



## EFFORTS TO SAVE KDHS SENIOR SCHOOL

Cathy Wright, Chair of the KDHS Senior School Advisory Committee addressed a meeting of the Liberal Party in Kojonup last week to appeal for support for district efforts to save the school.

O'Connor MHR Hon. Wilson Tuckey, Senator Judith Adams, and MLC's Hon. Jim Chown and Hon. Brian Ellis (representing the Agricultural Region) were present at the meeting and Cathy said she received a very favourable reception from the whole gathering. She felt they understood the situation and what the loss of the increasingly successful senior school (catering for Years 11 and 12) would do to the students and the community. She came away from the meeting feeling sure that the matter would be pursued to a higher level.

Cathy said there was also support from the Consumers' Association of WA who had written to the Minister for Education protesting about the proposed ending of Years 11 and 12 programs in District High Schools in country regions of WA.

The Association said it was a matter of equity that at risk WA country students should be given the option of remaining in their school of choice and be provided with appropriate subject choices and assistance so that they were able to realize their career goals.

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KDHS Principal Brian Davis said in the school newsletter that a comprehensive program on Choices for 2011 had been presented to Years 10 and 11 students last week with guest speakers coming from Albany, Denmark, Katanning, Narrogin schools and agricultural colleges and the Great Southern Institute of Technology.

This was an opportunity for parents and students to meet with these representatives and to start making choices and connections for 2011. Decisions were needed within the next few weeks about preferred destinations for Years 10 and 11 students to be shared at parent/student transition interviews.

The Principal told a Safer Kojonup meeting last week that he would have expected about 15 students to attend the Senior School classes next year if the school was still operating.

Tania Smith from the Senior School campus at the CWA on Albany Highway said that any members of the public would be welcome to come and see the school in action.

