

Judi Moylan MP

Federal Member for Pearce

Working with you, working for you



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Great Eastern Highway upgrade officially opened

Pearce road users are benefiting from the completion of the 13 kilometre duplication of Great Eastern Highway between Sawyers Valley and The Lakes turn-off.

In late September, Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads Hon Jim Lloyd MP and Member for Pearce Hon Judi Moylan MP officially opened the project, towards which the Australian Government provided \$50 million.

Minister Lloyd described the upgrades as one of the West's most challenging

road projects "involving stringent environmental considerations contributing to the design complexity and construction timetable". Ms Moylan commented on the improved access now available to community amenities including shopping, since the improvements were completed.

"I am especially pleased at the level of service the widened highway provides for those visiting nearby hospitals and schools."

Mr Lloyd explained: "The old two-lane highway had a poor road surface, tight bends and a hilly terrain that prevented cars from



Minister Hon Jim Lloyd MP and Judi Moylan MP officially opened the Great Eastern Highway upgrades in Pearce.

overtaking slower-moving vehicles. A straighter four-lane road means safer travelling for heavy interstate and regional freight vehicles, tourists, local business people and private travellers."

Ms Moylan is pleased that Pearce road users are seeing advantages from the Government's strong commitment to upgrading highways and roads.

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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.

Celebrating the benefits of Green Corps at Whiteman Park

Since 1997, the Government's Green Corps program has provided 17 to 21-year olds with the opportunity to participate in a six-month project which offers them work experience, personal development, communication and social skills and accredited training.

Hon Judi Moylan MP, the Federal Member for Pearce, is regularly asked to launch Green Corps programs and attend participants' graduations.

Earlier this year she was invited to Whiteman Park where she met with two Green Corps teams and their enthusiastic leaders. She assisted in the launch of one of the latest Whiteman Park teams. Ms Moylan stated



that she found the positive attitudes of the young people involved deeply impressive.

"The Green Corps volunteer program is working effectively and undeniably the Government decision to initiate the scheme nine years ago has been spectacularly vindicated."

Between 1997 and 2006, more than 15,000 young

Australians have benefited from the program.

"Green Corps is enabling young people to acquire precious skills and life experiences which will vastly enhance their employment opportunities," observed Ms Moylan.

To date the achievements of Green Corps volunteers include -

- planting more than



Judi Moylan meets with participants, team leaders and Greening Australia and Whiteman Park representatives at the launch.

13 million trees;

- erecting over 7000 kilometres of fencing;

- removing 37,000 hectares of weeds;

- collecting more than 9000 kilograms of

seeds; and

- building or maintaining 5000 kilometres of walking tracks or boardwalks.

For further information call 1800 077 700 or visit www.greencorps.gov.au



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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.

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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%.

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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.

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Pupils Jack Fahey-Gilmour and Brodie Conlan fly the school's new Australian flag, which Judi Moylan presented.

Flag presentation at local school

The Commonwealth Government initiative known as *Flags For Schools* is providing and setting up new flagpoles in schools across the country.

A recent beneficiary was the primary section of Bullsbrook District High School, to which Member for Pearce Hon Judi Moylan MP was invited earlier this year to present a flag so that the new flagpole might be put to work.

At the flagpole dedication and flag-raising ceremony, Ms Moylan outlined the origin of our national flag.

"In 1901, Australia became a Federation. A competition was held to design a flag. A boy not much older than some of you produced the winning design, which signified the blue of our oceans, the Union Jack, which represents our ties with England, the Southern Cross and the Commonwealth Star or Star of Federation," she said.

After the ceremony Ms Moylan took the opportunity for a general discussion of current Federal issues including health and education with Bullsbrook High School Principal Elizabeth Guilbert and Principal (Primary) Gail Hiilinen.

Moylan opens \$1.6 million facilities at Ellenbrook Christian College

With energetic staff and an enthusiastic school community, Ellenbrook Christian College is going places in a hurry. The school, which opened in 2001, has recently seen its facilities expanded to the tune of \$1.6 million worth of first class building improvements funded handsomely by the Commonwealth but substantially also by the faith, hard work and confidence of its tireless supporters.

As Principal Greg Wells puts it "This College has a unique vibrancy" and who can deny it? Certainly not the Member for Pearce Hon Judi Moylan MP who, in formally opening the new buildings - H and I blocks - in August declared:

"These new buildings reflect a real sense of community. They are doors to opportunity and quality schooling."

"In awarding \$475,000 through the *Capital Grants* program towards



Judi Moylan presents Principal Greg Wells with a certificate in recognition of the official opening of H and I blocks at the College.

the Ellenbrook Christian College building project, the Howard Government has given further expression to its longstanding commitment to excellence in education for all Australian students."

However Ms Moylan reserved her highest praise for the dedicated fundraising efforts of the Ellenbrook School community itself, which, through prodigious effort and with the aid of a low-interest loan from the State Government, secured another \$1.2 million thus

enabling the project to proceed.

The dedication ceremony included speeches and a delightful performance by the school choir of several iconic Australian songs.

Ms Moylan thanked the Minister for Education, Science and Training, Hon Julie Bishop MP, for the opportunity to attend this important event on behalf of the Australian Government.

Bullsbrook school leaver awarded national prize



Judi Moylan presented Daniel Bennett of Bullsbrook with his Australian Students Prize.

Daniel Bennett of Bullsbrook is one of many 2005 school leavers who are taking this year off in preparation for full-time study in 2007. What sets him apart however, is the fact he was one of a select few awarded with an Australian Students Prize recently.

Member for Pearce Hon Judi Moylan MP stated that only 500 prizes are presented nationally each year and said she was delighted to present Daniel with his certificate at her Greenmount office in August. Ms Moylan explained that each prize consists of a certificate and \$2000 cash and was awarded in recognition of outstanding academic achievement.

Daniel informed Ms Moylan that he was currently working at a piggery at Gingin, before commencing studies in a combined Undergraduate Degree at a Perth university next year.

Katherine Dellar of Glen Forrest was also an award recipient, although she was unable to attend the presentation ceremony.