

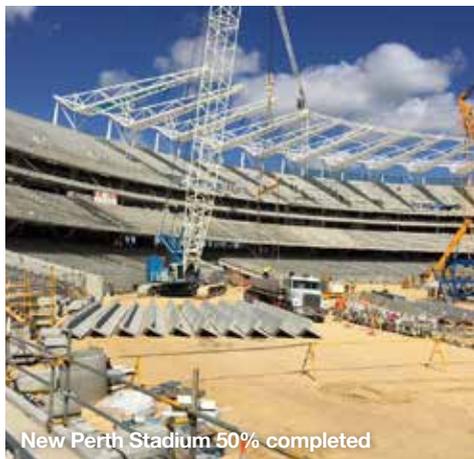


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Member for Cottesloe

Residents' Newsletter

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New Perth Stadium 50% completed

For most of my parliamentary career I have been heavily involved in the mining and petroleum industry. More recently, I have taken on responsibility for science and now tourism.

Science has always been significant for Western Australia. It offers an important way to broaden the economy and create new jobs. The Science Statement identifies WA's five priority areas in mining and energy, medicine, agriculture, biodiversity and radio-astronomy.

Tourism is already a big industry with huge potential. Elizabeth Quay and the new Stadium are important in attracting visitors to Perth. After all, Perth is the destination.

In country areas, our major centres need to be known for something. Margaret River has wine and Broome's association with Cable Beach are obvious examples. What about promoting Kalgoorlie with the outback; Albany with military history;

Geraldton with fishing; and Karratha with ancient rock art.

We are blessed with a large and spectacular State. The Kimberley's marine and land environment is now protected. And the latest addition to our conservation estate is the Aboholhos Islands National Park in the Mid-West.

The WA tourism industry employs around 97,000 people, with most working in small to medium sized businesses. My job is to promote the industry and to help build the attractions and services for businesses to thrive, and for everyone to enjoy.

Port Traffic (Roe 8)

The population of Perth is forecast to grow from 1.9 million to 3.5 million by 2050. This will place pressure on our transport system for both people and goods.

For the western suburbs, the movement of trucks in and out of Fremantle Port has become a critical issue. Trade through the port has grown by 70% in the past 10 years with the number of containers now at 720,000 a year.

Congestion and road safety are already serious problems in North Fremantle and along Port Beach Road and Curtin Avenue with trucks making up 30% of the 300,000 vehicles per day on those roads.

Doing nothing is not an option. The Roe 8 Highway extension in the southern suburbs, from the Freeway west through to Stock Rd, will take 5,000 trucks per day off existing suburban roads and also provide safer access to the Fiona Stanley Hospital precinct.

I fully appreciate that this project is environmentally sensitive, going as it does between lakes in the Beelie Wetlands. That is why both the State and Commonwealth environmental approvals laid down strict conditions around the design and construction of the road, including the part bridging of the road.

It has been suggested that an alternative is to build a new container port in Cockburn Sound. While this will have its own significant environmental issues, what is overlooked is that Roe 8 will be needed for both the existing port and any future port in Cockburn Sound.

An outer harbour will happen, but it is a massive project that is at least 15 years away and will initially be an overflow facility operating in tandem with the existing harbour in Fremantle.

For the western suburbs, a 'do nothing' approach to Roe 8 will inevitably mean more trucks avoiding the log-jam to the south by diverting to a northern route



Port traffic

along Port Beach Road and Curtin Avenue.

The other proposed alternative is to use rail. This sounds attractive but it has limitations. At present 14% of containers go by rail, the highest rate of any Australian port. World's best practice is 30%, which still leaves 70% of a growing number of containers going by truck.

Managing freight into Fremantle Port is an important and complex issue. There is no easy short term fix. Building Roe 8 is a necessary step.

Schools update

One of the most enjoyable aspects of being the Member for Cottesloe is the opportunity it provides for me to get out and visit the many schools, both primary and secondary, that are spread across the Electorate.

Recently I had the pleasure of visiting Mosman Park Primary School to see the site for the new Nature Play Space and to congratulate the school on receiving a \$20,000 grant from the State Government.

The school community has done a great deal of work in fundraising and design, and the grant was the final amount needed to make it all possible.

Nature based playgrounds are wonderful for children, bringing back a sense of adventure, while at the same time developing positive attitudes to physical fitness and health.

Over the years I have attended end of year graduation ceremonies, awards

nights, flag presentations and numerous other special events at schools.

All primary schools across the electorate have now received a free-standing jarrah flag stand, made by the Mosman Park Men's Shed, along with a national and state flag. The last of these was presented to St Thomas' Primary School in July.



Nature Play Space Mosman Park Primary School



St. Thomas' Primary School

Good news on City Beach High School

Government schools in the western suburbs are the victim of their own success. The outstanding performance of both Shenton College and Churchlands Senior High School has seen enrolments grow to well beyond what was expected.

Concerned parents will be relieved to know that the State Government will build a new secondary school at City Beach and expand facilities at both Shenton College and Churchlands.

\$60 million dollars will be allocated for Stage 1 of a new school on the Kalinda Drive site, opening for 250 Year 7 students in 2020 and expanding to cater for 1600 students to Year 12 by 2025.

Claremont Goods Shed

The revitalisation of the heritage listed Claremont Goods Shed promises to bring a new level of vibrancy and energy to the surrounding neighborhood.

In 2015, LandCorp selected FORM for an initial two year lease term based on a shared objective to re-establish the heritage value of the site and its immediate surrounds.

The disused former rail goods shed has now been transformed into a lively cultural facility by FORM, an independent, non-profit, cultural organisation established in 1968 that develops and advocates for excellence in creativity and artistic practice in Western Australia.

I was delighted to present a cheque for \$133,000 from Lotterywest for landscaping and to be asked to open the new facility on August 4.



Opening of Claremont Goods Shed

Banksia Hill beats

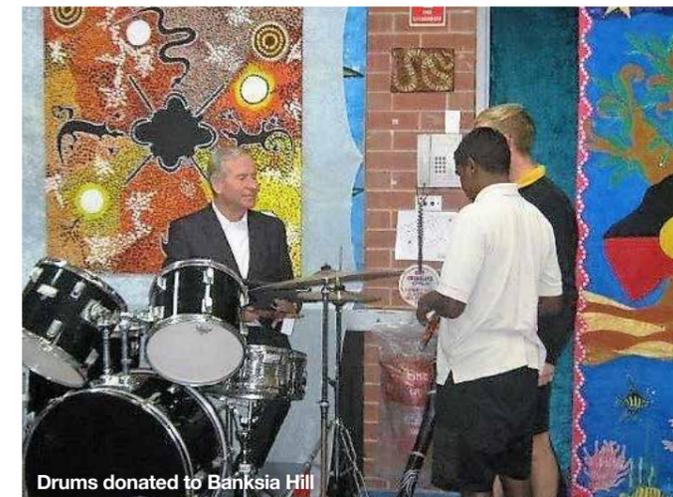
A music program at Banksia Hill Detention Centre has been the recipient of a set of drums, compliments of the Barnett family.

Music is a novel way of helping young offenders to be rehabilitated and to develop a new interest. The program is being supported by Abmusic and Musica Viva.

The drum kit will be housed in the newly established music room at the Centre.

If, like us, you have a musical instrument (in good order) gathering dust, think about donating it to this worthy cause.

Contact Musica Viva (Julia Carr) 9284 2808.



Drums donated to Banksia Hill

New electorate boundaries

Welcome back South City Beach and Bold Park.

Every four years the WA Electoral Distribution Commission undertakes a redistribution of the electoral boundaries to ensure that each electorate represents roughly the same number of electors.

Following the latest 2015 redistribution the northern boundary of the Cottesloe Electorate moves further north to once again include the areas of South City Beach and Bold Park.

I look forward to welcoming these two areas back into the Electorate

of Cottesloe and renewing my acquaintance with residents and local issues before the next State Election to be held on the 11th March 2017.

Leighton Beach and North Fremantle Rail Station



Leighton Beach

In May, I had the pleasure of opening the new Leighton Beach kiosk, public amenities and public works of art.

The \$1.3 million investment by the City of Fremantle replaced the 50 plus-year-old Leighton Beach change rooms and kiosk with a new, fully accessible facility.

The facilities will be widely used, in particular by people with disabilities and swimmers, including

students, through school swimming programs.

Leighton is the only beach that has a direct link to a railway station (North Fremantle Station). Currently, access over the railway line involves a 100 metre walk up the platform.

I agree with local residents that access needs to be improved by linking the station directly to the beach, making it a venue accessible to all.

Momentous step forward in conservation of state's biodiversity

Nature Conservation in Western Australia has entered a new era with the recent passing in State Parliament of the Biodiversity Conservation Bill (2015).

Every provision in this new legislation is superior to the inadequate and outdated

Wildlife Conservation Act of 1950. It ensures accountable and effective governance of biodiversity conservation.

The new Act has enhanced special protection for whales, dugong and dolphins. It also enables the listing of

critical habitats; areas of land or water that are crucial to the survival of a threatened species or community. It provides protection to whole ecosystems for the first time.



Cottesloe electorate grants

The following are some of the many grants that have been made available to diverse groups across the electorate.

Lotterywest

Apace Aid IT Upgrade	\$14,647
Deafness Council of WA	\$69,540
Montessori Play Group	\$2,558
Foster Care WA	\$77,102
Fellowship of Australian Writers	\$20,308
Town of Mosman Park Fair	\$15,016
Autism West Support	\$19,850
Town of Cottesloe Coastal Grant	\$14,660

Seniors cost of living rebate

This year, more than 300,000 WA Seniors Card holders will share in more than \$22 million worth of payments, with singles and couples to receive \$85.35 and \$128 respectively.

The Liberal National Government is the only state government that provides a cash payment to its Seniors Card holders in recognition of the increasing cost pressure of daily life and the awareness that many seniors are living on low and fixed incomes.

Seniors and pensioners receive a discount on council and water rates.

What is not always recognised is that it is not a discount as such. The State Government actually pays the difference on your behalf.

This payment is capped at \$750 for council rates and \$600 for water rates. This rebate is just one way to support our seniors and to acknowledge the enormous contribution they have made, and continue to make, to their local communities.

For more information, visit <http://www.seniorcard.wa.gov.au>



Nina Curtis,
Electorate Officer

Recently released publications

The following publications have recently been released and are available online or can be viewed at the Peppermint Grove Library Local Members Stand.

Transport @ 3.5 million
www.transport.wa.gov.au/transportplan

West Australian Meth Strategy 2016

A Science Statement for Western Australia April 2015

For further information on any of these matters please contact **Nina Curtis** on **9383 1505** or email nina.curtis@mp.wa.gov.au

Free Public Transport for Seniors & Carers

Seniors in WA are staying connected to their communities for longer by taking more than nine million free off peak trips on Transperth services. More recently, this free service has been made available to carers, in recognition of their tireless work.

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