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Judi Moylan Gets Active with Narrogin School Children

Narrogin school children are getting fit and healthy thanks to the hard work and dedication of teachers and the Australian Sports Commission's Active After-school Communities programme.



Judi Moylan enjoys a healthy afternoon tea with East Narrogin Primary School students and their deputy principal Mr Russell Newbound.

Member for Pearce, The Hon Judi Moylan MP was impressed when she paid a visit to East Narrogin and Narrogin Primary Schools in June.

Mrs Moylan joined students participating in the Active After-school Communities programme and was thrilled with the involvement from both students and teachers.

The Australian Sports Commission's Active After-school Communities programme was established in 2005 to deliver fun, structured physical activity to schools across the country.

The free initiative that is operated by regional coordinators incorporates over eighty traditional and non-traditional physical activities.

At East Narrogin Primary School, Mrs Moylan participated in an AASC session before presenting the deputy principal of East Narrogin, Mr Russell Newbound with a framed certificate to commemorate the school's involvement in the program.

"Mr Newbound's commitment to the program and to the students of East Narrogin was very impressive," Mrs Moylan said.

"I was pleased to see so many children taking part in the activities and that the school canteen provided the students with such a healthy afternoon tea."



Judi Moylan with Narrogin Primary School students and Narrogin deputy principal Mrs Jenny Carter.

Mrs Moylan, who is chair of the Parliamentary Diabetes Support Group, said it is important that children are taught the benefits of a healthy lifestyle.

"We are seeing an increasing number of children being diagnosed with type 1 and type 2 diabetes, which is very alarming," Mrs Moylan said.

"It is imperative for our future health that we encourage children to be active and choose healthy foods."

The Australian Government recently announced that they intended to continue the programme through until 2010, a plan Mrs Moylan wholeheartedly supported.

"It is a fantastic example of the Australian Government's commitment to the health and well being of our children."

Farmers demonstrate environmental and water management techniques to local member.

Narrogin farmers Lex and Diana Hardie recently demonstrated the benefits of best practice farm management to their Federal member the Hon Judi Moylan MP.

Visiting the farm, Judi Moylan saw first hand the benefits of conservation work, improving the quality and productivity of land and conserving water.

Decades of clearing, has reduced the capacity of the land to use the natural barriers that were once there to reduce the sub surface water. Eventually parts of the land become waterlogged making it unusable and prone to rising salt. If left to its own devices the salt eventually encroaches on larger areas of land and makes its way into fresh water sources making it brackish and or saline.

Twenty eight years ago, the Hardies began to use interceptor banks to drain excess water from waterlogged paddocks and direct it back into natural winter streams and into dams strategically placed to maximise the capture of water.

The design concept has developed from the pioneering work of the late Harry Whittington and the Wisalt System.

This early banking work has paid dividends, as paddocks with areas formerly waterlogged and with a high risk of becoming saline were now able to produce healthy pasture and crops. The redirected seepage water is helping to fill the dams in the dryer seasons.

Mrs Moylan said it is an ingenious system and demonstrates the attention many farmers now place on best practice land management.

"The work the Hardie family has carried out provides a useful model for Australian farmland with soil of similar clay composition," Mrs Moylan said.

"They have taken a scientific approach to land and water management, carefully documenting over two decades of work."

To further enhance the quality of the land, the Hardies have planted buffers of native trees which bring the birds and honey bees as well as improve the quality of the soil.

These heavily planted areas provide important buffers and can further assist in reducing the water table and the rise of salt to the surface of the land.

In future, as a carbon trading scheme gets under way, these areas may well pay dividends



The Hardies use interceptor banks to drain excess water from waterlogged paddocks and direct it back into natural winter streams and dams.

as companies look for avenues to offset carbon emissions.

Mrs. Moylan said these types of farming practices benefited both the farmer and the environment.

"We have invited the Minister for Environment the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP to visit and see this work first hand, but in the meantime I wanted to be able to provide a report to him as this could be a useful model for farms around the drought stricken nation" Mrs Moylan said.

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Judi Moylan officially opened the Boddington Centrelink Agency in April this year.

New Centrelink Agency Benefits Local People

Centrelink offices now have a broader role in the community and apart from, providing income support to single parents, people with disabilities, the unemployed and carers, the centres offer a broad range of services with particular emphasis on improving access to service in country areas.

In April this year the Member for Pearce, the Hon Judi Moylan MP officially launched a new Centrelink Agent in Boddington.

Mrs Moylan said having an agency in Boddington meant that local people don't have to travel far for Centrelink services

"The Boddington Agency provides people with access to a telephone that is linked to the Centrelink Call Centre and the Internet, as well as a fax machine and photocopier," Mrs Moylan said.

The agency also carries a range of Centrelink forms and brochures.

The Boddington Centrelink is located at the Boddington Old School, 61 Bannister Road in Boddington and is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 2pm.



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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.



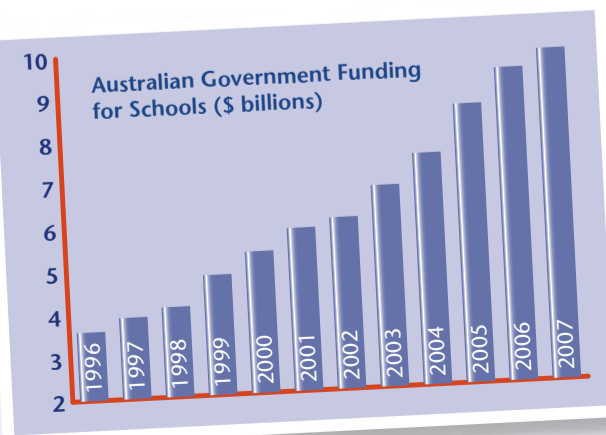
The Minister for Vocational and Further Education, the Hon Andrew Robb AO MP announces the new Australian Technical College as Stuart Henry, the Member for Hasluck looks on.



The Australian Government's Commitment to Education

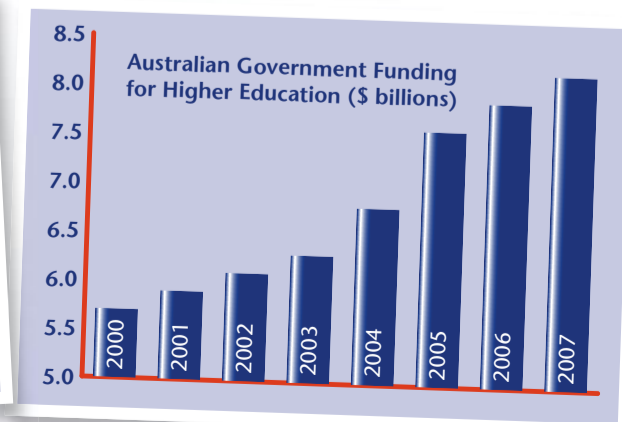
Schools

- 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.