In December 2011, Tony hosted an afternoon tea at the Sorrento Bowling Club with guests of honour Minister Robyn McSweeney MLC and Minister Simon O’Brien MLC.

Over 110 constituents of 65 years of age and older, had the rare opportunity to meet the Ministers over a cup of tea and raise issues directly with them such as health, the retirement villages legislation and transport for seniors.

“I thought the afternoon tea would give attendees a chance to share their ideas in a relaxed, informal setting,” Tony said.

“I think it is important for as many people as possible to have the opportunity to hear from our Ministers first hand.”

Minister O’Brien said the afternoon tea provided a great environment to hear the views of the people of Carine, particularly on the important issue of retirement village’s legislation.

“This Government cares very much about seniors interests as evidenced by the opening of the Seniors Housing Centre late last year and improved legislation protecting those over 65 who still want to work,” he said.

Minister McSweeney made the most of the opportunity to speak with the seniors and said that she was able to help many people with their queries.

“I very much enjoyed the interactive exchange of information at the seniors’ forum organised by Tony,” she said.

“We were able to help many people in the electorate, especially alerting them to the benefits they are entitled to with the State Government seniors card.”

Tony said these forums give the Ministers the opportunity to hear directly from the constituents, rather than rely on Government Departments and advisors for feedback.

“I will continue to organise and facilitate open and transparent two-way communication in the future,” he said.

More photographs are available on Tony’s website
Tony has applauded Carine Senior High School as they were awarded an Australia Day medallion after receiving the Community Service Award at the 2012 RSL Awards, for outstanding service to the RSL and the community.

For the past 25 years, students and teachers from Carine Senior High have laid flowers and Australian flags on each of the almost 1,500 soldiers’ plaques at Perth’s Kings Park to mark ANZAC Day.

Principal Paul Ganderton said students and staff had pledged to ensure the sacrifices made by Australians in the defence of their country would not be forgotten.

“For people to hand over perpetuity of the memory of their own relatives to a school and a bunch of kids is remarkable,” he said.

“It was a great honour and a wonderful way to start the year.”

Carine Senior High also holds an annual memorial service to those Australian Prisoners of War who perished on the death marches in Borneo during the Second World War.

The school has actively supported the Borneo POW Relatives Association of Western Australia and has insisted in bringing together many stories, articles, drawings, photographs and memorabilia that tell of the horrors during World War Two.

Year 11 students will visit the Sandakan War Memorial in Borneo this year and three more students are due to go on the Quiet Lion tour for the ANZAC Day service in Borneo.

“I congratulate the Carine Senior High School students who have pledged to ensure that the sacrifices made by Australians in the defence of their country, freedom and democracy is not forgotten,” Tony said.

With a history dating back as far as 2005, the intersection of Davallia, Okeley and Beach Roads Duncraig has caused traffic problems for residents and road users.

Over the past year, Tony has been actively seeking support from the Minister for Transport Troy Buswell, as well as officers at the Cities of Stirling and Joondalup to redress the problem.

Funding under the National Black Spot Program of $135,000 was previously granted to the City of Stirling and in 2006, civil works commenced to modify traffic signals at this intersection.

It became evident that a complete rewiring of the junction was necessary and when added to the cost of service relocations, the budget for the project would be in excess of $370,000. This resulted in the City of Stirling withdrawing its acceptance of the funding, therefore deferring the proposed signal modifications.

Officers from the City of Stirling and City of Joondalup have since worked together to further investigate and determine the type of modifications needed to improve safety for all road users.

These would include:
- Signal phasing to introduce new right turn phases on all four approaches to the intersection;
- Installing ‘Walk-Don’t Walk’ lanterns to complement existing pedestrian push buttons; and
- Extending right hand turn pockets on Beach Road, increasing the storage capacity of right turn vehicles.

In October 2011, after liaison with officers of the Cities of Joondalup and Stirling and given the criteria for approval of a further grant, Tony again contacted the Minister with a request for financial assistance to the councils to carry out the above modifications.

Tony is hopeful that once the councils have liaised and provided the cost estimate for this project, a favourable outcome will be forthcoming when the Government is considering its funding options.
CARINE GETS WEST COAST FEVER

What’s the biggest participation sport in Australia? Football? Soccer? It’s netball!

In February, Tony brought together three levels of netball in WA for a lunch at Parliament House, introducing members of the Carine Netball Club to the new additions to the West Coast Fever - coach Norma Plummer, two-time world champion Catherine Cox and Caitlin Basset.

Also attending the lunch were Trish Robinson and Jackie Horner from the Wanneroo District Netball Association (WDNA).

Accompanying Laura Richards and Alex Stirling from the Carine Netball Club, club president Christina Bartels said the club’s primary policy is to promote participation and development in netball for young players in the Carine area.

“Netball is a popular sport and we like to provide an opportunity for as many girls as possible to play the game,” Ms Bartels said.

“The lunch hosted by Tony was an inspiring opportunity for myself and two of our young players to meet and talk to the West Coast Fever coach and some players at that level of the sport.”

$17,500 GRANT TO SNEC

The Stirling Natural Environment Coastcare (SNEC) is one of the big winners sharing in $1 million of funding from the WA Planning Commission and the Federal Government.

Carine MLA Tony Krsticevic said SNEC had received a $17,500 Coastwest grant to assist with native vegetation mapping of the City of Stirling Coastal zone.

Rae Kolb, Convenor of SNEC is delighted that this project has received funding.

“It will be a sound and comprehensive management tool for now and into the future,” she said.

“This successful application was achieved with support and assistance from both Perth Region Natural Resource Management and the City of Stirling.”

The funds will be used to support future restoration actions, such as weed management and planting in the area and indigenous flora in the zone will also be mapped.

This information will enhance the management of the coastal zone and provide ecological knowledge for a database. Identification of these species and the areas in which they occur will be recorded and used as a monitoring tool for ongoing assessment and adaptation on ground projects.

Tony congratulated SNEC for their outstanding commitment to our coastal environment.

“SNEC have always done an outstanding job and will no doubt continue to add value to our community,” he said.

“I am a great supporter of their work and look forward to continuing our strong working relationship.”

The Coastwest grants help the Western Australian community to run projects that maintain our pristine stretches of coastline that are so important to West Australians and appreciated by visitors to our State.
Hamersley rovers reign over Sorrento

On Sunday 11 March, Sorrento Football Club met head-to-head with the Hamersley Rovers in the annual Carine Cup. Reaching a top of 41 degrees, both teams played very well in a high quality match.

Spectating at Percy Doyle Reserve, Tony was there to cheer both teams on and to present his donation of the trophy to Hamersley who took out the match 4-1.

“It has been a great pleasure sponsoring the Carine Cup over the last four seasons,” Tony said.

“As usual, it was a fantastic afternoon of high quality soccer between Sorrento and Hamersley, which resulted in Hamersley winning the Cup for the first time in four years!”

Hamersley President Carol Marinkovich said the game was played in a great friendly atmosphere as the two clubs have a traditional but friendly rivalry which helps bring professional and amateur clubs together on a community level.

“A great day was had by all and in particular a good lead up for Hamersley’s forthcoming season,” Mrs Marinkovich said.

“Special thanks to everyone involved in making it an enjoyable afternoon of football, Sorrento for their hospitality and facilities and Tony for his continuing support of the Carine Cup.”

The winner’s trophy will be on display at the respective club rooms until the teams meet again next year.

The match was played in great spirits and players joined with spectators afterwards for drinks and nibbles in the clubhouse.

Tony said the re-match in 2013 will no doubt be a spirited affair worth watching.

Community Clean-up tackles Litter Problem

A group of Carine residents donned the garden gloves to help Tony in a community clean-up at Carine Open Space.

Tony called on local volunteers to join the event on Saturday 17 March and do their part to protect Carine’s environment and amenity.

Tony said the electorate of Carine, like many WA areas, had some problems with littering and holding a Keep Australia Beautiful clean-up was the first step to tackling the issue.

“We have a beautiful electorate and a great community and we don’t want it spoiled by having rubbish lying around our streets,” he said.

“I thank Keep Australia Beautiful for their Adopt-a-Spot program, which is an enjoyable and educational litter program that gives local communities the opportunity to contribute to a healthier and cleaner environment.”

With 36 participants on the day, 30 Keep Australia Beautiful bags were filled with rubbish and collected by the City of Stirling’s waste management team.

Tony presents the Carine Cup to Hamersley Rovers President Carol Marinkovich and team Captain Daniel Scudder