

**SUPPLY BILL 2021**

*Second Reading*

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**MS S.E. WINTON (Wanneroo — Parliamentary Secretary)** [10.12 am]: Mr Deputy Speaker, it is nice to have you in the chair again to listen to me conclude my contribution to the Supply Bill 2021. I will not stand for much longer.

Yesterday, I focused on the area of education and the significant investment that is coming to my local schools in the electorate of Wanneroo. I want to spend the few minutes that I have this morning to touch briefly on the infrastructure that has been delivered and is being delivered in the northern suburbs, and particularly in Wanneroo, and how that impacts on the residents in my electorate. Of course we hear a lot about Metronet. Metronet is truly transformational. We will have 72 kilometres of new passenger rail built and up to 18 new stations. That is quite phenomenal. As one of the largest single investments in public transport that this city has seen, Metronet will help positively change how people in Perth live and travel. It will come all the way up to Yanchep.

The point that I want to focus on right now is the big announcement that was made during the election campaign about making public transport in Western Australia more affordable. The election commitment that was made by the Minister for Transport was to reduce the cost of public transport in the suburbs. That has been missed a little bit. We were very excited when we rolled that out and people realised the significant difference that will make to the affordability of public transport, particularly for those who live in the outer suburbs. The announcement referred to capping fares for all metropolitan train and bus journeys at the cost of a two-zone ticket for a standard trip. This will be a true game changer for people in the northern suburbs who have to use public transport every day to get to work. The SmartRider ticketing system will also receive a \$24 million upgrade to enable passengers to choose to pay by credit or debit card, or smartphone. Under the plan, the maximum price passengers will pay will be \$4.90 if paying by cash, \$4.40 if using a standard SmartRider, and \$3.90 if using the SmartRider autoloan feature. If travelling on a concession—I have a daughter who travels to university every day—the cost will be \$2.10 if paying by cash, and \$1.68 for a SmartRider autoloan. That program is due to start in January next year. As I said, this will bring equity to public transport for the people in my electorate who need it the most. The infrastructure investment that the McGowan Labor government will put into public transport is transformational and very important, because it will make public transport affordable and accessible to the general public.

I also want to touch on the Mitchell Freeway extension. I was pleased that the Minister for Transport accepted my grievance this morning. That \$230 million project will extend the freeway north from Hester Avenue to Romeo Road. It is anticipated to create more than 1 200 local jobs. The project is on track to be completed by 2023. Very importantly, it is fantastic that as part of those works we will see the dualling of Wanneroo Road south and north of Romeo Road. That will effectively mean that Wanneroo Road will be dualled all the way to Carabooda. It is quite extraordinary that that is going to happen. I grew up in Yanchep, and I remember going to Wanneroo High School when Wanneroo Road was a single lane and very bumpy and winding road. To think that in a few short years we will see the dualling of Wanneroo Road all the way to Carabooda is quite mind blowing to me, having lived in that area for a very long time. The fact that the freeway will now be extended to Romeo Road will be quite transformational.

When I graduated from high school, I decided to attend Murdoch University to do my teaching degree. Of course I would choose the closest university to Yanchep—not! In those days, when I would travel in my little Ford Escort to uni every day, the northern-most point of the freeway was Main Street in Osborne Park. I have that conversation with my daughters sometimes as I try to explain the infrastructure that is coming to the northern suburbs and the rail line all the way to Yanchep, and they do not quite understand the significance of this change for people in the northern suburbs of Wanneroo, Butler and Burns Beach. It is an exciting time for the northern suburbs. I am very, very proud to be part of a McGowan Labor government that has in the past four years—and will in this term and into the future—demonstrated clearly its commitment to the people in the northern suburbs.

**MS K.E. GIDDENS (Bateman)** [10.18 am]: I rise today to contribute to the debate on the Supply Bill 2021. In my inaugural speech three weeks ago, I talked about the economy being in the service of the people. The McGowan Labor government's commitments and priorities well and truly reflect this value. As well as protecting Western Australians in what is one of the safest communities in the world during this COVID-19 pandemic, the McGowan government has also responded with a \$5.5 billion WA Recovery Plan. This plan focuses on three key areas: economy and industry; community; and, of course, jobs-creating infrastructure. The WA Recovery Plan has helped drive social and economic recovery across Western Australia. In fact, we now have not only the strongest economy in Australia, but one of the strongest in the world. Due to this, the McGowan Labor government is able to commit to significant investment into this state. Some examples of that include the fully funded \$1.8 billion women's and babies' hospital, the construction of which will generate more than 1 400 jobs. The women's and babies' hospital is something that I, in particular, hold very dear to my heart because my sister experienced preterm

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labour when she had all her children and lost her first baby to preterm labour. I know that Western Australia is leading the research in this area, so infrastructure and facilities like this will help to support outcomes for women and babies in Western Australia. It is very exciting.

In addition, we have record spending in mental health. We heard about some of the challenges in this space this morning. It is a very important area and, of course, \$120 million will be going directly in to support youth and increase mental health services for young people. There will be an 1 100 additional police officers, one of the largest injections of police numbers ever in this state, certainly in recent history. Importantly, as well, we have a plan to create jobs and to diversify our economy, particularly in green jobs.

We have heard a lot about infrastructure this morning. The Minister for Transport has been very busy on her feet, describing all the great projects that are happening across Western Australia. Bateman is no different from any other electorate and will benefit from this record infrastructure spend. For example, in addition to the \$370 million that has already been invested by the McGowan Labor government in cycling and trail infrastructure, my community in Bateman will benefit from a number of improvements to cycle pathways. This includes improvements to the principal shared path on the Kwinana Freeway between Mt Henry Bridge and Leach Highway, and the Murdoch Drive connection, which, of course, is just outside my electorate but which people in my electorate will access and benefit from. Just this morning I was driving down the freeway with my husband in the car. He is a keen cyclist, a pursuit that is shared by many people in Bateman—not by myself. I will pass on the lycra, nonetheless it is very popular. He commented on the section that is currently under construction. I see progress every morning, Minister for Transport; it is very exciting to watch.

**Ms R. Saffioti:** It's a big project.

**Ms K.E. GIDDENS:** It is huge. He was very excited. This morning he described to me how he used to have to go down the back streets and then try to cross a particularly busy intersection. He is very excited about the new cycleway because, of course, his ride to work, as well as that of others who use that path, will be safer. That section is a very important part of that pathway. I think there is now 74 kilometres of cycling infrastructure all the way from Mandurah—if you are that fit—to the city. That is a very important piece of infrastructure.

Of course, I was driving on the freeway this morning, and we now have a smart freeway. That has been very important in decreasing the travel time on what were at times very congested areas of the freeway. We say that it is a smart freeway going into the city and a dumb freeway coming out. We hope to have smart freeways all the way. I note the extension of the smart freeway technology into the northern suburbs, which is great for people in that region, but we in the southern suburbs are certainly benefiting from the smart freeway. We are yet to see how that goes coming out of the city, but we are certainly grateful for the commute into the city. They are some of the infrastructure projects that benefit Bateman.

I will now turn to some local commitments, which gives me a great opportunity to talk about not only those commitments, but also the way in which the government is supporting the people of Bateman and the great work that people are already doing. New to the job, as I am, I do not think that I will ever get tired of learning about the people, organisations and groups who support our communities. It is almost endless. Every day I learn about somebody new and the efforts that they are putting into our community. I take my hat off to each and every one of them.

I would like to start with schools. As a former teacher, education is very important to me, and, of course, it is very important to the McGowan Labor government. When I visited Ardross Primary School, I was blown away by the energy in that school, led by principal Sue Mikkelsen-Taylor. That school has a whole-of-school focus on sustainability and has a range of projects underway. Its native gardens are magnificent and the kids get involved. The McGowan Labor government has committed \$80 000 to support that school's work in the area of sustainability. It will use that money to upgrade to more energy-efficient lighting, to reduce ongoing running costs, and on other projects that support its whole-of-school approach.

A much larger commitment of \$1.5 million has been given to Applecross Senior High School, whose principal is Paul Leech, for a new STEM classroom. That is a very exciting commitment. When I visited the school for its Anzac Day ceremony, the people there were particularly excited about that. I met some of the Applecross Senior High School students when they were at the Synergy solar challenge, so they are already well and truly involved in STEM. They love it and this commitment will really increase Applecross Senior High School's capacity to deliver for its students.

A much smaller commitment of \$17 000 has been given to the Bateman Winthrop Scout Group, which is very active in our community. I joined with them in collecting litter. It is a very active group in the local area, led by barra scout leader Glenn Elliott. Glenn not only brings a huge amount of energy to the scout group, but also is involved in the Bateman Primary School and leads the Fathering Project there. That commitment of \$17 000 will enable the Bateman Winthrop Scout Group to buy some canoes, which means they will be able to access the river and engage

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in water safety activities, enhancing their capacity to engage their members and perhaps get even more families involved in what is a great active group.

President of the Blue Gum Park Tennis Club, Colin Lorrimar, approached me during the election campaign and said that I needed to come down and meet its club members. From the moment I met with them, the passion that they bring to that part of the community became really clear. It is a very large club; in fact, I think they are the largest in the southern metropolitan area. A \$60 000 commitment from the government will assist them to build a spectator stand and shade structure. Particularly during our hot summers that will be really important. A lot of grandparents come down to support their grandkids, and there are, obviously, parents, juniors and people of all ages at the club. It is truly representative of all the people in our community. To have a safe and enjoyable facility will really improve what Blue Gum Park Tennis Club is able to offer. I commend the club for that and will work with them. The project will cost more than \$60 000 and the funding from the McGowan Labor government will fund only part of that project, so I will work with the club and the community on that so they can get that project underway.

Kardinya Bowling Club was the first club that I had the pleasure of going to after I was elected as the member for Bateman. I was also engaged with that club throughout the campaign. It might not come as a surprise that I am not a bowler, but the moment I walked into that club, I was—I was going to say bowled over; I am going to say it—bowled over by their passion. It is truly an inclusive club. The volunteers at that club are led by president Steve Back. He is not to be confused with another Steve at the club who manages the bar and who manages a lot more than that. Steve puts the equivalent of a full-time job every week—more than 40 hours—into that club, and he does it entirely as a volunteer. Volunteers make a significant contribution to the Kardinya community and, in fact, to the broader community. Kardinya Bowling Club is very proud of its commitment to the BowlAbility program, a statewide program that enables people with disabilities to engage in bowls. As members can imagine, additional infrastructure is required to support that program, with ramps and universal access. Kardinya Bowling Club is extremely committed to that program. I am very, very proud, as part of the McGowan Labor government, to be able to commit to them \$121 000. This funding will enable the club to fully fund the replacement of its shade sails. That will increase the safety and comfort of players. I would like to congratulate Kardinya Bowling Club for its contribution to being a truly inclusive club.

I used to play netball—I probably should go bowling! Kardinya Netball Club is a fantastic little community club. The member for Willagee is familiar with that club because, of course, it used to be in his patch. He supported the club very well. It operates out of a shipping container, where they store all their equipment, which was a commitment by the member for Willagee. I do not mind saying that the club's courts are pretty average—they are bitumen—and the posts are pretty average. An \$80 000 commitment from the McGowan Labor government will enable this great club, which has gotten by with very little support, to fully resurface the courts to a modern and safe playing standard. I am very pleased to be able to do that.

Bowling clubs seem to be a theme, and Mt Pleasant Bowling Club is no stranger to the commitment of \$100 000 by the McGowan Labor government. This is a pretty big investment because it will support the movement of the not-for-profit aged-care provider Melville Cares to become an anchor tenant, so to speak, in that facility. The bowling club is looking to create a more accessible club that caters to a wider range of people. That is going to underpin the financial viability of the club and really create a community space. That \$100 000 will go towards the total project cost. I should say that \$330 000 has been committed by the City of Melville and \$100 000 by the McGowan Labor government. It will create a really great upgrade there, with universal access and a state-of-the-art facility.

Murdoch University Melville Football Club is a huge club in our area. It is run by many very passionate volunteers. The club is no stranger to my family, with a son who plays there—in fact, two sons now. Thanks, there goes my weekends! They love it. Saturdays and Sundays—I mean, seriously! No sleep-ins for us. Anyway, \$50 000 will go to the club. That will enable it to relocate some storage facilities down onto a new pitch so people do not have to lug everything for quite a large distance. That will go towards enabling the club to expand and to meet demand. It has a huge number of members and participants, right from the junior level to top-level seniors. That is a very exciting commitment.

I now move to Palmyra Rugby Club. My husband started playing for the “Pally” Pigs—don't ask! The sum of \$10 000 will go to that club to purchase two custom-made spectator marquees. Being a winter sport, I am sure that that will be appreciated by spectators. I can probably include myself if I ever get down to stand in the cold and rain to watch him play!

The McGowan Labor government and the City of Melville shared a commitment to support a fenced dog park at Piney Lakes. After quite a lot of consultation by the City of Melville, this dog park will go in an area of Piney Lakes. It was extremely popular. This is a very well supported project. I am very excited to bring this to the people of Winthrop. They will enjoy that, and I know that Winston will enjoy that! I may even invite the member for Bicton to cross boundaries and bring Archie for a play when we get that delivered. They would be very welcome.

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I now turn to the South of Perth Yacht Club. It is probably unusual for members of a Labor government to make commitments to yacht clubs. I have to say that we committed to a very worthy project at that yacht club. The sum of \$80 000 will support the purchase of a new rescue boat, which in turn will be used for the club's sailability program. Over 70 volunteers turn up regularly, every Wednesday. I am not sure that 70 turn up every Wednesday, but 70 people regularly volunteer, and every Wednesday this program delivers to people with disabilities from across the entire metro area. The volunteers get them out onto boats. They use all sorts of mechanisms to do that. They might put a beanbag on the deck of the boat. Boats and equipment have been customised so that people with a whole range of disabilities can get out there and enjoy being on our river and all the beautiful amenity that that brings. That is very well deserved. I absolutely stand by that commitment. I look forward to the club getting that new boat.

[Member's time extended.]

**Ms K.E. GIDDENS:** I will return to netball, specifically Tingara Netball Club, which will receive \$100 000. Brentwood Primary School will benefit significantly from this also. All the netball clubs in our southern area struggle for netball courts. They struggle for enough access to courts—netball being a very popular sport. Tingara Netball Club has a shared-use agreement with Brentwood Primary School to use its courts for training. The courts are situated under some beautiful trees but these beautiful trees drop leaves and nuts, and that becomes a little unsafe. In wet weather, the courts are not able to be safely used by players. The sum of \$100 000 will be used to upgrade that playing surface so that the courts are safe in all weather conditions, and, of course, the primary school students there will absolutely love those new playing courts during recesses and lunches. They will enjoy that very much.

One of the most exciting commitments made was \$200 000 to Tompkins Park to install a nature playground in that area. I am really looking forward to working with the community, particularly young people, to develop ideas and to see what their vision is for this space. It is used by lots of sports, so families will be able to come and play rugby and cricket, and their children will be able to safely enjoy that area. We know that parks create lots of value for communities. If there is a good park, families will come from across the region to enjoy that space. Tompkins Park, being on the foreshore, is an absolutely stunning space. It is a great community asset. It is a community asset that was protected by the McGowan Labor government. In fact, in the last term, Minister Wyatt protected that space by not allowing an area of crown land to be used for the wave park proposal. In doing so, that has protected that space for community use and community amenity into the future. The Tompkins Park nature playground will be an asset to that space. I look forward to that being delivered.

Last, but not least, I refer to Windelya Sports Association. This passionate group is based in the Morris Buzacott Reserve area in Kardinya. It has multiple sports. Led by president Andrew Ogden, the association has recently worked very, very hard to deliver a new clubhouse area. That was a big upgrade. The member for Willagee might know how much it spent, but it was more than a million dollars anyway. The value it got for that was incredible. A small commitment of \$20 000 will enable it to do a proper fit-out and to get the furniture that is needed, particularly the outdoor furniture, so it can use those beautiful new facilities comfortably.

I would like to return to the fact that it has been a real pleasure and a joy as the newly elected member for Bateman to get out into our community and to support these groups, and to learn more and more, as I do every week, about the level of commitment that is made by people in our community. Again, I would like to thank them for it. I am particularly proud as a member of the McGowan Labor government to be able to support some of these groups and, of course, work with all others to deliver. I would like to commend the Supply Bill 2021.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The member for Riverton—Southern River, sorry.

**MR T.J. HEALY (Southern River — Parliamentary Secretary)** [10.39 am]: Deputy Speaker, I have been a member of the Riverton Scout Group for 30 years, but I do represent Southern River.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Indeed, you do.

**Mr T.J. HEALY:** Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker. I rise to also make a contribution to and comment on the Supply Bill 2021. I will talk about all the past, current and planned projects that are happening in our community, all underpinned, of course, by this government's fantastic achievement of committing to local jobs. We have committed to local jobs for more projects now than were done before so that your family and my family get the work, apprenticeships and training out of government projects, the funds and the work stays here in WA, and we all get a chance to share in that.

The first thing I would like to talk to members about is a petition that I handed in yesterday to the Parliament, as members will be aware, on our commitment to remove speed bumps and build new chicanes in Huntingdale. Members will be aware that at the last election, we made a commitment to remove all the speed bumps from Gay Street in Huntingdale. We delivered on that commitment, successfully removing those speed bumps and creating chicanes on Gay Street. After community feedback on that pilot program, we then made a commitment at this election of \$475 000 to remove all the speed bumps and build chicanes on Harpenden Street in Huntingdale, and we have now

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begun that process as well. Of course, none of us in this chamber would ever speed or do things inappropriately. We all do the right thing. In my community, we found that although we members slow down for speed bumps, the idiots do not. If speed bumps are not slowing down vehicles, what is their purpose? After a lot of community consultation, we found that chicanes were a much better way to ensure that every family gets to be safe and secure in their car or other vehicle.

We have now met with the council and we have begun the process. Last time, after the 2017 election, it took us about 18 months to design the new chicanes, consult with the community and then build. We have announced that time line. I have now met with the council CEO and discussed how we are going to implement that. We are now consulting in the community, and I encourage members of the community to reach out to [terry.healy@mp.wa.gov.au](mailto:terry.healy@mp.wa.gov.au) and let me know their thoughts about the location of these chicanes. The community needs to engage with us. We will be writing to people and holding community forums, and I will still be doorknocking through the area and talking to people, but, please, do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are hoping to have some of those initial concepts and plans available soon, and we will certainly make those available to people.

Much has been said about the multimillion-dollar youth plaza that Mark McGowan and I made a promise to build at Sutherlands Park. Our area has wonderful toddler parks. We are delivering on building and growing the infrastructure that our outer suburbs need, but one thing that is lacking is a facility that services the older youth in our community. After extensive consultation, this government made a commitment to contribute \$2 million towards that youth plaza. A youth plaza is more than just a skate park or a facility. We have decided on a location at Sutherlands Park. The best location is on the corner of Holmes Street and Southern River Road, which will allow us to keep the oval space and really build a great development right alongside and adjacent to the new shopping centres and the growing part of that area.

The youth plaza was originally modelled on the concept of a youth plaza in Fremantle; however, since then, after a lot of consultation—I was down at Margaret River youth plaza recently—we have modelled it a lot on the Scarborough Beach youth plaza. Basically, we are looking to build a very substantial toddler park as part of the development. We are looking to build a skate park that does not have a deep bowl. After a lot of community consultation that has been done so far in the first phase of this development, we have found that the majority of residents are not after a deep bowl but want something that is more like long stretches for people to utilise and engage in. It will be a place that is out in the open alongside our shopping centres. Some of our other skate parks are fantastic but there is a perception that they are not the safest places and lack security because of poor lighting and bad positioning.

By placing this park near main roads—of course, with fences for safety, but within the public view—we will create a safe area. There will be a very nice toddler park there as well so that dads like me, when I am there with my two-year-old and four-year-old, will actually help to create passive surveillance of the area. We are creating an active area with playgrounds that teens can utilise so that they can be active and social and not necessarily hanging out in shopping centres or areas where some of the community feel they should not be. We are also looking to build a half basketball court as part of the development there. Again, we really appreciate that members of the community reached out to us and told us what they would like to be designed and built.

Like I said, the election was fairly clear. People elected us to do it and we are delivering it. We have met with the council; we have sat down and begun a process. A working party will meet every couple of months with me and the chief executive officer to talk about all the milestones, designs and builds. The next phase of the design has been completed. We will go to Caladenia Primary School and a couple of other schools this week and we will go to all the primary schools to talk with families, students and young people about what they would like to be designed. People can go to my website, [terryhealy.com.au](http://terryhealy.com.au), and fill out the youth plaza consultation survey there, or they can email my office and let us know what they would like, and we will keep people involved and informed as we progress through this development.

We also made a commitment of \$100 000 towards the Yangtze Avenue playground development, which is in Southern River. It is an area that has some very small homes—smaller lot sizes, I should say—and a very large, barren park was built there. In 2018, I campaigned and presented a petition to the council to upgrade that park. Unfortunately, the council was not able to find the funds to do that. Very controversially, I suggested that some of the councillors could give up their travel allowances for the year to find the funds. That was not met with much positivity from the councillors. But, at the most recent election, we made a commitment of \$100 000 towards building a new park there. The consultation that we have done so far in this initial phase has meant that \$50 000 will be allocated towards a soft-play playground with kids' swings and slides, and we are hoping to have some designs available soon. That is probably one of the first projects that we are seeking to build because there is more or less consensus on the first half of that. After talking with so many families in the area, we are also looking at some shade sails and seating. Again, if people are interested in that patch and the Yangtze Avenue playground, please do not hesitate to reach out to my website, [terryhealy.com.au](http://terryhealy.com.au), or go to my email or phone my office to let us know what you would like us to build. We are happy to send people the designs and engage with the community as we do that.

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We have also announced an extension of the opening hours of Gosnells Police Station. One very popular, well-received thing that we did in the last term was extend the opening hours of Canning Vale Police Station. Most members will know that although a lot of police stations in our area are staffed 24 hours a day in that the police are always driving around on patrol, the police stations themselves are not open 24 hours a day. The police station in Canning Vale used to shut at 4.00 pm. We extended that to 7.00 pm—the walk-in hours on a weekday went from a 4.00 pm to a 7.00 pm close. That was very, very popular for the area. We still have our 24-hour stations in Armadale and Cannington, but when people need a document signed, a statement submitted, to drop off footage about things that they have witnessed, or a variety of different customer desk services, we found it was far easier for the community to access those services if they could go to their local police station.

I presented a petition recently. The community endorsed our position to extend the hours at Gosnells Police Station. Although the government extended the hours at Canning Vale Police Station, we had not extended the hours at Gosnells, but we will now do that and change the closing time from 4.00 to 7.00 pm at the two local police stations in our area, as well as increase police numbers. We will recruit 1 100 new police officers. It will be the largest recruitment in Western Australian history and a fantastic addition. There is always more work to be done, but we think that a good first start is more hours and more police in our area.

I would like to acknowledge the Gosnells Toy Library. I commend the member for Thornlie, Chris Tallentire, who contributed \$10 000 towards the toy library for equipment upgrades and to expand the service it provides. I acknowledge the great work the Gosnells Toy Library has done over the past 45 years in our area. Although it is based in the electorate of the member for Thornlie, it sits on the border of Southern River and services all families in Gosnells. It is a fantastic facility and members have access to toys, games and jigsaws—over 1 000 items. I have been there many times. It is brilliant. I acknowledge two things: first, the unofficial mascot of the Gosnells Toy Library, BunBun, which is a local rabbit. More importantly, I acknowledge that the Gosnells Toy Library was recognised by Toy Libraries Australia as the toy library of the year for 2021 for medium–large toy libraries. Congratulations to the Gosnells Toy Library for that very well earned award.

I mention also the Sikh temple in my community. I was there on the weekend with the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests for its open day. Although it is located in my electorate, the Sikh temple in my community services numerous electorates. The government is contributing \$40 000 towards rain protection for the Sikh temple. It was a very rainy day on Sunday and it is a pity we have not had a chance to install the protection yet, but we are doing that as fast as we can. At the moment, language classes are conducted in different facilities on the side of the building and unfortunately students and young families get wet when it is raining as they access the services of the temple. The \$40 000 the government has contributed will allow the temple to employ local people to build better rain protection so that more people can use that facility.

The government will also contribute \$25 000 towards the Hindu temple in my electorate. Again, it is a facility that services families from around Perth and Western Australia. Beneath the floor of the temple are a number of heating elements that warm the tiles. Members will be aware that in winter, essentially on cold days as we have right now, it is difficult for those devotees. The government is trying to make it more comfortable for them by contributing towards the replacement of some of the ageing infrastructure. The process will employ local people and build up that shared community structure. I wish the Hindu temple well.

I acknowledge the member for Darling Range and his contribution to the Animal Protection Society of WA in my electorate. I went there recently with the members for Armadale and Darling Range and spoke to the Animal Protection Society about the grant to upgrade its vet facilities. At the moment it is in a bad circle in which it needs to upgrade its facilities so it can attract the right vets and do the right work, which provides the income, but without accessing the veterinary services and, to a degree, the clientele, it cannot raise the capital. The government grant is a circuit-breaker. It is another great example, led by the member for Darling Range, of the McGowan government contributing essential, shared job infrastructure that benefits not only the humans in my electorate, but also the dogs and cats.

It would be remiss of me when talking about past, current and planned projects not to mention the Metronet project. Members will be aware that after many years of broken promises by the previous government, which promised at every election to build a train line and train station—which was never done—we broke ground and commenced work in mid-2019 on the train line project. Two Canning Vale train stations, Nicholson Road and Ranford Road, will connect bus routes and services. Metronet is bigger than I could ever speak about in several days of Parliament, but the Thornlie–Cockburn line is well underway, employing local people on the works and employing local companies to do the works, building the railcars here in Western Australia. The Premier was present when we pushed the button to begin the piling works on the extension and widening of Ranford Road bridge, which is an extension of part of these works. It will change from a four-lane bridge to an eight-lane bridge at Ranford Road. All the local workers are doing great work there. About a week ago the largest tee-roff beams ever built were constructed here in Perth. They are 50-metre beams. Ten of them were placed over the first half of the widening of that bridge. It is a fantastic extension of works. People in my community will start to see the changes soon when the traffic is diverted while

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we build the other half of the bridge. Members will be aware that we are approaching the end of works. I appreciate the patience of my community with some of those delays. The best-case scenario is that by the end of this year, depending on how much it rains, the bridge will be completed and people will be able to access all those services.

I would like to talk about some of the bus stop upgrades in my community. Members will be aware that I have run some full-on and serious community campaigns over the past several years about upgrading bus stop infrastructure. My area does not have enough bus routes. The government has already added some new bus routes, and more are coming.

[Member's time extended.]

**Mr T.J. HEALY:** After running a long campaign about the new bus stop infrastructure needed, the government committed \$200 000 to upgrade bus stops in Canning Vale, Huntingdale, Gosnells and Southern River. My view is that an orange pole is great, but what is really needed is a seat and a shelter. For people to be able to access the new bus and train services, rain, hail or shine, we need to upgrade some of that infrastructure. It is my view that the best locations for those bus stop upgrades is on main roads where people can access them. It is also important that when we select which bus stops to upgrade—we will conduct community consultation on that—we should upgrade bus stops that are not outside people's homes on the council verge. Those orange poles have been there for some time, and that is existing infrastructure. From what people have told me, I think the best locations are on the sides of properties, on main roads that do not impact the front areas of people's council verges. I will sit down with families in the area. We have committed funding for at least 10 of those; that is, 10 lots of \$20 000 upgrades. We are working with the council to upgrade those bus stops on Warton Road, Garden Street and all around the community. If people would like to let me know which bus stops they would like upgraded, they can go to my website, [www.terryhealy.com.au](http://www.terryhealy.com.au), call my office or send me their details with their feedback about where they would like the bus stops to be upgraded. I appreciate all those families signing my petitions and engaging with me to let me know about those things that needed to be done.

I want to talk about some of the government's fantastic education commitments. I will leave the training commitments for another time. I will focus on all the things that have been committed to in schools and education across Western Australia, in the metropolitan area and in the regions. There are significant infrastructure upgrades in every region. There have been fantastic staffing and human resource upgrades and additions to look after all of the families in our areas. I acknowledge the previous term of government in which we returned education assistants to classrooms. As we promised, we got 300 FTE back into classrooms.

There was a TAFE-fee freeze in the previous term of government, which has been committed to again. I cannot emphasise how important that has been. New science laboratories are being built in schools. Members will be aware that at the election we promised additional career counsellors to be spread across high schools throughout Western Australia. In members' electorates and in my electorate additional career counsellors will be placed in schools on a permanent basis who will be able to assist young people with career conversations. As a career teacher myself, I cannot emphasise how important it is for the school to work out whether students are placed in the VET office, the careers office or subject selection. It is worth reaching out to schools now and talking to them about how they will utilise those additional places. When we talk about addressing the skills shortage brought about by the COVID scenario, a number of different booms are going on in the housing, construction and mining sectors. There are a number of skill shortages in a number of different sectors. One of the key issues is to match up young people to careers and get them the skills and training to equip them for life. The career counsellor program we have committed to will be a fantastic addition to schools, as I said, all around Western Australia.

Funding will also be made available for a year 9 taster program. Again, it is available in every single high school. I thank all the Labor MLAs for helping to deliver it. A year 9 taster program will be available for schools to give basically what it says: taste programs. Young people do not know what they do not know. They might want to be a hairdresser, a brickie, a doctor or an engineer—they can take a number of career paths.

Given the way our system often works, sometime in year 10, students have to make a decision about what direction they want to take. We are seeking to make investments so that schools and TAFEs can coordinate a year 9 taster program and make facilities and courses available. There is nothing wrong with a year 9 student finding out through doing these programs that they do not want to be a brickie or an engineer. What they experience and what they "taste" helps them find out what they want to be. I remember that in year 10 I wanted to be a police officer; in year 11, I wanted to be a chef; and in year 12, I decided I wanted to become a teacher. I think the more people access and get across the variety of things, the better. I also ran a program when I was the careers coordinator at Southern River College, called "Speed Careers". We would bring 40 different career people into the big gym; there would be education assistants, brickies, engineers, doctors and teachers—a variety. Whatever students were interested in we would bring the people in. It was sort of like speed dating, as they would have a five-minute session. We would play some music and the students would move around and have a chance to experience the different careers available to them so they could then look at university open days, Skills West Expos and career opportunities and explore them more.

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Student wellbeing is a very, very high priority of this government. Members will be aware that we are investing \$42 million in employing 100 additional psychologists in our schools. This will benefit every single member in this chamber. Every single community is crying out for more access to psychologists for our student wellbeing. In government and non-government schools there will be 100 extra school psychologists. Members will be aware that there are currently 250 or so FTE frontline school psychologists, a number of supervising psychologists and lead psychologists. This will be a fantastic program. In addition, another \$21 million will be spent on expanding chaplaincy services to schools that do not necessarily have a chaplaincy service, so we will be expanding those services to be available to our young people.

In the last term of government, we implemented the direct-to-market policy, which members will be aware is a very popular parents and friends associations program. Previously, schools and P&Cs could source their own local builder for projects valued up to \$20 000. We are extending that to \$50 000. With a project that a P&C or a school wanted to do, if they went through the government or contracted provider, too often than not, the price did not match what could be found in local industry; it was often quite escalated. We changed the rules last term to allow parents and citizens associations and schools to reach out for projects up to \$20 000. It was for air conditioning, minor electrical work, furniture or carpentry—some of the small jobs that were easier to fund. From feedback given, some people said that as soon as it ticked over to \$21 000, they had to go to the government provider and it ended up being \$40 000. We will extend the amount to \$50 000. I encourage members when they are talking to their P&Cs to make sure they are aware that we listened in our previous term of government and we have extended the program to apply to up to \$50 000 of works, so they now have a choice. They can still go with the government contracted provider or they can do it a little differently.

Members will be aware that we have also initiated one of the largest STEM building infrastructure programs in schools in Western Australian history. There is \$136 million for primary and secondary schools to build science labs. In the previous term of government, we built 200 new science labs in primary schools. One of my schools, Ashburton Drive Primary School, where I will be tomorrow, benefited from one of these fantastic new science labs. We will now be providing every single school in Western Australia with access to some form of STEM infrastructure grant. We have our first ever state STEM skills strategy. Members will be aware that schools with fewer than 50 students can access a grant of \$5 000, while a school with up to 100 students will get \$10 000. However, the majority of primary schools have more than 100 students and will be able to access \$25 000 to build and reformat a specialist classroom. The department is reaching out now to talk to those schools. If a school does not have room because its enrolments are high and it cannot spare a classroom, we will make available a grant of up to \$40 000 for this. Schools can then choose to purchase the equipment if they cannot create the specialist lab. This funding will be available to the primary schools in every single MLA's electorate, and will lead to these labs being built. They can choose whether to purchase 3D scanners, 3D printers, specialist learning material, microscopes, robotics, dinosaur models or worm farms. These facilities will equip and encourage real infrastructure and real hands-on learning for all the young people in our schools. The schools will choose their equipment, and I encourage all MLAs to liaise with their schools on what will be built. A very, very large number of senior and district high schools are being significantly rebuilt. In terms of STEM facilities, there will be a very high focus on regional and metropolitan high schools equipping their facilities for the future.

In closing, I would like to comment on one of my staffers. When I talk about the past and current planned projects for the last four years, Kelly Pilgrim-Byrne has been in my office and played an incredible role. She has dealt with all my constituent campaigns, all my liaising and all these projects, and I want to thank her for her service. She and her family run multiple businesses; they are photographers and run boarding kennels, and go to dog championships. Also, Kelly's family—her wife, Sam, and their child—have been incredible leaders in our community. As members will know, they were the first couple in Western Australia to be married under the same-sex marriage laws on the steps of this Parliament two or three years ago. I was their celebrant. On the steps of Parliament at midnight they were the first same-sex couple to be married when marriage equality became law here in Western Australia. I thank them for their service and appreciate all they have done for our community.

**MRS R.M.J. CLARKE (Murray-Wellington)** [11.10 am]: Today I rise to speak to the house about the progress that is already happening in Murray-Wellington under the forty-first government of Western Australia. Can I please start by acknowledging the traditional owners of the land on which we meet, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation, and pay my respects to their elders, past and present. I would also like to acknowledge the Bindjareb people of Pinjarra and surrounds as the custodians of the land on which my electorate is situated.

As we headed into National Reconciliation Week, I was proud to present the Harvey community resource centre last week with a Lotterywest grant of \$136 000 to continue its Indigenous language and cultural program. It was also wonderful to have representation from the Philippine community looking at a joint collaboration of cultural interests. I congratulate Tracey-Ann Davis and Lesley Ugle for all the work and effort they have put into that fantastic cultural program.



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As we start this new term of government, we have made tremendous strides and are building great momentum across Western Australia, with many more exciting projects to come. I am proud to have been re-elected to represent the people of Murray–Wellington and the communities within, and I am passionate about setting a precedent for what this tremendous community should expect from a local and vocal representative. Our communities are innovative, educated, loyal, hardworking, proud, dedicated and resilient in the face of adversity. The people of Murray–Wellington know what they want from a government. We will work with our communities to ensure that their needs are met into the future. We will ensure that our children have the future they so richly deserve. Providing valuable employment opportunities across a range of fields is vital. We need initiatives that promote and support local jobs, as regional employment creates an industry that will foster local business and community growth.

The McGowan Labor government was re-elected in March 2021 with a strong ambition to continue to deliver much-needed projects and to deliver more across WA. The McGowan government did its research and listened to the communities, and it has started to deliver on each of those election commitments. The McGowan government is committed to Murray–Wellington. I am committed to Murray–Wellington. We have already started contacting the 73 community groups across Murray–Wellington to make good on our promise to invest in these vital community organisations. We are replacing uniforms and sporting equipment, updating walking trails, providing much-needed resources to youth groups, kickstarting community garden projects and even restoring the little old library cabinet in Cookernup. We are upgrading an all-access viewing boardwalk for the beautiful Preston Beach and war memorials across Murray–Wellington. These are just a few of the commitments that are being rolled out over the coming months. These are not large projects that will make the front page of the newspaper, but they will go a long way in the regional communities of Murray–Wellington.

Last week the Premier paid a visit down to the beautiful town of Waroona, smack bang in the middle of Murray–Wellington, to meet with Shire of Waroona president, Mike Walmsley; shire CEO, Dean Unsworth; shire deputy president, Naomi Purcell; and shire councillor Vince Vitale to get an update on the \$1.3 million committed to revitalising the town centre of Waroona.

The precinct, in the heart of Waroona, includes open-grassed areas for community events, a nature play area and playground, an all-ages skate park and pump track, accessible toilets and landscaping. This investment will help return the majestic town of Waroona to its former glory, providing a refreshed town centre for both residents and visitors. This will keep the community strong by connecting local families and help keep locals active and healthy. The shire informs me that work will be underway by the end of the year.

It was a very busy week last week. Not only did the Premier grace us with his presence in Murray–Wellington, but also Hon Alannah MacTiernan came to the region to turn the sod at the new Western Australian Food Innovation Precinct at Peel Business Park in Nambelup. Work is underway on the Western Australian Food Innovation Precinct, the state's centre of excellence for research and development and the commercialisation of new agritech and value-added food. The \$21.7 million precinct, located within Peel Business Park in Nambelup, will be an open-access facility comprising R&D capabilities, an innovation centre and a production warehouse. It is intended to be a centre of excellence to enable commercial research and development, to prototype and market-test food and beverage products, and a place for networking for WA food producers. The McGowan government has committed \$10 million to develop the Peel food technology facility within the precinct, a 600 square metre manufacturing space to allow producers to develop and test new value-added food products, and \$2.5 million towards a \$3.85 million enterprise support program, in partnership with the Shire of Murray, to help activate the precinct. Through the enterprise support program, grants will be available to businesses to support access to innovation opportunities, leading-edge research capabilities, incubation space and technologies through the WA Food Innovation Precinct.

Other key tenants at the precinct include Murdoch University, which will run the research and development facility and deliver a food science and nutrition Bachelor of Science degree; GrowHub, which has signed a lease to operate the precinct's innovation centre as a one-stop shop for agribusinesses and entrepreneurs featuring co-working space, consulting services and industry support; and Spinifex Brewing, which will run the precinct's warehousing facility and establish a brewery at the precinct. May I add that the Bushfire Centre of Excellence next door is very happy about Spinifex Brewery moving in next door! The Western Australian Food Innovation Precinct is supported by funding from the Australian government's regional growth fund. On the subject of Peel Business Park, expressions of interest are now open for stage 2 of the park in Nambelup. The first 120 hectares of the 1 000-hectare park has already been developed, with all lots sold. Stage 1 is now complete following the investment of more than \$20 million in major infrastructure extension works. Once operational, the occupants of stage 1 will be expected to deliver more than 250 ongoing jobs and contribute \$73 million to the local economy each year.

The next stage will follow a series of significant milestones achieved at Peel Business Park over the past six months, including the opening of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services' \$18 million purpose-built Bushfire Centre of Excellence, which is currently running. The Bushfire Centre of Excellence, in an Australian first, provides a location for learning based on the best academic, scientific and traditional Aboriginal land management practices.

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Also part of stage 1 at the park is Australia's first renewable energy industrial microgrid, delivered by local company Peel Renewable Energy. That is expected to save businesses at Peel Business Park up to 30 per cent in electricity costs compared with regulated tariffs.

On Monday, the Minister for Emergency Services, Hon Reece Whitby, came to Murray–Wellington to check out the state-of-the-art Bushfire Centre of Excellence and to meet many of the wonderful volunteers and paid emergency services workers from across Murray–Wellington. While visiting, the minister also put on his Minister for Racing and Gaming hat and spent some time at Pinjarra Paceway. The need for light towers to enhance the facility and enable it to open up as a multipurpose entertainment venue was raised with the minister. Pinjarra Harness Racing Club is the largest harness racing club outside the Perth metro area and is a feature on the national racing schedule.

We drove down South Western Highway to visit the wonderful and dedicated volunteers at the Waroona Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service. We discussed the need for expansion to accommodate the growing number of volunteers, particularly women. In Murray–Wellington there are 23 volunteer and full-time emergency service groups. Murray–Wellington has a dedicated and loyal volunteer group, from the emergency services groups to our sporting groups. Last week was National Volunteer Week and I attended some events across the electorate to commemorate and thank our tireless volunteers who volunteer in all fields. The state government recognised 166 of these Western Australians for their longstanding commitment to volunteering at the WA Volunteer Service Awards. I am proud to say that four of those volunteers come from the amazing electorate of Murray–Wellington. I thank Ana and Jack De Gooijer, volunteers at the St Vincent de Paul Society of Western Australia; Bruce Warren from Pinjarra for his work at the Mandurah Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service; and my friend and ex–Mayor of Kwinana David Nelson for his long-term volunteering at the Lions Club of Kwinana.

Murray–Wellington is a hive of tourism activity. Locals and people from all over the state come to Murray–Wellington to indulge in the beautiful settings and surroundings it has to offer, from the pristine beaches of Preston Beach, Binningup and Myalup to the beautiful forest of Dwellingup. Natural lakes, rivers and forests complement the man-made dams of Waroona, Logue Brook and Harvey that are enjoyed by locals and tourists alike. The McGowan government is committed to the tourism industry. It recognises the beauty of Murray–Wellington and its potential to be one of the best tourist destinations in Western Australia. That recognition and potential already speaks for itself, as one of the towns in Murray–Wellington was recently awarded the title of Western Australia's Top Small Tourism Town in the GWN7 Top Tourism Town Awards. This is no accident. This achievement has been a culmination of years of successful collaboration between committed locals and a state government proud to showcase the remarkable beauty of the land and its locals. The McGowan government has committed to help the tourism industry in Dwellingup by backing the Dwellingup 100, one of the biggest mountain bike riding events in Australia. We have also delivered \$150 000 to complete a state-of-the-art technology fit-out of the Dwellingup Trails and Visitors Centre, making it a state and potentially nationally acclaimed iconic trails and tourism centre that promotes Dwellingup and the great Shire of Murray and the Peel region. We have committed millions to the trails to ensure that they are of an international standard to attract the best of the best at top international and national levels. These are just some of the projects that the state government has delivered alongside the Shire of Murray and the federal government. Dwellingup's transformation was initiated by the town's residents several years ago. A few years ago, Dwellingup was a hidden treasure, but, in recent years, scenic day-trip locations like Lane Poole Reserve, South Dandalup Dam and its amazing mountain bike trail have seen it become incredibly popular.

I stand with the community as a whole and call on the federal and state governments to ensure that this pristine, idyllic and culturally significant region stays this way, without the threat of potential mining throughout the surrounds of Dwellingup, which would prevent the trails from passing through these areas and risk the protection of the integrity of these renowned forests. It is a place where nature, adventure and culture combine for a truly unique destination, with a little bit of everything that makes it so special.

I would like to make a special mention of the Shire of Murray's CEO, Dean Unsworth, and president, David Bolt, for listening to the locals, in particular the Dwellingup Community Compact, and raising the vision they had for Dwellingup so that the state government could help. Thank you to all those who voted. The public vote made up 70 per cent of the town's score, with the other 30 per cent decided by a panel of industry judges. Dwellingup will now go into the national competition for the chance to win the title of Australia's top small tourist town. Go Dwellingup!

I have a timely reminder: next weekend is the WA Day long weekend, so if members have no plans, go and check out Dwellingup or one of the other amazing towns in Murray–Wellington. Our annual Pinjarra Festival will be held around the beautiful Edenvale heritage precinct. Up the road, St Joseph's Catholic Primary School will be holding its fair, and, next door, Pinjarra Senior High School will be holding its significant centenary celebrations. The weekend will culminate in a great celebration of history, local produce, crafts and community coming together to celebrate Pinjarra. People will not be disappointed!

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I will now move to Leschenault at the other end of the electorate and give a huge shout-out to the Leschenault Cricket Club. During the week, club president, Angelo D'Agostino, emailed my office to notify me that the club had been awarded Cricket Australia's Country Cricket Club of the Year for 2020–21. The club was nominated for the award when it won the WACA's Country Cricket Club of the Year. The criteria on which the club was judged was a community cricket club that actively created a welcoming environment and sought to create sustainable participation and growth through good governance, volunteer support and inclusive on-field programs. Angelo informs me that some time ago when he took on the role, a senior member of Western Australian cricket told him to take time to develop the club's own culture. He thinks he can safely say that they have done that, and now they have been recognised for that. I agree with Angelo.

How good is Murray–Wellington? We have the best tourist town in WA, the best community cricket club, Australia's best meat pie and WA's favourite fish and chip shop, just to name a few things! I think I can say it is the best electorate in the state.

The Leschenault Cricket Club shares facilities with five other sporting clubs to form the Leschenault Sporting Association. Last year, I met with Angelo and the executive team to discuss how the McGowan government can assist the club and the association to progress. We will be delivering \$100 000 towards a new drop-in cricket pitch at the sporting grounds, which will start a chain reaction of events for the association, meaning that the facilities can be used all year round. This will increase its revenue and will mean that it can expand and ultimately increase sporting participation for the Australind–Leschenault area.

[Member's time extended.]

**Mrs R.M.J. CLARKE:** The installation of the drop-in pitch will also hopefully lure the Perth Scorchers women's team to play exhibition matches.

Just a big six hit away is the Leschenault Leisure Centre, which hosts the Australind Swimming Club and the Australind Basketball Association, also a part of the Leschenault Sporting Association. Work on the expansion of the centre should commence within this term of government. Before the election, the McGowan government committed to invest \$3 million to expand the Leschenault Leisure Centre to include two additional courts, associated spectator seating, storage, administration and an upgrade to the amenities.

I also want to give a shout-out to the Binningup Surf Life Saving Club for its recent nomination for the 2021 Surf Life Saving WA Awards. It is a great club in the beautiful community of Binningup. We have also committed some funds to the club to help buy new and upgraded equipment.

These are just some of the highlights so far from the last two months. I look forward to speaking on behalf of the McGowan government and proudly bragging about the achievements it will deliver for Murray–Wellington, and what the people and communities of Murray–Wellington will achieve themselves. We have great communities in our regions and I am always honoured to let the rest of the state know what is happening in our beautiful patch of the state.

Lastly, I would like to send my best wishes to the people of Victoria. Our thoughts are with them. They have been through this before and shown the rest of the country their resilience and strength throughout the pandemic. They will get through this and we will be right here thinking of them.

**MR S.J. PRICE (Forrestfield)** [11.28 am]: It gives me pleasure to stand and speak in support of the Supply Bill 2021. I have not had the opportunity thus far to congratulate the member for Midland on becoming the first female Speaker of the house. It is a very well deserved position. She has been a trailblazer within the Labor Party for many years and being the first female to take on this role is the right thing to have occurred. The member for Midland will do a fabulous job.

I also congratulate all the new members in the house. We ended up with 53 seats out of 59, which is an outstanding result, and once again reflects the great work that was done by all the members of the McGowan team during the campaign. What is even more impressive is that we now have 26 female members out of that 53. We are very close to exceeding the 50 per cent Labor Party target for female representation, which is great. Of course, one of the consequences is that the Liberal Party beat us to 50 per cent, which is something it has never been able to do before!

On a personal note, something that is quite special to me is that this chamber now has three members from Harvey, or very close to Harvey, that being the member for Collie–Preston, the member for Dawesville and me. That is a great personal connection.

**Ms S.F. McGurk:** They are great members.

**Mr S.J. PRICE:** Yes, absolutely. I worked with the member for Collie–Preston's dad, Colin, for many years at Wagerup. As everyone knows, I have a background in the union movement. When I started at Wagerup in 1995, Colin was one of the first people who came and put his arm around me. I had had a small involvement in the union previously when I was working fly-in fly-out, but it was through the encouragement of Colin and other people at

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Wagerup that I became involved in the union, which led to me eventually becoming secretary of the union. I also know the member for Collie–Preston’s mum, Julie. Brad was there for a while as well. They are a lovely family. I was quite saddened to hear that the member for Collie–Preston’s dad had passed away when that happened.

The member for Dawesville’s family and my family are very close friends in Harvey. As the member mentioned, Harvey is a very close community. There is a lot of community involvement, especially through the Apex Club, in which our families are heavily involved. We went to school together for a while and things like that. It is great to see that Harvey is well represented in this chamber. It is a lovely regional town, not too far from the city. It is a wonderful place to live in.

I also wish all those members who were not returned all the best in whatever endeavours they get up to. This is an interesting place. The opposition is normally on the other side, but it is now tucked into a corner. This place is quite adversarial at times, but we walk out of here and we have a chat to people, so we do develop some sort of relationship with them. As we all know, the role of a member of Parliament is quite brutal. It can finish quite suddenly on election day if we are unsuccessful. Some people might have some inkling that they will not be re-elected, but for others it might come as a complete shock. For a number of people who lost their seats at the last election, it came as a complete shock. I wish them well in whatever they decide to do into the future.

I also need to thank my campaign team, Matt Keogh, the federal member for Burt, and Natalie Machin, Peter Brisbane and Tegan Burke. Without you lot keeping me under control and directing me on what I should be doing, we certainly would not have achieved the great outcome that we did. A big part of that—everyone gives the same thanks to their campaign team—was the discipline that was shown across the whole team and the great direction that was given from campaign central, and also, of course, the great leadership that was shown by the Premier. He worked tirelessly throughout the whole campaign. It is hard enough to keep up with him when he is in our electorate, let alone what he would have had to go through in the election campaign. Collectively, everyone worked together. We had very few issues. It was a great outcome and a really good learning curve for us all going forward.

I would also like to thank all the volunteers who helped during the campaign. As we all know, without the volunteers who help us in our campaigns, we would certainly struggle to achieve anything. They do it for a number of reasons. Whatever motivates them—whether it is a connection to and a love for the party, a personal relationship with a member that they have developed over time or they are friends and family who have been coerced into doing things—if we had not had the volunteers doing a lot of the legwork on the ground, none of us would have been able to achieve what we have achieved.

In line with that, election campaigns are quite expensive. I would certainly like to thank everyone who donated to my campaign. Without your support, once again we would not have been able to do what we have done and achieve the outcome that we have achieved.

As I mentioned, I have a background in the union movement. I would like to thank a number of unions for the support they have given me over the years and also through the campaign—the Australian Workers’ Union, both Brad Gandy, the WA state secretary, and Daniel Walton, the national secretary based in New South Wales; the Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees Association, Peter O’Keeffe and Ben Harris, thanks, guys; and the Transport Workers’ Union, “Smoky” Tim Dawson, thank you for all your help. Thank you to all the branch and party members who helped out as well. As members know, the Labor Party has a very active branch membership right across the state. They all contributed to our great success at the last election campaign and without their help, through the good times and the bad, we would not have been able to achieve what we achieved.

I am no Robinson Crusoe, but I was also very fortunate to have a lot of community support from people—as I am sure a lot of other members did as well—who were not part of the party and were not coerced into it, but were just genuine people whom we had developed relationships with throughout the previous four years and who wanted to help. It makes a huge difference when we have that personal connection and local endorsement from people within our community.

We have to pick the highlights and the things that we can remember from election day, because it is a bit of a buzz, but one of the things I really liked to see was the red faction marquees that were at a number of the schools above the democracy sausage sizzle. One in particular had “Go Red” on it. That was really good. Thank you to all those people for their support as well.

I certainly need to thank my family. They put up with a lot. New members will certainly understand what that means as time goes on. Without the support of our family, it is very difficult to do what we do. To Mel, and Abbey, Erin, Rani and Tia, thank you.

Finally, to the constituents of Forrestfield, normally we bank on 50–50—half the people like you and half the people do not. We got a lot of extra support at this election. To everyone, whether you voted for me or not, thank you. I appreciate you taking part in the democratic process.

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As the re-elected member for Forrestfield, I am now the first person to hold the seat for more than one term. It was the fourth election in that seat. At the previous three elections, the seat changed hands. Back in 2008 when the seat was first created, it was won for Labor by Andrew Waddell on a margin of 0.25 per cent, or about 98 votes. Unfortunately, in 2013, we lost the seat to the Liberals by about 900 votes. The seat was sitting on a margin of 2.1 per cent. In 2017, we were fortunate. I won the seat back for Labor on a margin of about 4 000 votes, so we were sitting on 59.5 per cent of the two-party preferred vote. In 2021, we were able to retain the seat, which is a great outcome, and we are now sitting on a 75.5 per cent two-party preferred vote, which is an amazing outcome. Once again, it is the result of a whole heap of other influencing factors, apart from just me. When we look at some of the results, we can see that Forrestfield, for example, went from a seat with a 98-vote margin in 2008 to a margin of about 12 000 votes at the moment. As they say, with that comes a lot of responsibility.

Support from the community does not happen by itself. It is a result of the work that has been done both by me, personally, locally, and also by the government across the state. In particular, we faced—and still face—the challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic in the community. The way that has been managed has had an extremely positive impact on the state and everyone within it. What we were able to achieve in our first term of government was extraordinary, especially considering what we inherited from the previous government. We were able to turn around the finances of this state and improve what was in the books because of the absolutely incredible effort of the former Treasurer, Hon Ben Wyatt, and the hard work everyone put in. In 2017, we had what we thought was a high watermark result when we ended up with 40 members in here—41 to start with. A lot of new members had won their seats by very small margins. They went out there and worked and worked and were able to benefit from that at the last election. They now have a buffer behind them. Their results were very well deserved. We did what we said we were going to do. It is easy to talk the talk, but if we do not walk the walk, the punters know that; they know when they are hearing hollow words.

We were able to deliver on all our 2017 election commitments. When we won in 2017, we brought new life and new investment to our local communities, whether it was Forrestfield or any other electorate. We put money into places that had not had funding before and that was very well received. We did not fund things just willy-nilly; we funded things that the community had been wanting and looking for support for over the years and had not been able to get that from the previous government. The fact that we were able to deliver on all our promises and election commitments was certainly a very telling factor in the support that we got from the community.

The challenge we face, of course, is to make sure that we do it now. We are very fortunate that due to the good financial management during the previous term of government we have been able to make election commitments that can be honoured and delivered. Think about the types of commitments the government has made right across the state of Western Australia—things that local communities have been asking for. In Forrestfield, in particular, we were able to get funding for a large number of election commitments. When talking about local communities, I refer to the key elements that make up the foundations of a community—that is, local schools and sporting and community groups. They are key to any successful community. It is said that if we give local kids a good education, it is a social barrier breaker. It enables kids to go on and do things that their parents may not have been able to do.

Local sporting and community groups give kids, young adults and adults a sense of connection with the community and this means that they are more likely to become involved and stay around and less likely to vandalise stuff and make silly decisions that impact on them for the rest of their lives. It is really important that we have the best possible educational opportunities at our local schools and the best possible sporting facilities in our local clubs, and that we support our local community groups, because then we can attract people and keep them engaged. The government made a number of commitments in Forrestfield in the 2021 election campaign that will do exactly that. The government committed \$2 million to redevelop the facilities at Scott Reserve in High Wycombe, which is a multi-user facility shared by the High Wycombe Junior Football Club, the High Wycombe Amateur Football Club and the High Wycombe Cricket Club. That funding will help to build new female change rooms. There has been an explosion in female participation in what previously have been predominantly male sports, whether that is football as in Aussie Rules football, or football as in the round ball soccer football. Historically, all club facilities were built for males and are not suitable for mixed use. The funding commitment to Scott Reserve will enable those clubs to build new change rooms and multi-sex facilities, new club rooms and a new common space to operate out of as well.

The government also committed \$2.4 million to Maida Vale Recreation Reserve. That is another multi-user facility shared between Kalamunda United Football Club and the Kalamunda Rangers tee-ball, softball and baseball club as well as the Western Australian Christian Football League, which is a very large soccer league played in Maida Vale. Once again, the government's commitment will enable new club rooms, new change rooms and new facilities suitable for multi-sex participants to be built, which is great.

The government also made an interesting commitment for an all-abilities playground in Forrestfield. There is no all-abilities playground in the area. The City of Gosnells put in a number recently after receiving some cash in lieu of expenditure from the Minister for Transport—the Minister for Lands at the time. When the government was

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approached on this matter, I also got a letter from a student saying that there were no playgrounds suitable for his disabled sister in the area. A number of constituents within the foothills area are living with disability, so a facility like this locally will greatly improve their quality of life. I am looking forward to this playground being built, which has led to a rethink about its design and where to put it around the Forrestfield Shopping Centre.

Madam Acting Speaker, can I have an extension please? I cannot ask for a small extension because I can get only 10 minutes.

[Member's time extended.]

**Mr S.J. PRICE:** The all-abilities playground has fostered thoughts on how to redevelop the whole area. That will be an integral part of the new design, which will be great.

I now turn to education. In the 2017 election, we committed \$10 million to replace the design and technology and food science buildings at Darling Range Sports College. To be honest, the equipment at that school was the stuff that I used when I did woodwork and metalwork at Harvey Senior High School. It was pretty outdated and not suitable for training our next generation of tradies. The end result from that 2017 investment is absolutely amazing. The new facilities are first class and the students will have such great opportunities to develop the appropriate skills and do the right certificates.

In the 2021 election, we committed another \$12 million to do another stage of development at the school. It will change the school forever. It became a sports college back in 2006, I think. The now Premier was the education minister in 2008 and he approved the renaming of the school from Forrestfield Senior High School to Darling Range Sports College. It is the only designated sports college in Western Australia, and its sports program is absolutely amazing. We made a significant number of investment commitments to all local schools. For example, Edney Primary School got \$1.5 million to do some upgrades and replace some of its equipment, which was well overdue.

Prior to the election, the Labor Party made a round of stimulus announcements. High Wycombe Primary School received \$3 million, I think, to build some new early childhood rooms at the school. Maida Vale Primary School got \$900 000 to build a new outdoor undercover area. During the election campaign, all schools were able to get some funding for improvements that they required. It is really going to make a significant improvement to them.

A number of other things are going on within the area. Of course, one of the biggest things is the Forrestfield–Airport Link project. We have the terminus station, which was referred to as Forrestfield, hence Forrestfield–Airport Link, but it has now been renamed High Wycombe station. That is an amazing piece of infrastructure. The station itself looks brilliant. The unfortunate part is that when the Labor Party won government in 2017, the previous government had not really considered the design at all. It had an expansive car park right out the front where the station is. That car park was going to have 1 800 bays—a massive area of nothing. The minister looked at it and the proposal was put to build a multi-deck car park into the side and develop the front of the station into a transit-oriented development, which is the way we went. The car park has been built.

The other problem with the way it was set up initially, which was commenced by the previous government, is all the tunnelling infrastructure actually sat right out the front of the station. Because that was to be the car park, it was the last thing that needed to be done. Now that we want to develop the land, all the infrastructure from the tunnel build and everything is still taking up the land that we want to develop. We need to move that on. I need to acknowledge that the land surrounding that area is a little bit tricky because the local structure plan has put some limitations on land use. A process is being worked through with local landowners. They were certainly put in a tricky position when the announcement was made that the station was going to go there because they had already been informed that there would be a different sort of zoning. That zoning was changed on them without any warning. That is quite difficult.

We have just about finished the Roe Highway–Kalamunda Road intersection. It is a grade-separated intersection and bridge. The Labor Party committed \$86 million to that at the 2017 election. That is a massive piece of infrastructure. It will certainly help the traffic congestion and provide safe travel within the area.

One of the issues at the last election was, of course, the upgraded Hale Road–Tonkin Highway intersection. Back in the 1950s—I think it was the Stephenson report, something like that—that intersection was designed to be a pure flyover, with no access to Tonkin Highway from Hale Road. At the moment it is a signalised intersection, by which motorists access Tonkin Highway north and south from both Forrestfield and Wattle Grove. Going forward, after some consultation with the minister and Main Roads WA, we were able to secure north-facing ramps. At the last election, the opposition said it would give full access. Full access is not possible within the footprint available. We were able to explain that to most people. Most people understood that there were limitations. There are alternative ways to head south, if needed. Eighty per cent of traffic flow heads north, or returns from the north, so they will still be able to do that in the future.

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In my last couple of minutes, I want to touch on one of my other little passions, that being rescued greyhounds. I have spoken about it in here before. I have two rescued greyhounds. I am not a big fan of greyhound racing. In particular, one of my little puppy dogs is extremely special. It was rescued from the Canidrome in Macau. When a greyhound is adopted, it is called a gotcha day. We have a two-year gotcha day coming up. I want to thank Greyhound Adoptions WA for the work that it does. Free the Hounds is another group that works with rescued greyhounds and advocates to end greyhound racing in WA. It is a sad indictment that Australia has over half the total number of greyhound tracks in the world. The rest of the world has seen the light and is starting to shut down greyhound racing because of its abhorrence. We have not quite got it yet.

I will read an extract from Free the Hounds about the Macau greyhounds. It states —

On Friday 7th June 2019, Greyhound Adoptions WA volunteers collected 5 Macau greyhounds from the quarantine facility in Melbourne and flew them to Perth where they went straight into their forever homes ...

The 5 dogs had flown from Macau 10 days prior where they had been in foster care for 2 months after finally being rescued by Anima—Society for the Protection of Animals in Macau from the infamous Macau Canidrome. The track closed several months before their rescue as a result of a 7 year campaign led by ANIMA, Pet levrieri & GREY2K USA to shut down ...

The 5 dogs were exported to the horrific facility from Australia, 2 of them were unauthorised exports, exported after the passport ban to Macau. These dogs were 5 of 20,000 Australian greyhounds exported to the Canidrome, only around 500 Australian greyhounds made it out alive. The Macau greyhounds lived only to race, and dogs failing to place 1st, 2nd or 3rd in 5 consecutive races were killed.

The dogs lived in dark, damp, barren concrete kennels with inadequate bedding, some slept on the concrete floor whilst others had a wooden or basic hessian style bed. The kennels were covered in scratch marks ... The dogs spent majority of their time in kennels. Illnesses and injuries were left untreated and many dogs suffered terribly. Every single dog at this facility was neglected and in poor health.

Majority of the 532 dogs that were rescued went to the US, UK and Europe, some were rehomed locally, and 21 came home to Australia.

Of the 21 dogs, five came to Perth. I was fortunate enough to get one of those.

The second gotcha day for the Macau greyhounds is on 6 June at Tomato Lake in Kewdale. If members are available, I would certainly encourage them to come along. There will be more than just the five Macau dogs there; there will be quite a number of rescued greyhounds. I encourage members to get to know the greyhounds and grow that support for them as time goes on.

Once again, I would like to thank everyone who helped throughout the 2021 election campaign. I wish all new members the best in their first term here. As the Premier said previously, it will be over before you know it. Please carry on doing the great work that you started off doing and you will certainly get the benefit at the next election. With that, I commend the bill to the house.

**MRS J.M.C. STOJKOVSKI (Kingsley — Parliamentary Secretary)** [11.58 am]: I would like to make a small contribution to the debate on the Supply Bill 2021. I have only two minutes. I thank the Premier for all his work throughout the election campaign. Having done numerous campaigns over the years, I know that they can be incredibly tiring and exhausting. I certainly suffered from that throughout the campaign, but it was the times when the Premier came up to our electorate or to a neighbouring electorate that really invigorated the campaign. It invigorated the volunteers in the campaign and it certainly helped my energy levels. I want to thank the Premier, who did an incredible job throughout the campaign, and congratulate him on a very well won campaign. I know there were a lot of people who were very happy to vote for Labor, some of them for the very first time. In part, it is thanks to all the good work that the Premier and the team have done over the last 12 to 18 months during the COVID-19 pandemic. Equally, I know from all the doors I knocked on and the phone calls I made that what the people of Western Australia could see was a vision that our Premier and ministerial team have for Western Australia—the fact that we need to re-establish manufacturing here in Western Australia, ensure Western Australian jobs and ensure that students who are leaving high school or people who would like to reskill have access to TAFE or can go back to TAFE and get the skills for the jobs that we will need into the future. I know that the people of Western Australia certainly bought into this vision that the Premier, the Deputy Premier and the ministerial team articulated and that we promoted within our electorates because they understood that we had done the hard yards in the last four years in delivering what we said we were going to last time and that we would do the same thing going forward over the next four years. For my part, I just wanted to get up, thank the Premier and say: Congratulations; you have done an amazing job. I am humbled and proud to still be part of your team—so thank you very much, Premier.

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**MR M. McGOWAN (Rockingham — Treasurer)** [12.01 pm] — in reply: I thank all members for their contribution to the debate on the Supply Bill 2021. There is nothing unusual about this bill. This is often standard practice, particularly in a year in which an election is held, and I appreciate the support of the house.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

[Leave granted to proceed forthwith to third reading.]

**The ACTING SPEAKER (Ms M.M. Quirk)**: Member for Roe.

**Mr P.J. RUNDLE**: Thank you. The Leader of the Opposition is momentarily elsewhere, so if there is an opportunity, I might ask whether she may be able to come forward shortly.

**Mr D.A. Templeman**: Keep talking, then.

**Ms J.J. Shaw**: I just walked past her.

**Mr P.J. RUNDLE**: Yes.

**The ACTING SPEAKER**: Member, you might be able to contribute in the meantime.

**Mr P.J. RUNDLE**: Certainly, if I can, Madam Acting Speaker —

**The ACTING SPEAKER**: Leave was granted to move forthwith to the third reading. Premier, you need to move it. I apologise.

*Third Reading*

**MR M. McGOWAN (Rockingham — Treasurer)** [12.03 pm]: I move —

That the bill be now read a third time.

**The ACTING SPEAKER**: The question is that the bill now be read a third time. Sorry, everyone.

**MR P.J. RUNDLE (Roe)** [12.03 pm]: Thank you, Acting Speaker. If I may make a couple of comments.

**The ACTING SPEAKER**: Member, are you going to say something while we wait for the Leader of the Opposition to come in, because we are now on the third reading?

**Mr P.J. RUNDLE**: Yes. If I may, Acting Speaker, the opposition certainly supports the Supply Bill 2021, as pointed out by the Leader of the Opposition. I think she made some comments about the concerns she had about royalties for regions. We have certainly shown concern about that program in the past and the way that we have had cost shifting, I guess. That was the emphasis that the Leader of the Opposition spoke about. We have made a calculation of \$2.7 billion over the last four years. As far as I am concerned, that program cost shifting is quite concerning. When we look at the \$1 billion a year that the former Liberal–National government had sitting there working well for things such as the Pilbara Cities program, an area from which over 70 per cent of our state revenue is generated, I think this issue probably concerns the opposition more than anything. Regional Western Australia generates 70 to 80 per cent of the state’s revenue, yet we have seen cost shifting and substitution of the royalties for regions program take place. That is a real concern to me, and I know that the Leader of the Opposition expressed that in her second reading contribution. I think we will certainly be looking for the government to straighten that out.

Obviously, another concern we have is the electoral reform that is coming up, which will potentially redistribute a lot of regional members in the Legislative Council. We will continue to express our concerns about that and it is certainly another issue that the Leader of the Opposition brought up in her second reading contribution.

If I may, I will close on that and hand across to the Leader of the Opposition to make her comments.

**The ACTING SPEAKER**: After I have given her the call—Leader of the Opposition, thank you.

**MS M.J. DAVIES (Central Wheatbelt — Leader of the Opposition)** [12.06 pm]: Thank you, Acting Speaker. Thank you, member for Roe. Just to tidy up the comments from the opposition’s perspective, obviously, we support the progress of this bill. We would never seek to block supply. That does not mean that we necessarily agree with the government’s priorities, and I think we made that clear during the second reading debate. We outlined very clearly the challenges we see going forward and where we would expect government to apply that funding in the interim as we move towards a budget. Those challenges include the health system, on which we have canvassed significantly over the last couple of weeks in Parliament, obviously; emerging issues around housing; those skill shortages that we are seeing that are impacting businesses across the state; the failure to diversify our state’s economy and to work towards a plan that means that we are less reliant on the powerhouse of the nation—our mining sector—so that we can ride through the peaks and troughs that inevitably come from having such strong reliance on that sector; and the issues that we understand are coming to the fore in and around our child protection agency, the shortages



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we are seeing in that department and the impact that is having on families and the most vulnerable in our communities. We have also raised issues around the machinery of government and the impact that is having on our departments and their ability to provide key and strategic advice for this government to act on.

We still see this government come into this house and blame the previous government. We still see ministers and the Premier alike come in here and point to things that occurred nearly five years ago now. After four years in government, with GST flowing into the state as a result of the deal that the commonwealth government has struck and record royalty rates, although there have been some challenging headwinds for this state to face—no-one would not acknowledge that the Premier and his government have steered us through a response to COVID-19—I would say that there now needs to be a long-term plan to ensure that the funds that we are approving for use are put where they are most urgently needed. I understand that there are some infrastructure projects. It is a little like what we talked about during the debate on the Treasurer’s Advance Authorisation Bill 2021; election priorities have been included in this financial year. I urge the Treasurer to make sure that these funds go towards fixing our health system, which is clearly in crisis, and some of the other issues we have canvassed during the second reading debate in this house over the past three weeks.

**MR M. MCGOWAN (Rockingham — Treasurer)** [12.11 pm] — in reply: I thank members for their support of the Supply Bill 2021. The bill is standard practice, especially when the budget is delayed. The budget will not be delivered until the latter part of this year; therefore, a supply bill is necessary to ensure that the government can continue to meet its obligations; in particular, paying our workforce. This is a necessary budgetary measure in this environment. The Supply Bill is based on 50 per cent of the appropriations approved by the Parliament for the 2020–21 financial year and gives flexibility to the government in meeting its obligations.

Specific issues were raised by members. Just so members are aware, the government has \$4.2 billion in royalties for regions funding over four years to 2023–24, but that is only a small part of what we spend in regional Western Australia. We have committed a record \$7.9 billion investment in regional WA, of which less than nine per cent is funding from RforR; that is capital. On top of that are multiple things across regional WA. There has never been as much money spent on health, education and other services in regional WA. Indeed, our recovery plan included \$900 million across regional WA on a range of initiatives to ensure that people remained employed during the depths of the despair that we endured last year. Royalties for regions continues. We are funding regional Western Australia better than ever before. That is the record of this government. I would like to thank members for their support.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time and transmitted to the Council.