

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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Australia Day Awards

Each year outstanding citizens are recognised by their community through the annual Pearce Australia Day Awards.

The Awards acknowledge people who have made a considerable contribution to their local community or have achieved exceptional results in sporting or cultural endeavours.



Award recipient Dennis Badcock with Kenn Donohoe CEO Shire of Chittering at the Australia Day Awards ceremony.



Swan Valley award recipients with Gary Snook MLA, Judi Moylan and executives from the Shire of Chittering.

This year Federal Member for Pearce, the Hon Judi Moylan MP held a special ceremony to present awards to people from the Pearce Electorate – recipients came from all walks of life and areas.

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After hours GP

Families in Ellenbrook will have better access to after-hours medical care, with a local doctor to receive \$575,000 in funding over the next three years.

Member for Pearce, the Hon Judi Moylan MP recently announced that the Improved Access After Hours GP Clinic and Deputising Service, located in Ellenbrook would receive the subsidy from the Australian Government.

“I am delighted that Ellenbrook families will gain from the Australian Government’s funding for after-hours GP services,” Mrs Moylan said.

The operating subsidy of \$575,000 was funded as part of the 2006-07 round of the *Round the Clock Medicare* initiative.

“The Government’s *Round the Clock Medicare* policy is helping to build and strengthen after-hours care from general practitioners across Australia,” Mrs Moylan said.

Vital Road Works to Continue

The next stage of the Great Northern Highway upgrade will begin before Christmas, according to the Federal Member for Pearce, The Hon Judi Moylan MP.

Mrs Moylan said with only the final sealing needing to be done on the Warbrook Road to Apple Street upgrade of the Great Northern Highway, work on the Apple Street to West Swan Road section will start before Christmas.

“The Australian Government’s record spending under the AusLink programme means that the much needed upgrade of the Great Northern Highway can continue,” Mrs Moylan said. “The \$66 million budgeted for a 21km highway upgrade will ensure the safety of people using the road.”

The Australian Government Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads, Jim Lloyd said people can see the extent of the *Auslink* funding and the



Member for Pearce, the Hon Judi Moylan MP with Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads, the Hon Jim Lloyd MP.

improvements it has funded on the 4.5km stretch of road between Warbrook Road and Apple Street.

“The highway now has fewer crests and gentler bends,” Minister Lloyd said.

“The contractor is completing the last of the landscaping along a road widened to 11 metres.

The road conditions will be monitored before the final seal is applied

early next year, when the base settles.”

Minister Lloyd said the design of the proposed new roadworks had been modified to allow for the future installation of traffic signals at the West Swan Road intersection.

“Another design feature involves a ‘staggered street lighting’ design south of Apple Street. This will ensure the road is fully lit at night,” Mr Lloyd explained.

“Meanwhile a footpath running from Copley Road to Haddrill Road will be reconstructed to improve pedestrian access. The path will be converted to dual use to cater for cyclists, while the surface will be converted to bitumen seal.”

Work has already begun to prepare the road for the upgrade, including the relocation of underground services in the path of the realigned and widened road.



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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 MP 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.



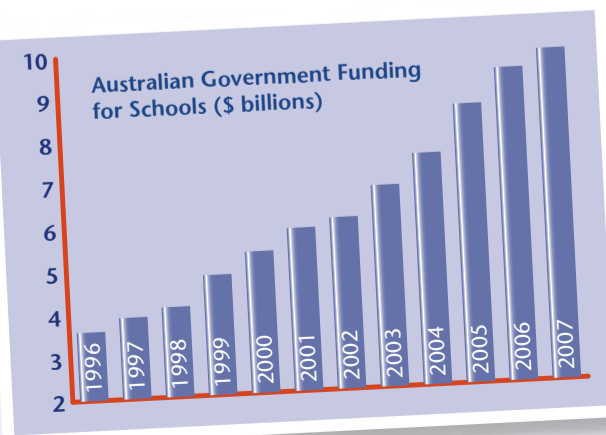
The Minister for Vocational and Further Education, the Hon Andrew Robb AO MP announces the new Australian Technical College as Stuart Henry, the Member for Hasluck looks on.



The Australian Government's Commitment to Education

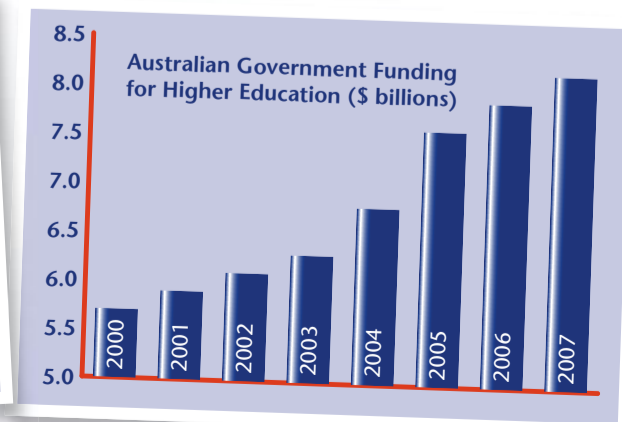
Schools

- 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.