



New appointment for MLC Ellis

AGRICULTURAL Region MLC Brian Ellis was last week appointed Secretary to the Parliamentary Liberal Party.

Mr Ellis has strong links to the Moora community, having being a former shire councillor and deputy shire president.

His family still farm in the district and he and his wife Margaret are regular visitors to their home town.

As part of his new honorary role Mr Ellis will be responsible for organising and recording Party Room meetings and various administrative duties.

He has an administrative staff member at Parliament House to assist him so that his electorate work is not compromised.

He also now sits at an historic desk presented by grateful Greenough constituents to former Premier Sir David Brand.

The magnificent hand-crafted desk was gifted in recognition of Sir David's services to the local community, and is made of carefully selected timbers from the district.

Peter Dowding replaced it with a con-

temporary desk when he became Premier, and since then it has been used at Parliament House by a succession of Secretaries to the Parliamentary Liberal Party.

"Sir David Brand has been an inspiration to many Members of Parliament, and has lived on in the fond memories of the people of Western Australia because of his hard work and integrity," Mr Ellis said.

"I am delighted with my appointment and the desk's historic links to Sir David, especially given that my electorate office is in the city of Geraldton-Greenough."

Mr Ellis replaces Ray Halligan MLC, who will retire from Parliament when the new Legislative Council takes its place later this month.

He also succeeds former MLC Bill Stretch (whose family farms in the Kojonup district) who resigned as Secretary to the Parliamentary Liberal Party when he retired from politics in 2005.



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