

# Hon Colin Barnett MLA

Member for Cottesloe

## Residents' Newsletter

SUMMER 2013



Welcome to the 2013 Summer Edition of my Newsletter.

The re-vamping of Bay View Terrace in Claremont and the opening of the Mosman Park Men's Shed are great community projects and just some examples of what has been a busy time throughout the electorate.

A special highlight of the past year was hosting a visit to Cottesloe by Hillary Clinton, the US Secretary of State.

There has been much said about local government over recent months. I have always believed that a combined council covering Claremont, Cottesloe, Mosman Park and Peppermint Grove makes sense, however claims that the State Government will use its powers to force such an amalgamation are simply not true.

Our local suburbs continue to flourish and our state economy is the envy of the nation. This year will see further change with several major projects under construction that will help meet our growing needs and transform Perth into a more vibrant city. We have much to be proud of and should all feel confident about the future of WA.



With US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta in Cottesloe.

## Coastal Plan for Leighton



Leighton Beach was a highly contentious issue in the late 1990's. The Save Leighton Beach Campaign, led by Sue Harrington, ensured that the beachfront and the vast majority of adjacent land would be preserved as public open space.

Since then, apartments have been built in the designated southern area and a new Fremantle Surf Life Saving Club was opened last year. This area has been rehabilitated. Unfortunately, the former Leighton Marshalling Yards remain

a barren wasteland, and Port Beach Road, with its heavy traffic, has become increasingly dangerous for beachgoers.

State Cabinet recently approved spending of up to \$40 million to re-align the road (south of Marine Parade roundabout) so that it will run alongside the rail line. This will move the trucks and heavy traffic away from the beach.

The existing road can then have traffic calming measures installed for safe access to the beach. The final step will be re-vegetation of the marshalling yards into coastal heath and recreational space. The new road will be the first step in making long held community plans a reality.

# Schools Update



*Presenting graduation certificates to students at North Fremantle Primary School.*

**North Cottesloe Primary School** will celebrate its centenary year in 2013. As the local member, my gift to the school was a flag stand. An early childhood centre will be completed this year and a new classroom block next year.

**Mosman Park Primary School** will become an independent public school this year. Congratulations!

**Freshwater Bay Primary School** has completed its first year on the refurbished site. The new facilities have seen a strong growth in enrolments.

**Mt Claremont Primary School** will receive some additional funding to upgrade their grounds.

**John Curtin College of the Arts** has a new science block with two laboratories, a preparation room, a chemical store and a staff room. The college has also had an upgrade to the Design and Technology area.

**Shenton College** will receive an additional \$4 million in new buildings to accommodate Year 7 students in 2015.

## New Observation Tower for Cottesloe

Five fatalities from shark attacks within the last year in Western Australia has understandably made beachgoers wary of entering the water.

As part of the State Government's shark mitigation strategy, Cottesloe Surf Life Saving Club will receive \$300,000 to build a new observation tower on the groyne to enable better

monitoring of conditions at Cottesloe Beach. Life savers will be able to keep watch for sharks and also rips and dumping swells.

This is in addition to helicopter patrols along Perth beaches and in the south west. Local surf clubs have been given jet skis and each club will receive funding for an Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) to provide maximum coverage of our coastline.



## A Big Thank You to Community Leaders

On November 25 it was my pleasure to once again host a function at the Sea View Golf Club for those people in the Cottesloe Electorate who contribute so much to the community, many in a volunteer capacity.

The 220 community leaders included representatives from local councils, P&Cs, sport clubs, surf clubs, aged care, local environment organisations, community services and religious organisations.

They were entertained by the delightful Sara Macliver, a former PLC student, who is considered one of Australia's most popular and versatile singers.

Sara had the audience in the palm of her hand as she recounted the story of her developing musical career, bursting into song periodically to embellish the telling.

This was my chance to say a thank you to all those present for their efforts and contribution to the community.



*Sara Macliver with Colin.*

# State Government Grants

A snapshot of some of the fantastic community projects that have recently been completed or are about to commence.



*With Shed Boss Dave Bowman and volunteer Peter Dring, at the opening of the Mosman Park Community Men's Shed.*

- **The Mosman Park Community Men's Shed**, at Tom Perrott Reserve is now complete with a \$723,846 Lotterywest grant towards the new purpose-built community centre. The Rotary Club of Mosman Park also contributed \$95,000. Mosman Park Council provided the site.
- **St Aidan's Uniting Church and Hall** in Claremont will repair the building and its pipe organ with a State Heritage Grant of \$87,139.

- **The Town of Cottesloe** will improve beach access by upgrading the pedestrian ramp at Cottesloe Beach thanks to \$200,000 from Lotterywest.
- **The Freshwater Bay Boatshed** will undertake conservation works with \$98,587 from a State Heritage Grant.

- **Allen Park Tennis Club** will extend their clubrooms thanks to \$46,000 from the Department of Sport and Recreation.
- **Friends of Lake Claremont** will re-vegetate the Lake Claremont Precinct with a further \$50,000 Natural Resource Management Grant.

## Fremantle Surf Life Saving Club

Recently I opened the new Fremantle Surf Life Saving Club. The new facility includes training rooms, first aid rooms, a kiosk, café and change rooms.

The State Government contributed over \$1 million with a Lotterywest grant of \$450,000, Department of Sport and Recreation funding of \$400,000 and WA Planning Commission Funding of \$180,000.



*Fremantle SLSC President Mick Burke and Colin Barnett.*



With Lyn at the Dog Refuge Home in Shenton Park.

## Funding to Help Animal Shelters

**Shortly after I became Premier, I visited the Cat Haven in Shenton Park. I was very impressed with the volunteers and their passion for animal welfare.**

Each year rescue groups save hundreds of unwanted and neglected cats and dogs. Since 2008, the Cat Haven in Perth has re-housed more than 4,000 cats. In 2011 alone, the Shenton Park Dogs Refuge Home found homes for 880 dogs.

## Sunset Site

**Since 1995, the former Sunset Hospital Site in Dalkeith has been fenced off and unused. Previous proposals for its use have come to nothing.**

The State Government has decided to open this heritage site to the public with a plan to progressively restore the buildings.

A small area of land, with an existing house on it, will be sold. The proceeds

I recently announced \$200,000 a year for the next four years to assist shelters that rescue and care for abandoned animals in and near Perth. Both the Cat Haven and Shenton Park Dog Refuge will be major beneficiaries of this funding.

This is in addition to the Government passing the first Cat Act to encourage responsible cat ownership, introducing legislation to Parliament to enhance responsible dog ownership and doubling the amount of State Government annual funding to the RSPCA to \$500,000 a year.

will be used to re-roof and restore buildings and exteriors along with power, water and sewerage services.

The heritage buildings will then be made available for lease to community based organisations. The grounds will be landscaped and upgraded with a playground and BBQ's. The public will have full access to the site.



### Ask Nina...

*Nina Curtis,  
Electorate Officer*

### Retirement Villages

A number of constituents have complained about having to continue to pay fees on outgoings long after a resident has left a retirement village. The recently passed Retirement Village Amendment Bill 2012 limits this to six months on existing contracts and three months on a new contract.

The changes will also provide residents with greater protection by giving them more time to consider contract information, a longer cooling off period and the right to appeal to the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) against excessive or unwarranted increases in charges.

### Concessions

You may not be aware that the State Government funds more than 100 rebates, concessions and subsidy schemes to a value of almost \$1 billion per annum. Many of these apply to seniors. You may be entitled to a concession that you are not currently receiving. Please visit [www.concessions.wa.gov.au](http://www.concessions.wa.gov.au) for more information.

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



*An interesting moment during the opening of the new playground facility at 'Celebrate Lake Claremont Day'*

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