

Judi Moylan MP

Federal Member for Pearce
Working with you, working for you



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

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A Shearer's Yarn is told in Williams

Judi Moylan is a regular visitor to Williams and especially enjoys spending time at the town's tourist icon, the Williams Woolshed.

In September, Judi Moylan was delighted to see the completed "A Shearer's Yarn", an interpretive and interactive display which informs sightseers of the history of Western Australia's wool industry. It comprises of a diorama which features large photographs depicting "life on the farm". In addition, locals will provide a theatrical account of the life of a shearer, complete



Michael, Heather and Lawrence Rose at the new A Shearer's Yarn display at the Williams Woolshed.

with a shearing shed and equipment.

Owners Heather and Lawrence Rose received \$88,868 under the second round of the Government's *Australian Tourism Development Program (ATDP)* for this project, which Ms Moylan announced last year.

Ms Moylan was impressed with the work that has been put into creating this one-of-a-kind tourism experience.

The Williams Woolshed is located on Albany Highway in Williams, about two hours south-east of Perth.

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HAVE YOU MOVED RECENTLY?

If you have changed your address, do not forget to update your enrolment details with the Australian Electoral Commission.

Please call 13 23 26 or visit www.aec.gov.au for further information.

From my desk...



Farm Crisis Deepens

This winter Western Australia experienced one of the lowest recorded rainfalls in history. For primary producers the late season and lower rainfalls meant reduced yields, a lack of water in dams and stock feeding was essential.

During my regular visits across Pearce, it is evident that the dry season is having a profound effect on rural families and communities – both financially and emotionally. Business is down and country towns are feeling the pinch.

In August, I met with senior advisers for the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Hon Peter McGauran MP to relay constituents' concerns and to ask them for urgent assistance for our growers.

For the benefit of our primary producers and their families, the Government

has a comprehensive support program for those in need.

JUDI MOYLAN MP

Rural Support

Telephone Counselling

Telephone counselling is available on the *National Drought hotline* 13 23 16.

Newstart & Youth Allowance

Workers who lose income because of the drought should have easier access to income support through the *Newstart* and *Youth Allowance* programs. Visit www.centrelink.gov.au

Farm Help

Eligible farmers may receive income support or a

re-establishment grant of \$50,000. Call 13 28 50.

Financial Services

For *Financial Information Services* please call 13 23 00.

Drought Force

An \$800 training credit is provided to anyone beginning their first *Drought Force* activity. Details are available at www.centrelink.gov.au, www.workplace.gov.au or on 13 62 68.

Tax Relief

Please call the Australian Taxation Office on 13 28 66 for more details.

Special Benefit Payment

Call the *Centrelink Farmer Assistance Line* on freecall 1800 050 585 or visit www.centrelink.gov.au to see if you can apply for funding through the *Special Benefit Program*.

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Contact the Western Australian Department of Agriculture's Farm

Development Unit on 1800 198 231 to find out more.

Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS) Program

Free counselling is available on 1800 686 175.

Family Relationships Services Program

For more information about counselling services in your area call 1300 653 227 or to meet with a Centrelink social worker contact 13 10 21.

General information

Alternatively, visit the Australian Government's *Regional Information Service website* www.regionalaustralia.gov.au or call 1800 026 222 (freecall).

Please call my office on 9294 3222 if you require further information on any of these initiatives.

More essential services delivered to Boddington

Access to essential services including banking, Internet, typing, photocopying and important computer programs has been made easier for Boddington residents, thanks to the Federal Government's *Rural Transaction Program*.

Member for Pearce Hon Judi Moylan MP was invited to officially open Boddington's new Rural Transaction Centre earlier this year, which is housed in the Boddington Old School on Bannister Road.

Welcoming the decision to provide funding to the Boddington facility, Ms Moylan praised the Government's

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DO YOU NEED A FLAG?

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

Please call Judi Moylan's office on 9294 3222 for more information.

CAN I BE OF ASSISTANCE?

Do you have a Federal issue you would like to discuss with me?

Please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Tel: 9294 3222 Fax: 9294 2888

Tollfree: 1300 301 852 or

Email: J.Moylan.MP@aph.gov.au



SimplerSuper benefits for SmallBusiness

The Coalition Government's recent decisions to simplify super deliver on the Government's commitment to help Australia's small business people to save for their retirement.

Self employed Australians will be able to contribute up to \$1 million over their lifetime from the sale of small business assets which have been held for 15 years.

This is over and above the announcements made on Budget night, when the Government announced more generous tax deductions for self employed people who contribute to their own superannuation.

From 1 July 2007, for the first time, the self employed will be able to claim the same deductions as contributions made on behalf of an employee.

Like other Australians who have already taken advantage of the Government's generous co-contribution scheme, from 1 July 2007 the self employed will also get access to the scheme, which delivers up to \$1,500 into the super accounts of low and middle income earners as an incentive to save for their retirement.

These changes are the latest step in the Coalition Government's plan to ensure Australians have the ability to achieve financial security and plan for the future with confidence.

By contrast, Labor has no plan to keep our economy strong and our nation secure.

Hon Judi Moylan MP

Achievements of the Howard Government

Over the past 10 years, the Coalition Government has delivered real benefits for Australian families by keeping our economy strong.

And it is only by continuing to manage Australia's economy in a disciplined way that we can afford to invest in the services we need.

As your local Federal Member of Parliament, I value the feedback I receive

from local residents as it helps me to know which issues to raise in the Federal Parliament in Canberra.

There is more to be done...

While we live in a great part of Australia, there is always more to be done to improve our local area.

Please feel free to contact me on 9294 3222 if you have an issue that I can assist you with.

By continuing to work together, we can secure better facilities and services for our local area.



	Labor	Coalition
Net Government Debt	\$95.8 billion (95/96)	Zero (05/06)
Average Mortgage Rates	12.75%	7.15%
Unemployment Rate	8.2% (Mar 96)	4.9% (Aug 06)
Real Wages Growth	-0.2% (1983-1996)	16.4% (1996-Jun 2006)
Total Exports	\$99 billion (95/96)	\$192 billion (05/06)
Industrial Disputes (days lost per 1,000 employees)	193 (1983-1995)	57 (1996-2006)
Credit Rating	Downgraded twice: AA	Upgraded twice: AAA
Middle Tax Bracket	34% - up to \$38,000	30% - up to \$75,000 (at 1 Jul 06)
Defence Force Funding	\$10.6 billion (95/96)	\$19.6 billion (06/07)
ADF Personnel who are "Combat Ready"	42%	62%
Family assistance payments	\$14 billion (96/97)	\$28 billion (06/07)
Illegal Drugs Seized in a Year	197 kgs (95/96)	2,331 kgs (05/06)
Total Spending on Health	\$20 billion (95/96)	\$47.6 billion (06/07)
Immunisation Rates	52% (0-6 year olds, as at 1995)	90% (12-15 month olds)
Child care Places	306,000 (1996)	600,000 (2005)
Apprentices in Training	154,800 (Mar 96)	403,600 (Mar 06)
Mandatory Literacy Testing for Children	NONE	Yrs 3,5,7,9
Work for the Dole Participants	NONE	471,954 (since 1997)
Participants in \$3 billion Natural Heritage Trust Environment Projects	NONE	800,000
Total Number of Aged Care Places	141,293 (Jun 1997)	215,760
National Respite for Carers Programme	\$19 million (96/97)	\$168.2 million (06/07)

All facts are sourced from official Government documents. In comparing levels of funding and numbers of places, it should be noted that between March 1996 and May 2006, Australia's population increased around 12.5% and CPI increased 27.6%.

For more information, my latest media releases, newsletters and a list of speeches in Parliament, please visit my website www.judimoylan.com.au

Seniors & Veterans

Are you interested in receiving a comprehensive guide detailing information about available Australian

Government assistance programs and useful tips for Veterans or Seniors?

If so, please register your name on our Veterans' Guide or Seniors' Guide mailing lists by calling 9294 3222.

Tired of waiting in queues?



Practical benefits for families

As part of its commitment to assisting all Australians, the Coalition Government is introducing *Electronic Medicare Claiming* in the second half of 2007. No more having to queue during your lunch break. No more having to queue with children.

You have better things to do. With the swipe of your Medicare card and bank card you will be able to claim your rebate in your doctor's practice and have it deposited into your bank account within 24 hours.

When your doctor chooses to bulk bill they can use Electronic Medicare Claiming to make it easier for them to claim from the Government. All you have to do is swipe your Medicare card.

Questions & Answers

What is *Electronic Medicare Claiming*?

Electronic Medicare Claiming will allow you to lodge your Medicare claims and receive Medicare rebates through an EFTPOS device in your doctor's practice. Patients will no longer need to visit a Medicare office to get their rebate.

How does it work?

Following your consultation with the doctor, if you are not bulk billed you can pay your account as you have always done – cash, cheque, credit card or EFTPOS. Then, while you are at the practice:

1. You can swipe your Medicare card and bank card (for the account into which you want the rebate paid).
2. The claim will be sent to Medicare to

be assessed immediately.

3. Following assessment, details will be sent back to the practice.
4. You will be provided with a receipt. The rebate will then be deposited into your account within 24 hours.

Will my privacy be protected?

Yes. *Electronic Medicare Claiming* will protect your privacy. You do not have to tell your doctor your bank account details; they will be transmitted directly to the bank when you swipe your bank card. This also means your doctor does not store your bank details. Information transmitted will be appropriately secured and encrypted.

What if I do not have a bank card?

If you do not have a bank card you can still claim your rebate at a Medicare office.

Can I have my rebate paid into my credit card account?

No. You will need to nominate either a cheque or savings account.

Why EFTPOS?

EFTPOS devices are already available in most doctors' practices and it is expected many doctors will make this available to their patients.

Can I still go to a Medicare office and get cash?

Yes. You can still take your paid or unpaid doctor's account to your Medicare office.



The updated Beverly War Memorial, with thanks to a \$4000 Australian Government grant.

Dedication to upgraded war memorial

Secretary of the Beverley RSL Sub-branch Alan Deverell is pleased that Beverley's local war memorial was recently upgraded.

After \$4000 was awarded to the club through the Government's *Saluting Their Service* scheme, Mr Deverell said Beverley was now home to a war memorial which recognised veterans from all wars including the Boer War, Vietnam, World Wars I and II, Korea, the Colonial period, Peacekeeping missions and the Gulf War.

Member for Pearce Hon Judi Moylan MP attended the official dedication service for the memorial earlier this year, where she laid a wreath in remembrance of those who lost their lives during these wars.

Ms Moylan was pleased to visit Beverley for the memorial dedication service and believes the new memorial looks exceptional.

"Local RSL clubs deserve recognition for the work they do and upgrading Beverley's war memorial is such a worthwhile historical project, which will benefit the local community and visitors alike," Ms Moylan said.

Mr Deverell explained that the original war memorial was built in 1919 and only recognised people who served in World War I. According to Mr Deverell, the old memorial "takes pride of place" at the beginning of a Remembrance Avenue which leads to the new memorial.

The new memorial consists of paving, crests, plaques and flagpoles. Seating has been installed, a memorial wall built and landscaping of the surrounds has been completed.

Since the launch of the *Commemorations Program* in 1997, which includes the *Saluting Their Service* initiative, more than \$10 million in grants has been approved for over 4000 ex-service and community organisations.

More essential services delivered to Boddington

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scheme and commended the collaboration between the community, Shire and partner organisations. "The Australian Government has provided \$113,317 to help establish this important new service for the local community," Ms Moylan said.

"Boddington is a vibrant community and has achieved impressive results. Congratulations to the Shire of Boddington, Boddington Old School management committee, the community and all the organisations involved for their vision."

The Boddington Rural Transaction Centre will be available for meetings,



Trees were planted at the front of the Boddington Old School to signify new beginnings, after Judi Moylan had officially launched Boddington's new Rural Transaction Centre.

venue hire, short-term office space, Work For the Dole programs, Internet access and it will include a tourist information centre.

More than 230 Rural Transaction Centres have

been approved in rural Australia since the program's inception, providing local residents with access to important private and government transaction services.

Beverley RSL Club granted \$4500

Veterans' groups across Pearce play an integral role in the community. The Government greatly appreciates their contribution and regularly assists where it can.

Thanks to a \$4587 *Veteran and Community Grant*, the Beverley RSL Sub-branch now has an operational kitchen. Beverley RSL Secretary Alan Deverell says new benches have been installed and the refurbished kitchen is in excellent condition.

No stranger to the kitchen herself, Member for Pearce Hon Judi Moylan MP greeted the upgraded facility with unconcealed pleasure.

"They say an army marches on its stomach and it stands to reason that ex-servicemen and women should never have to put up with less than the best in the cooking department!"

"But of course these improvements will also benefit the wider community in the Beverley region.

"I admire the outstanding work the RSL branches never cease to perform across Pearce and congratulate the Beverly RSL members on their successful application."



Narrogin resident celebrates 100th birthday

During one of her regular trips to Narrogin, Judi Moylan joined local resident Mr Roy Le Lievre who was celebrating his 100th birthday with family and friends on that day. Ms Moylan was pleased to be invited to celebrate this important occasion with Mr Le Lievre and his family.