

MEDIA STATEMENT



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Bunbury Mayor welcomes State Budget announcements

Initiatives announced in the State Government Budget will bring widespread economic benefits for the Bunbury community, according to Mayor Gary Brennan.

Mr Brennan said the \$25 million for the first stage of the Bunbury Waterfront project, including more than \$8 million for the reconstruction of the Dolphin Discovery Centre and another \$4 million to the Department of Parks and Wildlife headquarters at Koombana, would generate jobs and additional cash flow in the local economy.

Mr Brennan acknowledged the drive and vision of Bunbury MLA John Castrilli and the Bunbury Marine Facilities Steering Committee, supported by the South West Development Commission, to achieve the funding for Stage 1 of the Bunbury Waterfront development.

"These projects, combined with the City's intent to reconstruct part of Koombana Drive that will include dedicated pedestrian and cycling lanes, will see a continuous range of construction activity over the next two to three years," Mr Brennan said.

"These projects will generate hundreds of direct and indirect jobs during construction and beyond. With proximity to our city centre, the cash flow will further add to the vitality of our CBD.

"These initiatives will add to the significant number of projects the City already has underway and it points to a bright future for Bunbury."

Mr Brennan said he also looked forward to the details of the State Government's \$15 million methamphetamine support package.

He recently met with two mothers who are the driving force behind a Bunbury campaign to help parents cope with children who are already using meth.

"I support the view that parents have the most important role in reducing the use of this insidious drug," Mr Brennan said.

He also welcomed funding to complete Bunbury-based regional projects, including construction of the Emergency Rescue Helicopter base and new Career Fire Station.

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