federal Member for Canning and Port Bouvard Surf Sports and Life Saving Club patron, Don Randall, was recently delighted to announce the Howard Government's financial commitment at the site of the eagerly anticipated club house.

"I'm thrilled that the Federal Government has recognised the need to provide the Port Bouvard Surf Sports and Life Saving Club with a home. I'm extremely proud of the Club's steady growth, its commitment to the development of juniors and its standing in the local community and throughout the state," said Mr Randall.

"The bottom line is that this Club is dedicated to saving lives. Construction of the club house will make it easier for local surf lifesavers to patrol Mandurah's southern beaches."

The \$2 million plus club house will include an essential viewing platform for lifesavers, first aid room, training room, kiosk, change rooms and storage, not to mention a base for the Club's 200 members.

Since July 1st 2006 the club has accumulated more than 700 patrol hours, handled over 40 surf rescues and an astonishing 118 preventative actions.

Mr Randall said he had been proud to support this valuable project which will address the growth in club membership, increased beach usage and the safety of residents and tourists.

"With 2007 being the Year of the Surf Lifesaver it is an appropriate time to recognise and support the valuable contribution of our Sports and Surf Live Saving Clubs and ensure that they have premises and facilities to enable them to operate to capacity and fulfil their important role."



■ Mr Randall joins Mandurah Mayor Paddi Creevey, Club President Ric Roberts and Tim Bateman in celebrating the funding coup in the Year of the Surf Lifesaver.

Mr Randall congratulated Club President, Ric Roberts, the City of Mandurah, Lotterywest, the Department of Sport and Recreation and the Peel Area Consultative Committee on their commitment to ensuring the growing Peel Region had first class surf lifesaving facilities.

Through the *Regional Partnerships Programme* the Federal Government has made considerable investments in the Peel region. Other projects funded under this programme include the Peelwood Reserve upgrade, construction of an indoor pool in Pinjarra aquatic centre and the restoration of the Hotham Valley Tourist Railway.

FAST FACT

Since 1907 Australia's surf lifesavers have saved more than 520,000 lives.

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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"

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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World class training for Peel nurses

The Peel Community will be better cared for well into the future following the opening of Murdoch University's Peel campus first class nurse training facility.

Mr Randall was delighted to join Federal Education Minister, Hon Julie Bishop, Vice Chancellor Professor John Yovich and Nursing Head of School Rhonda Marriott to open the second school of nursing building recently.

"Nursing students will benefit from having state of the art facilities that enable them to develop their clinical skills in a practical setting, much like their future working environment," said Mr Randall.

The Federal Government continues its strong commitment to higher education in the region, contributing around \$12 million towards construction of Murdoch's Peel campus.

More than 260 nursing students will benefit from the new facilities, which include a 250 seat lecture theatre and a mock hospital ward for practical nursing training.



■ Mr Randall and Education Minister Julie Bishop were impressed with the skills on show in the new clinical training facility.

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.

"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."

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

Congratulations to Peel's successful volunteer groups...

- Waroona Bowling Club
- Preston Beach Progress Association
- North Dandalup Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade
- Friends of Edenvale
- Event Assist Inc
- Pinjarra Equestrian Association
- Pinjarra Football Club
- Fairbridge Western Australia
- Pinjarra Junior Football Club

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."