

Judi Moylan MP

Federal Member for Pearce

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A community newsletter from your Federal Member of Parliament, Judi Moylan

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Swan CCI discusses urgent need for Swan Valley Bypass

The Swan Chamber of Commerce and Industry breakfast in March heard from the Hon Judi Moylan MP and its guest speaker, the Shadow Minister for Transport, the Hon Warren Truss MP, on the urgent need for improved road infrastructure in the Pearce electorate, specifically the Great Northern Highway and a new Swan Valley bypass.

"The Perth-Darwin Highway is clearly a very important project for the Pearce electorate and for Western Australia," Shadow Minister Truss said.

The current road, although being upgraded, was never meant to carry heavy traffic, including extra long and extra wide haulage vehicles. They are using this stretch of road in vastly increasing numbers. In fact, 4,744 heavy

haulage vehicles now take this route Monday to Friday.

Work on this highway and, in particular, the bypass needs to be scheduled and funded without further delay.

Swan Hills MLA Frank Alban, City of Swan Mayor Charlie Zannino, Shadow Transport Minister Hon Warren Truss MP and the Hon Judi Moylan MP at the Swan Chamber of Commerce and Industry's March breakfast.



Moylan hosts briefing on Perth-Darwin Highway

Mrs Moylan and Mr Truss joined Swan Hills MLA Frank Alban, City of Swan Mayor Charlie Zannino and Deputy Mayor Mick Wainwright, City of Swan CEO Mike Foley, Chittering Shire Councillor Don Gibson and Bindoon Safe Roads Committee Chairman Ian Watson in being briefed on the status of the project by Lou Rho and Lindsey Broadhurst of Main Roads.

The attendees were given the opportunity to raise any issue relating to the Highway, including bypasses for the Swan Valley and Bindoon and the land acquisition required to complete those projects. All agreed the

Perth-Darwin Highway is vital to community safety and the quality of life of residents along the Great Northern Highway as well as the future mining and resources boom in Western Australia's north.

"Currently Great Northern Highway is the major link road to the North West and there are sound reasons why it should be given urgent priority," Mrs Moylan said.

"These include a lack of suitability of current roads to cope with heavy transport, the safety of local drivers and the local community and the need to transport goods safely in a cost-effective road system.

Perth-Darwin Highway a priority: Moylan

Road forum to push for Highway construction

At a forum organised by the East Metropolitan Regional Council, which was attended by Members from the City of Swan, the Shire of Chittering, road transport organisations and residents and ratepayers associations, the Hon Judi Moylan MP called on everyone present to work with a single goal and speak with one voice.

As a result of the forum, stakeholders have resolved to work together in pushing for the construction of the Perth-Darwin Highway.

"Two major components of this project include bypasses for the Swan Valley and Bindoon," Mrs Moylan said.

"We need these bypasses to advance individual safety, safeguard the integrity of the Swan

Valley and ensure the efficient transport of goods."

Mrs Moylan said all levels of Government must work hand-in-hand with the community and Main Roads to see this project realised.

"Whilst the Federal Government funds national highways, it is a political reality that the State Government determines the priority given to works, and competition is fierce," Mrs Moylan said.

"Our focus is to assist Main Roads do their job by pushing the State Government to give this project priority; to ensure that the Federal Government maintains funding for national highways; and demand that Western Australia receives a fair share of that funding.



Shauna Alban, Lou Rho, Frank Alban MLA, Lindsey Broadhurst, Hon Judi Moylan MP, Shadow Minister for Transport Hon Warren Truss MP, Ian Watson, Cr Don Gibson, Charlie Zannino, Mick Wainwright and Mike Foley.

Premier Barnett visits the Swan Valley

More than 100 people from across the Pearce electorate gathered at Stewarts Restaurant at Brookleigh Estate in the Swan Valley for a function with Western Australian Premier Hon Colin Barnett MLA.

The Premier mingled with the crowd and praised the work of Judi Moylan over her 17 years in the Federal Parliament.

"Judi is always willing to make a stand on something she believes in or that is in the interests of her constituents," the Premier said.

He also spoke of the exciting and challenging times facing WA.

"We are entering an extraordinary period of development in this state and the benefits of this development should be shared and spread amongst the population," he said.

"There will be great career opportunities for young West Australians and there is a prospect for them all to benefit.

Premier Barnett spoke of the importance in investing in major infrastructure projects and acknowledged the Perth-Darwin Highway as a significant road project for the future.

"I have spoken with Judi several times about this road and I am conscious of the pressures on this road and other roads to the North of the State.



WA Premier Colin Barnett with Hon Judi Moylan MP at the function at Brookleigh Estate. Photo courtesy of Rod Henderson.

"It is a big project with a lot of planning work and we are looking to put a case to the Commonwealth."

Pearce youth lead quest to make poverty history

More than 1000 young Australians gathered in Parliament House recently to ask 140 Senators and Members to make poverty history.

Representing the Pearce electorate were Marc Waugh of Swan View, Jay Frere-Harvey of Darlington and Alicia Wilde of Clarkson. At just 14 years of age, Alicia was the youngest WA delegate.

The Pearce delegates met with the Hon Judi Moylan MP to discuss their campaign to have more than 50,000 people sign the **Act to End Poverty**, while also discussing important issues such as climate change and the need for young people to be politically aware.

In 1990, 42 per cent of the world's population lived in extreme poverty. Today it is just over 20 per cent. Some 1.4 billion people still live under the extreme poverty line. However, the Make Poverty History Campaign, a coalition of more than 60 Aid Agencies, is working with inspirational young people such as Marc, Jay and Alicia to make this statistic a thing of the past.



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Older Australians make their voices heard



Judi Moylan MP has had an overwhelming response to her speech on the Intergenerational Report.

Following Judi Moylan's speech on the Intergenerational Report, which featured in her Autumn 2010 newsletter, Mrs Moylan has been asking for feedback from the electorate.

More than 20,000 constituents aged 55 and over were asked for their opinion and the feedback has been overwhelming. "I thoroughly agree with you when you state that older citizens should not be a target for any cut backs in services," wrote one constituent.

"They paid their taxes, worked long hours, raised families, some on very low wages.

"All senior citizens have earned the right to live the remainder of their lives without wondering if their entitlements will be reduced or maybe taken away all together."

Many respondents commented on the vast experience and wisdom older Australians have to offer society and particularly the workforce. "We have no doubt that the collective experience and knowledge that our generation can bring to the voluntary workforce of this nation is huge and if Government had to pay a wage to have this work done, their budgets would be forever in the red," responded one Pearce resident.

Mrs Moylan was heartened by the response and said she will continue to represent the interests of older Australians in Parliament and in the community.

Long Table Lunch raises vital funds for Diabetes

Following the inaugural Long Table Lunch for Diabetes in 2009, the 2010 event was also a success, raising a further \$11,775 for Diabetes WA.

This year's event, which was co-hosted by the Hon Judi Moylan MP and Diabetes WA, was held at River Bank Estate Winery and Restaurant in April with a number of Western Australia's leading diabetes professionals in attendance. These included Professor Alex Cohen as well as the Hon Peter Dutton MP, Shadow Minister for Health and Ageing.

The lunch featured the auction of a limited edition print by Robert Juniper as well as a once in a lifetime Swan River Sailing package including a three-hour twilight sailing program at Royal Perth Yacht Club.

"Diabetes is not just a matter of concern to health professionals, but a concern to all levels of Government and people in general," the Hon Judi Moylan MP said.

"Diabetes WA offer vital support and education services to people living with diabetes, helping them live well with their condition. An event such as this helps to raise much needed funding to support the work of Diabetes WA as well as raising awareness of the national health implications of diabetes.

"I am very grateful for the generosity of those supporting this event and am delighted we raised these much needed funds for the fight against diabetes," said Mrs Moylan. The event was sponsored by KCI medical and Industrial Recruitment Partners.



Professor Alex Cohen and Dr Parbodh Gogna with the Robert Juniper print auctioned at the lunch.



Professor Keryln Carville of Silverchain, Troy Bailey, Vice president, KCI Medical, Tim Stack, General Manager of KCI Medical and Cathy-Lyn Burnard, National Sales Manager for KCI Medical



Step Beyond's Janelle Marr, Hon Judi Moylan MP and Diabetes WA acting CEO Jeremy Lui.



Hon Peter Dutton MP, Shadow Minister for Health and Ageing, addresses attendees of the Diabetes Long Table Lunch.

Inquiry into Bushfires visits WA

“Having been the Federal Member for the Seat of Pearce for 17 years I have seen the destructive power of bushfires and the emotional impact on people in the aftermath.”

Hon Judi Moylan MP

The Senate Select Committee on Agricultural and Related Industries' inquiry into bushfires in Australia visited Perth recently to hear evidence from some of Western Australia's pre-eminent experts in the field.

The Hearing heard evidence from a variety of organisations and individuals including the Fire and Emergency Services Authority, the WA Department of Environment and Conservation and Volunteer Bushfire Brigades.

The Committee, which is chaired by NSW Senator Bill Heffernan, was informed on the extent and effectiveness of bushfire mitigation strategies and practices in WA, factors contributing to the causes and risks of bushfires across Australia and measures that can be undertaken by government, industry and the community to protect agricultural and service industries, small business, tourism and water catchments from fire.

The issue of ageing power reticulation in WA, a matter the Hon Judi Moylan MP has raised with the Prime Minister and State Energy Minister on several occasions as well as in her own written submission to the inquiry, was also raised.

“Having been the Federal Member for the Seat of Pearce for 17 years I have seen the destructive power of bushfires and the emotional impact on people in the aftermath,” Mrs Moylan said.

The most recent Toodyay fire in December 2009 injured one person with burns to ten per cent of her body, placed the lives of fire-fighters, shire rangers and emergency services workers at risk, burnt through 3,000 hectares of land, burnt down 38 homes and damaged several others.

“I found the hearing to be a helpful and informative exercise in broadening my knowledge of this issue at both a state and national level and would encourage anyone with an interest in bushfire safety to view a transcript of the day's proceedings. To see the transcript visit:

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/agric_ctte/bushfires/hearings/index.htm

Transcripts for the other hearings around Australia can also be viewed at this site as well as Mrs Moylan's submission. Once hearings have concluded a report on the inquiry will be released and tabled in Parliament.



Senator Chris Back, Senator Bill Heffernan, Hon Judi Moylan MP, Senator Richard Colbeck and Roger Underwood of the Bushfire Front at the Perth Hearing of the Senate Select Committee on Agricultural and Related Industries' inquiry into bushfires in Australia.

Residents have their say on aircraft noise

The Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport's Inquiry into the effectiveness of Air Services Australia's management of aircraft noise held its Perth Hearing on 28 April 2010.

The Hon Judi Moylan MP, along with members of the Fairskies community action group, attended the hearing, which was chaired by Senator Fiona Nash. Fairskies members Ian Davies, Tony Anderson, John Daw, Mike Heath, Sharon Davies, Barbara Steemson, Mandy Skeates and Peter Stewart each gave outstanding evidence as to the impacts of aircraft noise on their local communities.

The Committee was receptive to these presentations and left with a clear understanding of the problems aircraft noise has caused Hills residents and the wider community. The important technical and anecdotal evidence given will provide added context in the drafting of the final report.

Mrs Moylan made a written submission to the Inquiry, raising many important points regarding Air Services Australia's management of aircraft noise, including the consultative process, the impact of flight path changes and the nature of these changes.

“As air traffic will continue to grow and the impact on communities is likely to intensify, it is vital that immediate changes are made to ensure that there is a consistent national procedure for adequate consultation between Air Services Australia and the Australian community,” Mrs Moylan said.

“It is simply unacceptable that for many people the impact of aircraft noise is a constant, and their quality of life is damaged by the ever present noise and pollution of overhead planes.

“It is vital that the community is engaged to the fullest degree possible in the decision making process on flight paths, as ultimately it is the community who is most affected.”

Evidence given at the Hearing established that Air Services Australia withheld vital information from the committee for several years despite repeated requests for the CASA Safety report, which was said to have formed the main basis for the changes, the Environmental Assessment Report and the Noise Assessment Report.

“The simplistic argument that the consultative Committee PANMCC did not understand the charts that Air Services provided is a red herring designed to divert attention to the lack of Air Services Australia's open and accountable public consultation process,” Mrs Moylan said.

In evidence given at the Hearing, Air Services Australia's Richard Dudley said that aircraft noise was a ‘perception issue’.

“It is not simply a perception issue for those living under the flight paths,” Mrs Moylan said. “The attitude conveyed in the comments of Mr Dudley goes to the heart of the problem. The Act governing ASA was passed in 1995 and now that ASA is a corporate entity and takes a substantial amount of its revenue from private interests there appears to be no public accountability.

“There is nothing in the current Act that requires ASA to conduct open accountable public consultations.”

The Inquiry's final report is expected to be tabled in Parliament some time in June following hearings in other major Australian cities.

Ian Davies, Cr John Daw, Mike Heath, Mandy Skeates, Tony Anderson, Peter Stewart and Peter Bourne with Hon Judi Moylan MP at the Perth Hearing into the effectiveness of Air Services Australia's management of aircraft noise.



Anzac Day – A time to reflect

Mateship, courage, bravery and determination are the hallmarks of the Anzac spirit, which were on display at Anzac Day services around the Pearce electorate.

Beyond major ceremonies in Canberra and the state capital cities, regional and rural towns hosted Dawn Services and Marches as well as many schools delivering their own tribute. Families joined the commemorations showing respect, recognition and remembrance for Australia's service personnel.

The Federal Member for Pearce, the Hon Judi Moylan MP, said Anzac Day was a day to remember the lost men and women of all wars, the returned servicemen and women of past campaigns and conflicts, families of veterans and currently serving personnel.

On Anzac Day, old regiments reform to march down streets in towns and cities across Australia. Veterans of past conflicts proudly display their medals and are urged on by enthusiastic crowds of supporters, including families and veterans who are unable to march.

Australians also reflect on the service of those men and women currently wearing Australia's uniform in Afghanistan, Timor-Leste, the Solomon Islands and other places around the world today.



Bullsbrook District High School principal Bernadette Jones delivered a poignant speech at the school's Anzac Service.



Wanneroo Councillor Ian Goodenough cook breakfast at the Quinns Rocks Dawn Service.

Youth and violence discussed in Northam

The Parliamentary Committee on Family, Community, Housing and Youth heard first-hand the impact of violence on youth in the regional and rural communities after holding an informal hearing in Northam recently.

The hearing, which included sessions at Northam Senior High School and Avon Youth, was the idea of the committee's Deputy Chair and the Federal Member for Pearce, the Hon Judi Moylan MP.

For the past six months the Committee has been conducting an inquiry into the impact of violence on young Australians and have heard evidence in a number of Australian cities. However, this is the first opportunity the Committee, which is chaired by Canberra MP Annette Ellis, has had to visit a regional centre.

"It is not always easy for practical purposes to get Parliamentary Committees into the rural and regional areas," Mrs Moylan said.

"The excellent mix and balance of people from the Avon and surrounding areas provided a snapshot of the issue of youth and violence. The Committee gained valuable insights into the programs that work and the particular challenges young people face in rural and regional areas as distinct from city-based youth."

Many young Australians confront violence in their everyday life with profound effects.

Some remain trapped and are unable to escape the cycle of violence.

"It is a whole of community concern and if our young people are to feel safe at home and in their local communities, everyone needs to consider what can be done to decrease the level of violence that young people encounter in their day to day lives," Mrs Moylan said.



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Community groups, schools, Shires and not-for-profit organisations may request an Australian, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander flag.

Please call the office of Judi Moylan MP on 9294 3222 for more information.



Hon Judi Moylan MP, Senior Sergeant Tony Velletta, Shire of York youth officer Kim Crawford, Avon Youth CEO Jacqui Stutt and Shire of Northam President Cr Steve Pollard.

Men's Shed launched in Toodyay

The phenomenon that is the Men's Shed has swept into Toodyay, with the Toodyay Men's Shed launched recently.

Problems with men's health, isolation, loneliness and depression are looming as major health issues for men. Men's sheds can play a significant and practical role in addressing these and other men's issues. Men's sheds can help connect men with their communities and mainstream society and at the same time act as a catalyst in stimulating their community's economic activities.

Toodyay Men's Shed chairman Jeff Roberts said the Toodyay branch of the increasingly popular movement had a clear list of aims and objectives, which include providing a neutral

place where men can be creative and productive while providing an environment where men's health issues can be raised and discussed.

"Men are often reluctant to talk about their health, but the Men's Shed is a place where men can speak to a friend about how they are feeling and should they be feeling depressed it's up to that friend to take action," Mr Roberts said. "It's about blokes supporting other blokes."

Toodyay has 50 members with 30,000 men Australia-wide now part of the Men Shed movement. Those wanting to join the Toodyay Men's Shed can write to PO Box 575 Toodyay WA 6567 or phone Jeff Roberts on (08) 9574 2498.

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Bob Adair, Jeff Roberts and MLC for the Agricultural region Jim Chown at the opening of the Toodyay Men's Shed.



Bob Adair shows the impressive selection of tools available to members of the Men's Shed.