

## ***Friends of Forrestfield – 2010 Report***

We have held three *Friends of Forrestfield* meetings in 2010, all of which have been well attended by those interested in the local community. I would like to thank those that have attended, and look forward to our next meeting in the New Year. It is great to see a good mix of people from the Shire of Kalamunda and the City of Gosnells.

Issues raised by the *friends* include:

- Safety along the Armadale Railway Line;
- Kalamunda Hospital not restoring maternity as promised repeatedly over the period of a decade;
- Privatisation of Midland Health campus;
- Request to host a forum for all the local Resident Associations in the electorate;
- Concerns about facilities and services for seniors in the Shire of Kalamunda;
- Main Roads (MRWA) contracting arrangements, due to concerns about the state of local highways.

Action taken:

- The Forrestfield electorate Resident Association forum was held. This enabled the various members to meet each other for the first time, to build a productive working relationship, and to drive positive change for our region.
- Raised questions in Parliament regarding MRWA contracting arrangements.
- Raised a grievance in Parliament regarding the state of stations along the Armadale railway line. We were able to get the government to commit to upgrades to the Kenwick stations lighting, and the removal of concealing vegetation.
- Continued campaigning to stop the privatisation of the Midland Health Campus. This is now part of the Labor Party's private members bill to stop the privatisation of hospitals and essential services.
- Shadow Health Minister Roger Cook continues to raise questions and pressure the government in respect to the Maternity services at the Kalamunda Hospital, and for the Barnett government to meet its election promises.
- A comprehensive wish list has been developed for infrastructure and services needed in the Forrestfield electorate.

The Christmas *Friends of Forrestfield* was a lot of fun, and very productive. The focus was on the needs of the Eastern suburbs and what can be done to achieve increased infrastructure and public transport in the area.

*Friends of Forrestfield* will continue to develop a strong voice for residents of the Forrestfield electorate in 2011, and I encourage all members of our community to come along and have their say.

Merry Christmas to all, and have a safe New Year.

Our next meeting will be organised for early March 2011.