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Federal Candidate for Hasluck Bill Leadbetter with Chris Tallentire at the Kelvin Road crossing

Fixing Dangerous Level Crossings

WA Labor's **METRONET** plan includes fixing dangerous level crossings on the Armadale Line.

Dr Bill Leadbetter, WA Labor's Candidate for the federal seat of Hasluck, is concerned about the Kelvin Road level crossing, calling it "an accident waiting to happen."

Bus stops, traffic lights and impatient drivers make this level crossing a priority to be fixed. What do you think is the best way to do it?

Have your say at maddington.metronet.net.au

METRONET Thornlie Line Extension



WA Labor will build **METRONET**, an integrated and coordinated transport plan to connect our suburbs and fix congestion on our local roads such as Garden Street.

WA Labor's **METRONET** plan includes building the new Thornlie Line, joining the Mandurah Line and Armadale Line.

The Thornlie Line will be the start of **METRONET** Circle Line, allowing east-west travel and creating a true transport network.

Crime Spike Hits our Community

I was targeted again at my Thornlie home by burglars. The alarm sounded and they ran off.

But I'm just one of many.

There was a 14 per cent overall increase in crime compared to December 2014.



The crime spike was fuelled by:

- ✗ 89 per cent increase in robbery;
- ✗ 27 per cent increase in domestic assault;
- ✗ 20 per cent increase in motor vehicle theft;
- ✗ 18 per cent increase in threatening behaviour;
- ✗ 18 per cent increase in home burglary;
- ✗ 16 per cent increase in theft; and
- ✗ 15 per cent increase in property damage.

The new policing model has failed and it's time for Liza Harvey go back to the drawing board.

We need a new approach to reducing crime in WA and the Liberals are completely out of ideas.



Forest Lakes Community BBQ

Forest Lakes residents came out in force for my pre-Xmas sausage sizzle at Kurrajong Reserve.

It was a beautiful evening and we shared some cold drinks and hot food. I caught up with the local gossip and chased up a few issues for constituents afterwards.



NO VOTE, NO SAY

Sick of Mr Barnett and the Liberals?

With the Federal election happening this year, now is the time to make sure you are enrolled to vote.

If you don't vote, you can't complain.

Enrol to vote: call my office on 9493 2223 and we'll send you forms.

IN LOCAL NEWS...

Hit and miss for public transport

By Amy Blom

Infragant bus connections are leaving commuters in Canning Vale waiting for an almost an hour according to resident Lynell Edelman.

Ms Edelman's comments came as the WA Labor Party announced its recommendation this week to extend the Thornlie line through Canning Vale to connect to the Mandurah line.

Ms Edelman said she used public transport into the city during the day on a monthly basis to take her three children on excursions or events.

Despite living in Canning Vale her nearest train station was Thornlie, which required a bus connection.

"Going out is usually fine because you can schedule it with the connection but coming home we have less control so we often get off the train in Thornlie only to see our bus departing the station," she said.

"That means we have a 50-minute wait until the next bus. I could walk home in that time but with three small children it's impossible."

Traveling the same distance by car should take less than half an hour but Ms Edelman said this was risky too because the number of cars on the road and the level of congestion for the freight line made congestion an issue.

"It can take up to three light changes to get through Nicholson Road," she said.

"I've almost been pushed off the road by a car trying to get further up the queue."

State Opposition leader Mark McGowan said the extension of the Thornlie line, which included two train stations in Canning Vale, would solve the problem.

He said it would take more cars off the road.

Member for South Metropolitan Region Sue Ellery said the electorate of Southern River was the worst for public transport.



Member for South Metropolitan Region Sue Ellery, Member for Gonville Chris Tallentire, State Opposition leader Mark McGowan and Member for Goroington Bill Johnston.

Photograph—Amy Blom.

she said. "There are buses but you have to get your connections exactly right and they're a bit random."

She also hit out at Member for Southern River Peter Abetz for his comments in Parliament last week that public transport in Canning Vale was "excellent."

Mr Abetz said his comments were taken out of context and he was still supportive of the extension. "They were bagging out our public transport but I recently had visitors from Melbourne who caught a bus and a train one day and called me to say how great it was," he said.

"That's not to say that I don't want the train line because I do and it will improve things."

He expected the State Government would be able to deliver the extension after priority projects such as the Forrestfield Airport Link.

"We're already building the overpass on Nicholson Road, which is necessary for the extension," he said.

"It all just needs to be done in order and you need to have the money for it."

Land tax bill shock

SOUTH-EASTERN SUBURBS

ANGER AT DOUBLING OF INVESTOR IMPOST

Francis Curro

SELF-FUNDED retirees from the south-eastern suburbs were left outraged after receiving a land tax bill more than double of what they paid last year.

Opposition country spokesman Ben Wyatt raised the issue to Treasurer Mike Nahan in Parliament on November 12 as a grievance for residents who were shocked by a tax hike.

Speaking in Parliament, Mr Nahan said the State was in the red due to the mining boom ending and raising land tax was one of the only ways to raise revenue.

Thornlie resident Silvana Scullo said it was ridiculous for the Government to send her a bill of \$2089 for the land tax of her investment property in Dianella when it was just \$1000 last year.

She said her 65-year-old daughter Connie had also been hit hard by an increase in land taxes.

Ms Scullo said she felt trapped by the tax and asking her issue would not be an option.

"We expect rises but not like that," she said. "I have provided her rental I get more, I can survive."

"But if they are going to charge tax like that, what am I going to have left?"

Maddington resident Lena Packer received a bill for \$727 last year and recently received a grand bill for land tax for her property in Carlsbad.

Ms Packer said she felt trapped by the tax and asking her issue would not be an option.

"I take my \$200 out, that is a big shock," Ms Packer said.



"If our bill was \$5000 I would have complained (and) you expect increases, but I just can't fathom this."

Both residents no longer work and have to rely on their investment property for income and do not receive anything from the pension.

Mr Wyatt said in parliament Premier Colin Barnett told him landowners could sell and adjust property holdings.

Ms Scullo said, "they were dreaming."

Mr Wyatt said the Barnett government should have planned more for the post-mining boom.

"It is realistic to say that the WA Government will likely never again enjoy such massive revenue growth," he said. "This is why we have lost our AAA credit rating and why property owners are being punished so brutally at a time when the economy simply cannot absorb those increases."

Mr Nahan said it was a valid issue.

"The difficult decision to reform the land tax scale was made to fully ensure that the State's finances remain sustainable in the face of the most challenging economic and fiscal conditions experienced in Western Australia in the last two to three decades," he said.

"The bill had tax to not applied to the family farms."

Tenancy laws scrutinised

By Amy Blom

Lifestyle villages and caravan parks will be subject to more stringent rules under proposed changes to tenancy laws.

Last month the Department of Commerce released a report detailing several changes to the Residential Parks (Long-Stay Tenants) Act 2006 following an extensive consultation process, which began in August 2012.

The process began after residents at a Gonville residential park alleged they were being charged rent fees of up to \$30,000 despite being told there were no such fees when they entered into a tenancy agreement.

"I encourage affected tenants, park operators and all stakeholders to consider the recommendations in the report sought to balance the rights of both tenants and park operators."

Consumer Protection acting commissioner David Hilliard said the recommendations in the report sought to balance the rights of both tenants and park operators.

"For more information visit www.commerce.wa.gov.au/reparksurvey and feedback can be submitted by emailing consultations@commerce.wa.gov.au."

stalling on the residential parks laws for more than three years," he said.

"They will legislate before the election in March 2017 so their last laws will let fair cases continue to make demands of vulnerable older people and their worried families."

Commerce Minister Michael Mitchell said he expected the government to be in a position to detail its final decision before the next election.

He said everyone involved would have a different view so it was important to consult with everyone.

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Free legal advice

Gonville Community Legal Centre provides free legal advice for family law property and child support matters on alternate Friday evenings at Armadale Church Cafe in 4th Street, Armadale. The service is for City of Armadale residents only. Call 9398 1435 to book.

The government has been con-



EduCare: Making Life Easier for Families

Finding childcare or juggling the dreaded 'double drop off' between the childcare centre and school is a difficult task.

We want to help make life easier, that's why WA Labor will provide a site for a childcare centre in the planning for every new government primary school.

We will also work with existing government schools to open up opportunities for more childcare.

Find out more at markmcgowan.com.au/educare

Malcolm Yang with some polties (Chris Tallentire, Sue Ellery, Shadow Education Minister and Mark McGowan, WA Labor Leader) at Thornlie Primary School.

Hope for Maddington Homestead

I asked the Minister for Heritage for a briefing on the Maddington Homestead and learnt alot about its history.

Built in 1836 this was one of WA's first and finest homesteads. It replicated English architectural style, including 'wattle and daub' walls, but was gutted by a catastrophic fire in the early 2000's.

There is now light at the end of the tunnel. The Heritage Council has been discussing with the owners a plan to adapt the old buildings, build new structures to sustain future use and allow community access to the heritage site.

In return the owners will be able to complete the residential build-out of the old farm and orchards.

I will continue to monitor the progress of the site to ensure it becomes a great community asset in the future.



Have your say - as your local MP, what can I do for you?

	Name:
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Send your comments for free – Chris Tallentire MLA, Reply Paid Post 83688, THORNLIE WA 6108

WA Labor Out and About...



Chris, local MLC Sue Ellery and Terry Healy, Candidate for Southern River, chat to local residents



Local resident Lyndell Edelsten chats to the WA Labor team including MLC Sue Ellery, WA Labor Leader Mark McGowan and Federal Candidate for Burt, Matt Keogh about public transport issues in Thornlie.



Mr and Mrs Song at Parakeela Reserve

An issue raised at one of my recent street corner meetings was that street lighting wasn't good enough around Parakeela reserve. The City of Gosnells were very helpful and better lighting is being installed.

The Liberal Transport Minister was not so helpful about the road noise from the Tonkin Highway. He has no plans and no funds to moderate the rumble.

I've recently held street corner meetings at Aldinga Street, Newenden Street, Panozza Circuit and Hargrave Drive.

Upcoming meetings include:

- 14 April, 4pm-5.30pm, Glyndebourne Reserve
- 21 April 4.30pm-6pm, Peace Park

Please let me know if you would like me to hold a meeting near your place.



My Office in Thornlie

Open 9-5 Monday to Friday on Spencer Road, Thornlie

We can:

- ✓ Help to solve problems with government agencies
- ✓ Certify copies of documents
- ✓ Witness Statutory Declarations
- ✓ Provide information and forms
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