

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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New Green Corp Project for York

Both the young people and the environment of York are set to benefit from a new Green Corp project.

The York Restoration and Conservation project will see Green Corp participants partake in on-going community projects at Mt Brown, the Avon River, Grey Street Park and St Ronan's Well.

Federal Member for Pearce, The Hon Judi Moylan MP welcomed the project.

"This is a great opportunity for the young people of Northam to gain invaluable work experience and learn about the natural environment," Mrs Moylan said.

"These young people are among hundreds around Australia who are participating in Green Corps – a programme

which gives young Australians the opportunity to be actively involved in positive environmental work and contributing to the restoration of our cultural, natural and built heritage."

According to Mrs Moylan the participants will have the chance to perform a wide variety of differing tasks.

"The team will perform tasks such as building debris traps to prevent sedimentation, undertaking track construction works, constructing fences, collecting, cleaning and storing seed and removing existing weeds," Mrs Moylan said.

"They will also be involved in the design, construction and installation of interpretive signage and the monitoring of rabbit populations."

The Green Corp programme is currently in its tenth year, with over 18,000 young people having taken part in the initiative.

Mrs Moylan said a lot had been achieved since the project's inception.

"To date Green Corps participants have propagated and planted more than 14 million trees, collected more than 9500 kilograms of native seeds, completed more than 5000 animal or plant surveys, hosted more than 1000 community field days and have erected more than 8000 kilometres of fencing."

Anyone interested in participating in the Green Corp project can contact Greening Australia on 1800 671 078 or Mission Australia on 13 11 24.

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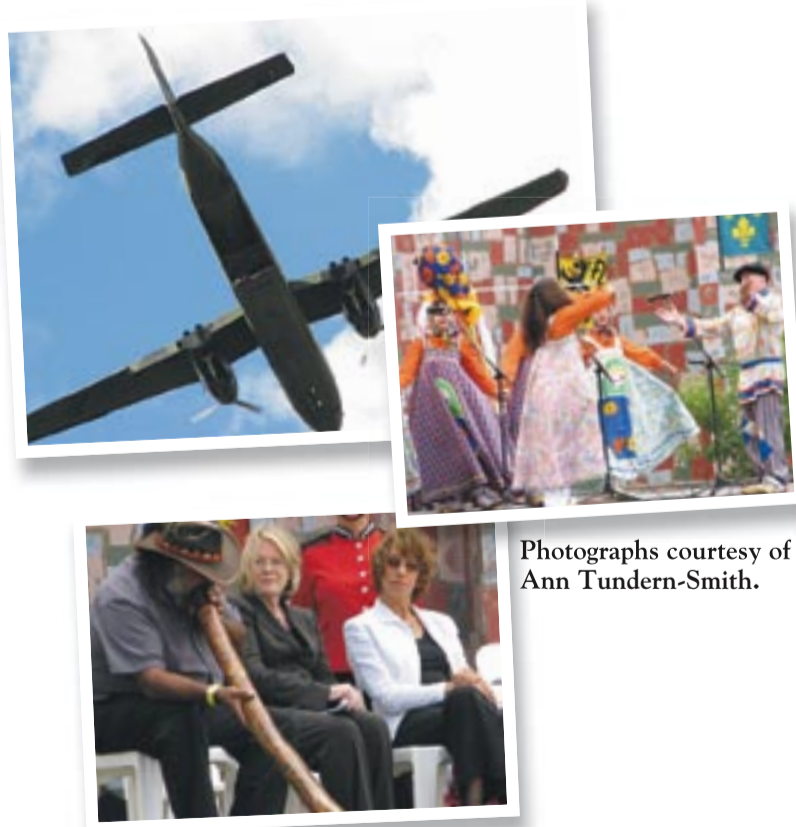
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Northam International Festival

Member for Pearce, Hon Judi Moylan MP, was invited to attend the Northam International Festival last year.

The event was a colourful display by talented performers, including singers, dancers and artists who showcased the many cultural strands of contemporary Australian society.

Scenes of last year's Northam International Festival are pictured.



Photographs courtesy of Ann Tundern-Smith.

West Northam Primary School's Old School Building Officially Opened

West Northam Primary school community had reason to celebrate recently with the reopening of their Old School Building.

The reopening was a huge achievement for many dedicated locals and members of the school community who had all worked together to save the building.

The Federal Member for Pearce, The Hon Judi Moylan MP was invited to officially open the new building.

Mrs Moylan said that all those who worked on the project, particularly Phil Robinson and Mrs Jennifer McAuliffe, should be duly commended.

"It is wonderful that the dedication of local people means that the students of West Northam Primary School now have this wonderful facility to use



Judi Moylan officially opening West Northam Primary School's Old School Building.

for their music and art programme and that this piece of Northam's heritage was saved," Mrs Moylan said.

The Old School Building was originally located on Victoria Oval on Wellington Street and in 2002 the Northam Council ordered the building to be demolished.

The West Northam Primary P & C put in an application with the Council for the demolition funding to be put towards the cost of relocation.

The dismantled building was then stored until further funds could be found.

The project was completed after the school successfully

applied for and received over \$65,000 in Federal Government funding under the *Investing in Our Schools* initiative.

Mrs Moylan said the *Investing in Our Schools* programme was all about school communities working together to let the Australian Government know what they need.

"With the recent additional funding announced for the Programme, the Australian Government's total commitment to the *Investing in Our Schools* initiative amounts to almost \$1.2 billion," Mrs Moylan explained.



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Moylan Initiates Doctor Talks

Federal Member for Pearce, the Hon Judi Moylan MP has orchestrated key talks between the Australian Medical Association and Federal Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, the Hon Kevin Andrews MP.



The Hon Judi Moylan MP with the Federal Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, the Hon Kevin Andrews MP and AMA President Dr Rosanna Capolingua.

During a recent visit to Perth Mr Andrews met with the Executive Director of the AMA(WA), Mr Paul Boyatzis and recently elected National AMA President Dr Rosanna Capolingua to discuss the chronic doctor shortage currently affecting Australia.

Mr Boyatzis said the doctor shortage had 'lowered the bar' amongst some Employment Agents and in particular doctors recruited from overseas, which had the potential to affect the quality of health care received by those living particularly in outer-metropolitan and country areas.

"People have used the shortage to make a quick buck and even some State Health Departments have relaxed their standards on who they are prepared to sponsor into Australia," Mr Boyatzis said.

"Any doctor coming into this country should have achieved the same standard of training as doctors graduating in Australia."

Mr Boyatzis said at the meeting with the Immigration Minister the AMA offered to work with the Government in improving the recruitment process, an offer that the Minister accepted.

"Every Employment Agency who is involved in sponsoring doctors into Australia should meet special registered standards and should have as part of its management team an Australian registered doctor who should be accountable for any doctor sponsored into Australia," Mr Boyatzis explained.

Mrs Moylan said introducing such regulations would ensure quality healthcare for people living in regional and outer metro areas.

Other topics discussed at the meeting included the growing diabetes epidemic.

Mrs Moylan spoke with Mr Boyatzis and Dr Capolingua on ways GPs could be assisted to ensure that people at risk of diabetes were routinely tested and that diabetics had adequate assistance in managing their condition.



Members of the Parliamentary Diabetes Support Group Senator Guy Barnett, the Hon Judi Moylan MP and Dr Mal Washer receive a plaque at the Diabetes Futures Forum from Professor Martin Silink AM, President of the International Diabetes Federation for their support for the UN Resolution on Diabetes.



Federal Minister for Health and Ageing, the Hon Tony Abbott MP was a special guest at the Diabetes Futures Forum.

Diabetes Futures Forum

For too long the issue of diabetes failed to gain the recognition it deserved, that was until last year when the UN General Assembly named November 14 World Diabetes Day.

Along with the naming of World Diabetes Day, the UN called for countries to adopt national policies for the prevention and treatment of the disease.

As a result the Parliamentary Diabetes Support Group, in

conjunction with Diabetes Australia, hosted the Diabetes Futures Forum.

The forum brought together key stakeholders to discuss how to tackle the diabetes epidemic.

Chair of the Parliamentary Diabetes Support Group, the Hon Judi Moylan MP said the ramifications of diabetes needed to be acknowledged.

"Diabetes affects thousands of people and is responsible for a large number of deaths," Mrs Moylan said.

"It is imperative that we educate and raise awareness of the disease and the devastating effects it can have."

Several key recommendations that resulted from the Forum included devising a solution to improve awareness, prevention, detection and management of all types of diabetes, ensuring all people have access to information, education and health services and making society-wide efforts to improve physical environments that will encourage healthier lifestyles.

New Technical College Gives Pearce Students More Choice



Member for Pearce, the Hon Judi Moylan MP with the Minister for Vocational and Further Education, the Hon Andrew Robb AO MP.

The north-east metropolitan area is to be home to Australia's newest Technical College.

The Minister for Vocational and Further Education, the Hon Andrew Robb AO MP said the College's primary campus would be located at the former Midland Railway Workshop with a second campus to be built in Wanneroo.

Member for Pearce, the Hon Judi Moylan MP said the announcement was great news for young people living in Pearce. Mrs Moylan paid tribute to the work of Stuart Henry the Member for Hasluck for the work he has done to ensure that Midland

and the eastern region were successful in their bid for the Australian Technical College campus.

"Young people living in Pearce now have a choice and an incentive to stay in school," Mrs Moylan said.

"These colleges allow Year 11 and 12 students to stay at school and gain their Year 12 certificate, whilst developing a trade and experience in a real workplace environment."

Mrs Moylan said in the past trade qualifications were not given the recognition they deserved.

"Trades people play a crucial role in our community, in the past we have turned away from technical education

training at a secondary level," Mrs Moylan said.

"This new Australian Technical College reinforce the importance of learning a skilled trade."

The new college will work closely with local industries, to ensure that graduate skills match what local employers need.

"Local industry and businesses will have a key role in the operation and governance of the college," Mrs Moylan explained.

"As a result the skills acquired by the students will be directly relevant to the needs of the local industry."

The new college brings the number of Australian Technical Colleges to 28.



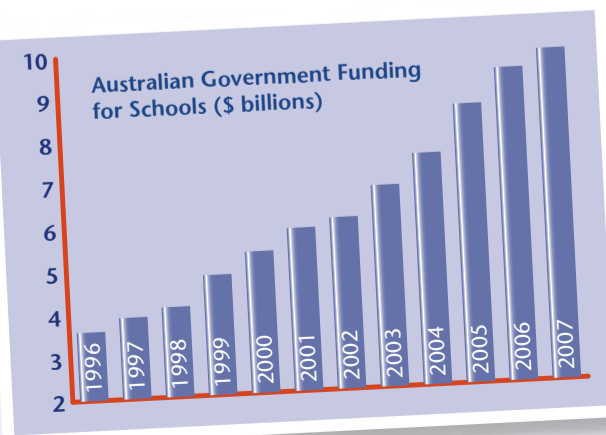
The Minister for Vocational and Further Education, the Hon Andrew Robb AO MP announces the new Australian Technical College as Stuart Henry, the Member for Hasluck looks on.



The Australian Government's Commitment to Education

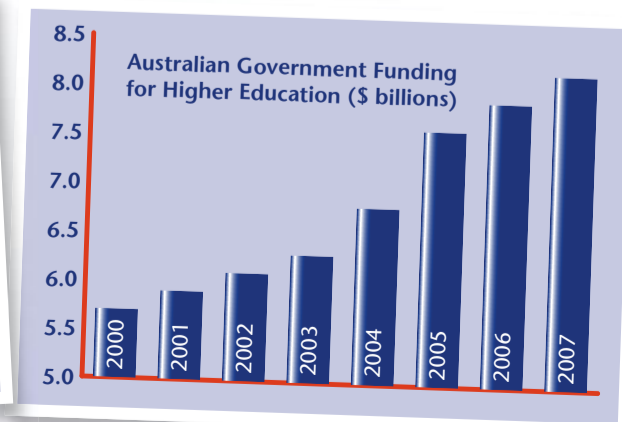
Schools

- The Howard Government has provided record funding to State Government schools in every year since 1996.
- Federal funding provided to State Government for State schools has increased 120% (70% in real terms) since 1996, while enrolments have increased by 1.2% over that time.
- 65% of students are in State Government schools and receive 75% of total taxpayer funding.
- The Australian Government has directly supported schools through the \$1.2 billion Investing in Our Schools Programme.



Higher Education

- Australia's universities have access to record levels of funding and are in stronger financial health than ever before.
- Total revenue to universities this year will be almost \$14 billion, with 56% of total funding provided by the Australian Government.
- Universities currently hold more than \$7 billion in cash and investments.
- Record numbers of Australians are currently studying at university.
- 35% of Australian 19 year olds are in higher education – 7% higher than the OECD average.



Twenty-six Pearce Schools Benefit from National School Chaplaincy Programme

When applications opened for the *National School Chaplaincy Programme* it was met with much support from within the state school sector.

With 1503 applications received, representing 15% of all Australian schools, the desire from schools to provide their students with quality pastoral care to support their well being was palpable.

The Minister for Education Science and Training, the Hon Julie Bishop MP said the response to the first round off funding under the *National School Chaplaincy Programme* was overwhelming.

“This is an important programme assisting schools in providing greater pastoral care and supporting students’

spiritual well being,” Minister Bishop said.

Federal Member for Pearce, the Hon Judi Moylan MP welcomed the announcement.

“I was delighted to see such strong interest in this programme from schools in the Pearce electorate and I was so pleased that so many of them were successful in their application for funding under the *National School Chaplaincy Programme*,” Mrs Moylan said.

“Chaplains play such an important and unique role within the school community by providing pastoral care and support to students.”

When the idea of a programme to encourage state schools to employ fulltime chaplains was put forward last year it received much support from Federal MPs.

The Programme guidelines defined the role of the chaplain as increasing the provision of pastoral care for students, supporting their wellbeing, and their ability to deal with personal issues.

In June of this year the Hon Julie Bishop MP announced that 1,392 schools were to receive grants totalling \$76.8 million under the *National School Chaplaincy Programme*, 26 of those schools were located within the Pearce electorate.

Some of these schools included the Culunga Aboriginal Community School, Mindarie Senior College, East Narrogin Primary School, York District Primary School, Upper Swan Primary School and the York, Toodyay, and Bullsbrook District High Schools.

The majority of the successful Pearce schools would receive \$20,000 in funding every year for the next three years.

Principal of Upper Swan Primary School, Dr Chris Reed was thrilled that his school has received funding.

“We are delighted to have received this funding,” Dr Reed explained.

“It is a good opportunity to further our school’s relationship with our community.”

With the second round of the *National School Chaplaincy Programme* now open Mrs Moylan

is encouraging all schools to apply for funding from the Australian Government.

“Following on from the resounding success of round one, I encourage local schools to apply for up to \$20,000 per year over 3 years, to help them establish chaplaincy services, or enhance existing services,” Mrs Moylan explained.

“Schools who did not apply in the first round can apply for funding now. Schools who were unsuccessful in the first round will be automatically reconsidered in Round Two, and will be provided with advice on how to improve their applications.”

For more information about the National Schools Chaplaincy Programme see the website at: www.dest.gov.au/schools/chaplains

Bonus Payment for Over 17,000 Pearce Residents



Many seniors and carers living in Pearce are celebrating after receiving a bonus from the Australian Government. Eligible people received payments of \$500 or \$1,000.

It was Christmas in July for over 17,000 seniors and carers living within the Pearce Electorate who recently received a bonus from the Australian Government.

As part of an initiative announced in this years Federal Budget, the one-off payment, came as welcome relief to many people.

Federal Member for Pearce, the Hon Judi Moylan MP said the one-off non-taxable bonus payment was delivered at a cost of \$1.7 billion to the Government.

“The one-off payments were to allow more than 200 million senior Australians and carers nationally to directly benefit from the Howard Government’s record budget surplus and continued strong economic management,” Mrs Moylan explained.

“Over 17,000 people living within the Pearce electorate received the one-off payment.”

Any eligible carer or senior yet to receive a payment can contact Judi Moylan’s office on 08 9292 3222.

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.

Funding for community and sporting organisations

Over 60 community and sporting organisations within the Pearce electorate that involve volunteers are set to receive funding under the Federal Government’s *Volunteer Small Equipment Grant* 2007 round of funding.

Member for Pearce, the Hon Judi Moylan MP said she was pleased so many local, grass root organisations would benefit from the *Volunteer Small Equipment Grant* programme.

“These volunteer organisations are the backbone of our community, particularly in rural and regional areas. A large number of vital services simply would not exist without the hard work and dedication of volunteers,” Mrs Moylan said.

“This funding recognises the work of these volunteer organisations, allowing them to purchase equipment to make their work easier, safer and more enjoyable.”

Across Australia over 7,700 community groups will receive a *Volunteer Small Equipment Grant* of up to \$3,000.

In Pearce some of the groups that will receive funding include the Boddington Riding Club, the Australian Breastfeeding Association- Northam Group, the Lancelin Bowling Club, the 1st York Scout Group, the Narrogin Repertory Club, the Mount Helena Playgroup and Community Kindergarten and the Swan Hills Swimming Club.

The *Volunteer Small Equipment Grant* initiative has been operating since 2001, this round the Federal Government introduced a new concept – the VSEG – Sport.

According to Mrs Moylan the new VSEG – Sport was designed to encourage people to become physically active.



Local community organisations that rely on volunteers such as the Brookton St John Ambulance Service can apply for a *Volunteer Small Equipment Grant*.

“With growing concerns about the health of children, we need to place more emphasis on sport and other healthy activities that are not just competitive, but give all children a chance to participate and enjoy the health and social benefits from outdoor activity. Volunteer support for healthy activity and healthy eating programs is imperative if we are to stem the alarming rise in obesity and chronic illness in our community,” Mrs Moylan said.

“Close to \$6 million of this year’s round is dedicated to the new initiative VSEG – Sport, to encourage communities, and particularly youth, to get involved in sport and physical activity.”

VSEG – Sport applicants can purchase sporting equipment, uniforms and training for coaches and referees.