



## A week of admirable efforts



THE exceptional event of the week was not local, but at the World Athletics Championship in Berlin, where Usain Bolt took more than a tenth of a second off his own 100 metres national record. It exemplifies that some of the accepted limits to human achievement understate what is possible.



This is also true of every other human endeavour. A local example yesterday was riders in the Great Australian Bike Ride.

Their journey will have taken them around Australia in 204 days when they finish their ride in Melbourne on October 10.

Apart from a remarkable physical achievement they aim to raise \$1 million for the Rotary Health Foundation which will be spent on medical research and public education.

A condition of participation was each rider had to raise \$20,000 for the foundation before they started and \$20,000 each during the ride. They also have to ride for at least five

hours on most days – about the same as a Tour de France rider except it is over 204 days not 20.

If you wish to make a donation to the Rotary Foundation you can do it through a local Rotary Club or on the internet [greastralianbik-eride.org.au](http://greastralianbik-eride.org.au).



Yesterday also commemorated the Battle of Long Tan in Vietnam on August 18 1966.

This is the day we remember those Australian soldiers who served in the Vietnam War and especially those who died then or later due to war related issues or injuries.

Each year the Diggers Club holds a memorial service at their premises at the Waterloo Hall. This is always a poignant service which attracts more participants each year. It is pleasing to see more of those who served in Vietnam attending.



On Friday the South West branch of the Property Council hosted a luncheon with guest speaker regional devel-

opment minister Brendon Grylls.

Each time I hear him speak, it reinforces how he has grown into the influential role he now holds in the State Government.



Friday evening was a function at Bunbury Catholic College to launch the formation of an Old Boys and Girls Association.

A former principal (then Brother Albert) and some original students like Luke Kasperfiewicz, Hugh Beckenham, Cathy Dillon, Joe Scurria and Neville Appleton were among the 100 or so who attended. Peter Stanich and Mick Smith, Mick Macri and Mick Twomey are some who have wanted to form an association for a long time. Luke and Hugh were among the first students in the senior class. The association will be open to all former students from the Old St Josephs and St Mary's.



Another reminder – Local Government elections are on October 17.