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Dear local resident

Welcome to my spring newsletter

In May this year I was appointed the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on Counter-Terrorism. This new portfolio means it is my job to ensure the Government's extensive security and non-security efforts to combat home-grown terrorism are well coordinated and effective. That includes our operational and policy responses, as well as our efforts to work with communities to counter violent extremism. The Commonwealth Government has boosted counter-terrorism funding for our agencies by \$1.33 billion, including over \$600 million in the recent budget. We are investing more than \$40 million in programmes to counter violent extremism, particularly online, in addition to \$545 million for settlement services and social cohesion. We have also passed legislation to strengthen the ability of our agencies to investigate, monitor, arrest and prosecute home-grown violent extremists and returning foreign fighters.

As your local Federal Member, I rely on your feedback to best represent the Stirling electorate. Please look out for my Biggest Survey in your letterbox or complete it online at www.keenan.net.au as this is a great opportunity for all residents to raise local issues with me. I would like to encourage any Stirling residents who require assistance with a Federal Government issue to please contact me at michael.keenan.mp@aph.gov.au or by calling my office on **08 9445 3222**.

I trust you will enjoy my newsletter.

NEW DIABETES FAMILY CENTRE OPENS IN STIRLING



It was great to visit the new Telethon Type 1 Diabetes Family Centre that has now opened in Osborne Park. The new Centre is the first of its kind in Australia and will help support children and their families to face the challenges of type 1 diabetes with confidence. Families with children who have type 1 diabetes will be able to utilise the Family Centre as a meeting point. The centre will also provide clinics, education programs, a chill out space for adolescents and camps away from home for families. Every year more and more young people are diagnosed with diabetes in Australia. When a child is diagnosed with type 1

diabetes, the child and family must take on a complex and relentless daily regimen balancing insulin injections, blood sugar testing, diet adjustments and physical activity. It is crucial to manage diabetes well in order to prevent immediate risks associated with dangerous swings in blood sugar levels, and devastating long-term complications such as blindness and kidney failure. The Family Centre is located next to the Osborne Park Hospital and is open Monday to Friday from 9am until 5pm. For further information on the services provided by the centre visit www.telethontype1.org.au

OSBORNE PARK RSL WAR MEMORIAL RESTORED

Osborne Park RSL Sub-branch has received a \$4000 grant from the Federal Government's Saluting Their Service program. This funding was used to restore the War Memorial located at the RSL club in time for the Centenary of Anzac celebrations. The Saluting Their Service program aims to honour the service and sacrifice of Australia's servicemen and women in wars, conflicts and peace operations.



BALCATT A SOCCER CLUB GRANDSTAND OPENING



At the official opening of the new Balcatta Soccer Club Grandstand.

It was great to be able to attend the opening of the new Balcatta Soccer Club grandstand with the Premier of WA, Hon Colin Barnett, the State Member for Balcatta, Chris Hatton, the State Member for Mt Lawley, Hon Michael Sutherland, and the State Member for Carine, Tony Krsticevic. The new \$150,000 grandstand can seat

more than 220 people and was funded entirely by the club and its sponsors. It took a great deal of planning to bring the project to fruition and I am sure it will be thoroughly enjoyed by all the club's supporters. Thank you to Pat Luca and the rest of the team at Balcatta Soccer Club for having me at the official opening.

NEW GREEN ARMY PROJECTS ANNOUNCED FOR STIRLING

Two more successful Green Army projects will be starting up in Stirling over the coming months. The first project involves the Restoration of Coastal Habitat, which will focus on the restoration of coastal areas, including rehabilitation of primary dune and swale, secondary dune and fragile rocky headlands. The second project is the North Metropolitan Carnaby's Black Cockatoo Conservation Project, which will provide much needed attention for the endangered Carnaby's Black Cockatoo. Not only will the project target an endangered listed species but it will also aid the vulnerable Forrest Red

Tail Black Cockatoo. The project's goal is to provide native food source and native habitat for the Carnaby's Black Cockatoo after it was reduced due to land clearing. The project includes revegetation and rehabilitation of the Northern Metropolitan bushlands, parks and reserves, with a focus on major roosting sites to form a cockatoo corridor. It was great to get down to Trigg Beach recently and visit the Green Army team who were working hard to restore our local coastal area. Young people interested in joining the Green Army can apply through the appointed service providers for each state and territory.

Contact details for service providers are available from www.environment.gov.au/land/green-army/service-providers



Visiting the Green Army at Trigg Beach.

MEETING WITH THE ORGANISATION OF AFRICAN COMMUNITIES IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA



I recently met with representatives from the Organisation of African Communities in Western Australia to discuss the goals and future initiatives of the organisation. The work that the organisation does within the Stirling electorate and wider community enables Africans from all backgrounds to collaboratively address the unique issues facing our society. I look forward to working closely with the organisation in the future.

Meeting with representatives of the Organisation of African Communities in WA.

HUMANITIES WEEK ADDRESS AT ST MARYS GIRLS SCHOOL

As part of Humanities Week, I attended St Marys Girls School to speak to the students about a variety of current political issues and also discuss with them my role as a Member of Parliament. There was some excellent discussion generated from the girls' questions on a broad range of issues, including how the Parliament operates, the effectiveness of parliamentary committees, my role as the Minister for Justice and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on Counter-Terrorism and also topical media issues of the day. It was great to see so many students taking an interest in issues facing Australia.

Addressing St Marys Girls School for Humanities Week.



NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK AT TUART HILL PRIMARY



Participating in National Science Week at Tuart Hill Primary School.

I enjoyed visiting Tuart Hill Primary School and participating in a range of fun experiments as part of National Science Week. The students gave a variety of demonstrations regarding forensic science including, fingerprinting and bite mark identification, fake blood creation and the use of lie detector technology. The Scientists in Schools is a great volunteer program run by the CSIRO that allows students to develop their skills and learn from professional scientists, who give up their time to teach young students about the field they work in.

NEW SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME FOR STIRLING

The Stronger Communities Programme, announced in this year's Budget, will deliver \$150,000 per year for two years to fund small capital projects which deliver social benefits in the Stirling electorate. This is an exciting opportunity for local communities to work with me to identify potential projects which will contribute to our

community's long term vibrancy and viability. Identified applicants can apply for funding of at least \$5,000 and up to a maximum of \$20,000 and must provide matching cash or in-kind funding on at least a dollar for dollar basis. I would like to encourage potential applicants to contact my office to discuss projects which

meet the eligibility criteria. Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the Stronger Communities Programme guidelines and the Frequently Asked Questions which are available on the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development's website <http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/SCP>.

YULUMA PRIMARY SCHOOL RECEIVE NATIONAL AWARD

It was an honour to be able to present Yuluma Primary School with their 2015 Anzac Day Schools Award. Yuluma was this year's winner in the Best Veteran and Community Involvement special category, which saw them distribute 'Flat Stanleys' to ADF units serving in Australia and overseas. On behalf of the Federal Government I was able to award the school a commemorative plaque and cheque for \$1000. I believe it is vitally important that our students learn about the significance of the Anzac history and it was great to see how the school got involved in a range of commemorative activities for the Anzac Centenary. It is a testament to the hard work of the staff and students at Yuluma that they triumphed over the other entries nationwide to win this award.



Presenting the Anzac Day Schools' Award to Yuluma Primary.

GOOGLE SMALL BUSINESS EVENT

I recently had the pleasure of delivering the keynote speech at the Google Small Business event in Subiaco. The event was designed to engage local small businesses and assist them with utilising the different online tools available to them. Deidre Willmott, CEO of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry WA and Kate Carnell, CEO of the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry were also in attendance and discussed some of the biggest issues currently facing local businesses in the area. The event was well attended by many local small business owners who used the forum to discuss different ways of utilising technology to grow their business. Small businesses are the backbone of the Australian economy and the Federal Government is committed to being the positive partner

that small business needs. Since coming to office we have focused on three key objectives; restoring confidence in the sector, encouraging small business growth, and driving employment and innovation. A big step in reaching these key objectives was in the \$5.5 billion Growing Jobs and Small Business

Package announced in this year's Federal Budget. With over 2.1 million small businesses operating in Australia the Coalition Government is committed to strengthening the economy and making sure our country is an optimum place to invest in and grow a business.



With John Ball, Head of Small Business at Google, Deidre Willmott, CEO of CCIWA, and Kate Carnell, CEO of ACCI.

Community News

Perth Royal Show

The Perth Royal Show is on again these school holidays 26th September – 3rd October 2015 at the Claremont Showgrounds. It is one of the biggest annual community events and is always a great family fun day out with hundreds of attractions including rides, showbags, food stalls, farming demonstrations, animal pavilions and fireworks. Tickets are available at the gate and cost \$29 for an adult, \$15 for a child and \$74 for a family pass but remember that entry for children under 4 years of age is free. I would recommend that Stirling residents go online and purchase early bird tickets which can save you up to 20% off the price.

Local Sporting Champions Grant

Local athletes can apply for the next round of Local Sporting Champions funding. The program provides grants of up to \$500

to assist young people aged between 12-18 with the financial cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing or coaching. I would encourage all interested parties to contact my office for further information or visit my website at www.keenan.net.au and follow the link to apply.

National Bandanna Day

I would encourage all Stirling residents to get involved in National Bandanna Day on Friday 30th October, which raises much needed funds for young people living with cancer. CanTeen are aiming to raise \$1.25 million this year by selling the bandannas around the country. Funds raised by National Bandanna Day pay for specialist hospital care, counselling and individual assistance as well as information and peer support programs for 12-24 year olds affected by cancer. For more information on how you can get involved in fundraising visit www.canteen.org.au.

Stirling Art Award and Exhibition 2015

The City of Stirling Art Award and Exhibition is being held at the Karrinyup Community Centre from Saturday 10th October until Thursday 15th October. This biennial exhibition encourages local and Western Australian artists to enter their original work

in the competition and be exhibited to the public. With lots of prizes up for grabs, this exhibition is the perfect opportunity for artists to interact with the local arts community and exhibit and sell their work.

Free Gift Wrapping Service at Karrinyup Shopping Centre

Karrinyup Shopping Centre is now offering a free gift wrapping service until December 31st. The new service counter is located on Level One in front of Funky Kids and you simply just present a copy of your receipt and the friendly staff will wrap your newly purchased gifts. If you would like to you can make a gold coin donation to The Cat Haven.

Support Pink Ribbon Day

Monday 26th October is Pink Ribbon Day, which helps raise funds in support of the many thousands of women affected by breast and gynaecological cancers. You can raise money to support Pink Ribbon Day through a wide range of options including, hosting a 'Girls Night In', wear pink to work, host a morning tea, purchase Pink Ribbon merchandise or simply donate online to the cause. For further information on how you can get involved please visit <http://www.pinkribbon.com.au/>.

