

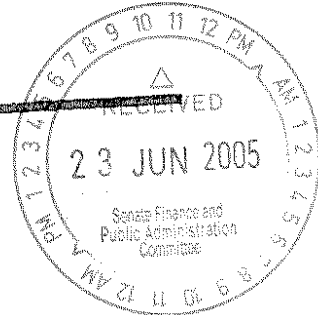
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★ DEPUTY Prime Minister John Anderson was in Mount Isa on the weekend and gave the city \$5 million towards the redevelopment of Buchanan Park.

He took a walk Kmart Plaza while he was here speaking to people and took the time to get his watch repaired.

He spoke to Suzi Grimaldi from JTC Jewellers who

repaired his timepiece for him.

Mr Anderson (left) is pictured with the Nationals candidate for Kennedy James Doyle and Ms Grimaldi.

★ THE announcement by Mr Anderson of the \$5 million drew loud applause, prolonged cheers and many a whistle especially as the money was not conditional.

Mount Isa MP Tony McGrady and Mayor Ron McCullough were also at the breakfast. Cr McCullough was remarkably calm for a man whose daughter was

getting married later that day.

On behalf of everyone at the breakfast, Mr Anderson wished the happy couple all the very best for its future.

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\$5m for park

Anderson delivers on Mount Isa complex

by CAROLINE KAURILA

THE vision will become a reality. The Federal Government has awarded \$5 million will be project.

Buchanan Park redevelopment Deputy Prime Minister and National Party leader John Anderson made the announcement last Saturday at a breakfast function at Buchanan Park.

It was his third visit to the city in three months.

The multi-million project involves transforming the park into an outdoor venue to host the city's major events such as race meetings, annual rodeo, show and campdraft.

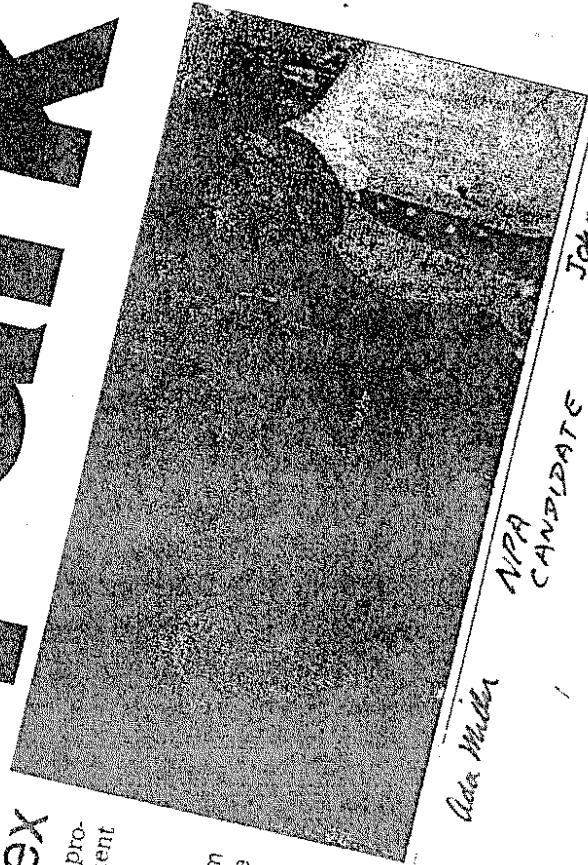
A master plan of the project, titled "A Vision Splendid", was unveiled in June.

Mount Isa City Council has

allocated \$2 million for the project and the State Government has committed \$1.5 million.

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SMILES (Right): Ada Miller from Freckleton's Country World, the Nationals Kennedy candidate James Doyle and deputy Prime Minister John Anderson share a joke last Saturday morning. Photo by DARRYL COOPER.



Ada Miller

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★ DEPUTY Prime Minister John Anderson appears to have taken a great interest in the multi-million dollar redevelopment of Buchanan Park.

Under the plan major community events would be staged there such as the annual rodeo and show.

Mr Anderson came to Mount Isa to hear first-hand details about the project and then only a few weeks later he was back to see the

annual rodeo.

His interest has backers of the redevelopment hopeful that \$5 million in funding will be forthcoming from the Commonwealth.

When in Mount Isa, Mr Anderson made the promise that he would keep the gift given to him to mark his interest in the project on his desk until it is built.

This photo of Mr Anderson proves he has kept his word. Photo courtesy of Bill McKinley.

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Isa rodeo impresses acting PM



by LIZ CORBETT
 MOUNT Isa should know within a month if the Federal Government will grant \$6 million toward the redevelopment of Buchanan Park.

Acting Prime Minister John Anderson, who described the plan as a gem of an idea, was in the city last Friday and Saturday to attend the Mount Isa Mines Mines 2004 Isa Rodeo and mardi gras.

He was obviously impressed by the spectacle of the mardi gras procession, the thrill of the bull pit and the great family and community atmosphere of last Friday night's mardi gras.

Last Saturday, Mr Anderson spent time at the rodeo talking to spectators and competitors, visiting the arena

VISITOR (Above): Acting Prime Minister John Anderson is pictured with Mount Isa rodeo queen entrants Kelly Stokes (left) Taneeca Maxwell, Warwick Rodeo Queen Lisa Land, Mount Isa entrant Claire Fowler and Mount Isa Charity Queen Tanya Stickland. Photos by RUTH FAHEY.
CHAT: Mr Anderson chats with Mount Isa Rodeo Queen Dee Wilburn about her horse.

Mr Anderson was in the city at the invitation of the Mount Isa Rotary Rodeo Committee.

The invitation was extended when Mr Anderson was in the city last month to learn first-hand about the Buchanan Park re-development project.

The multi-million project involves transforming the park into an outdoor venue to host the city's major events such as race meetings, annual rodeo, show and campdraft.

"I am very impressed by and interested in the Buchanan Park project and decided to find out more about it," said Mr Anderson.



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The final result is expected next month.
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Submission a work of art

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by LYND SAY JAMESON

THE Buchanan Park Steering Committee commissioned Camooweal leathercraft hobbyist Julie Spreadborough to create a folder for its funding application submission to the Federal Government.

The A3-sized submission binder was made of cow leather, laced with kangaroo leather and lined with pigskin.

It was completed on Monday and sent to the Federal Government.

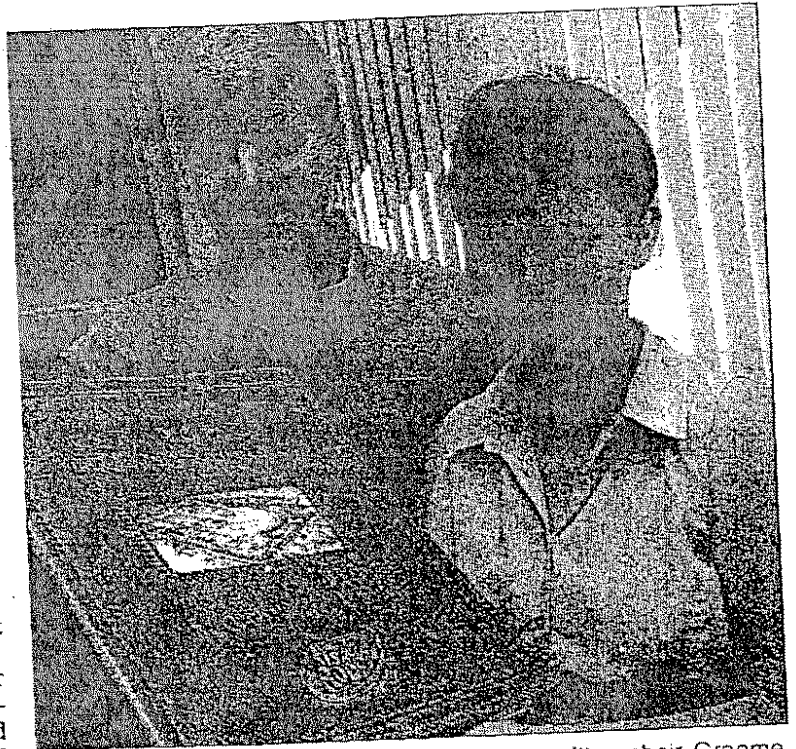
Mrs Spreadborough said the project took her three days to complete and involved the carving of lettering, stamping of the Mount Isa Mines 2004 Isa Rodeo logo and stitching of a laminated artist's concept plan of the Buchanan Park re-development on the binder's front.

Mount Isa City Councillor Glen Graham said the submission, seeking \$5 million, would be sent to the Federal Department of Transport and Regional Services.

Cr Graham said the submission was complete with index and included statistics, costings and a business plan.

"This submission is for funding to enable us to build the complex.

"We've been talking about the



SUBMISSION: Buchanan Park Steering Committee chair Graeme Saunders with the folder created by Camooweal leathercraft hobbyist Julie Spreadborough.

facility for so long and now it can hopefully become a reality."

The project's master plan, titled A Vision Splendid, was completed in June.

Funding consideration for the project will fall under the

Regional Partnerships Program.

He said the committee was hoping to hear back from the Federal Government, after the submission's assessment process was completed, in about two months' time.

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★ THERE is no love lost between independents Kennedy MP Bob Katter and Deputy Prime Minister John Anderson, so it was not unexpected when Mr Anderson drew back the bow and let a few arrows fly while in Mount Isa recently.

At a breakfast, hosted by Mount Isa City Council at Buchanan Park, Mr Anderson was given a presentation on the vision for Buchanan Park, a project he knew nothing about until a couple of weeks ago because the Federal member had not advised him.

Despite being kept in the dark, Mr Anderson was obviously impressed with the plans and while he did not sign a cheque, he certainly left people with the impression the Federal Government would pull its weight.

★ MR Anderson commented that Mr Katter had the best-paid part-time job in Australia.

According to voting figures, Mr Katter has not voted on legislation that has gone before Parliament House 52 per cent of the time.

It is understood that while the majority of times that Mr Katter has voted he has supported the Coalition, he has been forward in support of the ALP and on some occasions he has voted with his fellow independents.

★ THE Nationals candidate for Kennedy James Doyle has shown he is not adverse to taking advice, even if it is from a person considered to be a Labor supporter.

Mr Doyle told people at the breakfast that Mount Isa Mayor Ron McCullough gave him a few tips on political life for which he was most grateful.

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Anderson backs Buchanan Park

by CAROLINE KAHRILA

DEPUTY Prime Minister John Anderson has backed Mount Isa's Buchanan Park redevelopment project but says the Federal Government should have known about it earlier.

John Anderson, also Leader of the Nationals and Federal Minister for Transport and Regional Services, was in Mount Isa yesterday as part of a flying tour which also included a meeting in Cloncurry.

Mr Anderson was invited to the North-West by Nationals candidate for the seat of Kennedy James Doyle last month.

A crowd of about 50 invited guests attended a special breakfast function held at Buchanan Park for Mr Anderson.

The site was chosen to highlight one of the region's major infrastructure projects.

The multi-million project involves transforming the park into an outdoor venue to host the city's major events such as race meetings, annual rodeo, show and campdraft.

A master plan of the project, titled "A Vision Splendid", was unveiled last month.

Yesterday, Mr Anderson said he was impressed with the plans and was supportive of the project, which he had only learned about in recent weeks.

"It is obviously a very, very

Darwin to Melbourne, Mr Anderson pointed out that while it was a private sector project, the Federal Government had helped in terms of funding feasibility work.

Once the issue of access to Brisbane has been resolved, the Government may re-visit it, he said.

The AIRE project, which was launched in 1997, aims to provide a rail service for freight and passenger travel between Melbourne and Darwin within 24 hours and passes through Mount Isa.

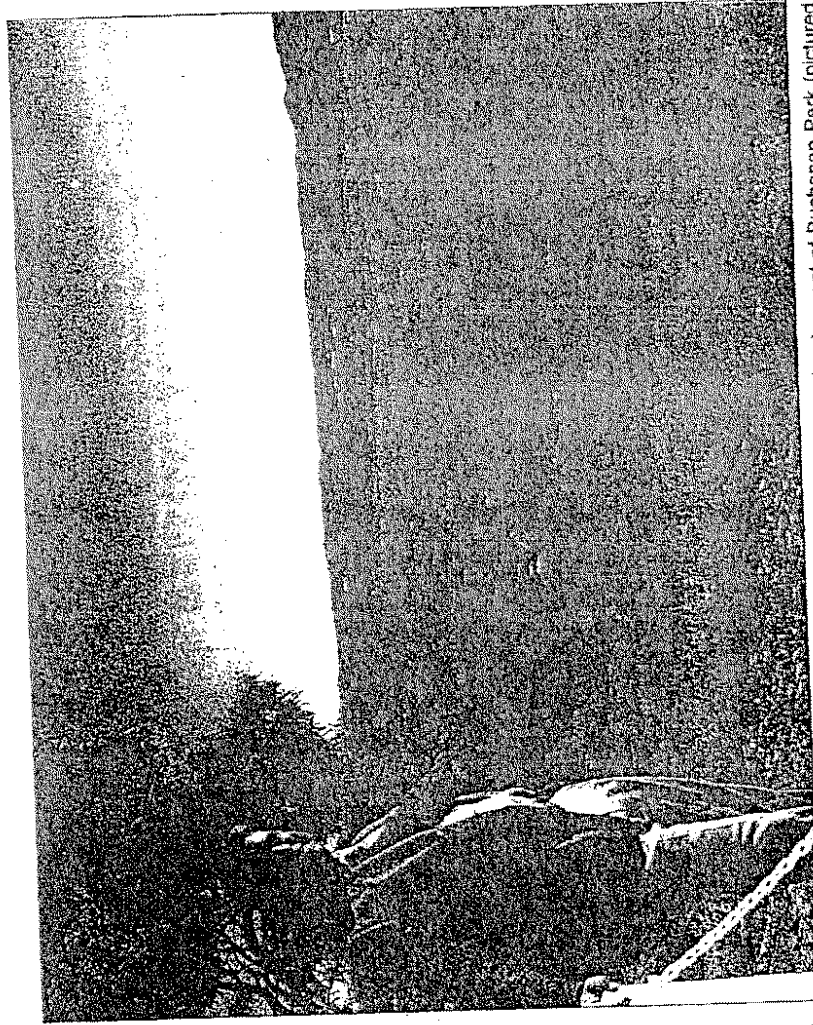
It was another instance where the Federal seat of Kennedy had been underrepresented.

"The area really needs a member who constantly raises the sort of issues, the real needs of the electorate need to be heard in Canberra."

As a result, Mr Anderson said on his brief visit he was "amazed" with some of the projects being undertaken in the region since his last visit three years ago.

A total cost for the Buchanan Park project has not been determined but stage one, the rodeo arena, is expected to cost \$3.5 million.

The Buchanan Park Steering Committee has started more funding would be "desirable" and it was working on a submission to secure \$6 million from the Federal Government.



SUPPORT: Deputy Prime Minister John Anderson supports the redevelopment of Buchanan Park (pictured in the background). Photo by SONYA SPINELLA.

good project which will make a big difference right across the region," he said. Doyle invited me up here that I knew about it. Every other (Federal) member would be absenting from the members about

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Deputy prime minister on visit to North-West

by CAROLINE KAURILA

HE has visited the United Kingdom, Europe, Turkey and France to speak about regional and transport issues but today, it is Mount Isa's turn to host Deputy Prime Minister John Anderson.

Mr Anderson, who is the Federal Minister for Transport and Regional Services and Leader of the Nationals, is staying overnight in the city on a whistle-stop tour of the North-West.

Arriving late this afternoon, Mr Anderson will stay overnight and head to Cloncurry tomorrow before returning to the coast later tomorrow afternoon.

Mr Anderson was invited to the North-West by Nationals candidate for the seat of Kennedy James Doyle last month.

Mr Doyle said he was "thrilled" Mr

Anderson had accepted the invitation.

"After my recent visit to Mount Isa and meeting with the mayor, I believe there is a real need to have someone like John Anderson visit," he said.

Mr Anderson will attend an invitation-only breakfast function at Buchanan Park and look over plans for the proposed multi-purpose development.

Mr Doyle said it was an excellent opportunity for Mr Anderson to hear first-hand concerns about issues such as the state of the Barkly Highway west of Mount Isa.

"Whilst funds have been made available, we have to make sure it is not lost off the radar."

Mr Anderson last visited Mount Isa in 1998.



John Anderson