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**1** This week marks the start of 16 Days in WA, a time when we shine a spotlight on domestic violence. This is an issue that touches every corner of our State, and we all have a role to play. You can show support during the campaign by wearing orange, attending events, and taking action in your community.

**2** WA's business community has backed in our campaign to retain a fair share of the GST. The open letter in today's paper is signed by 13 of WA's most prominent business and industry leaders and they have a clear message: WA's GST is working for Australia, and any change to the current rules will damage the national economy.



**3** Using public transport is about to get a whole lot easier. From Monday, December 8, you'll be able to use bank cards and smart technology such as mobile phones and watches to jump on our buses, trains and ferries. Oh — and from January 1, it'll be cheaper than ever to use public transport with the introduction of our new single zone flat fare.

**4** And if you're heading to Scarborough Beach this summer, that's also going to be easier. The new Surf CAT

bus service launches Sunday and will provide a free shuttle between Stirling train station and Scarborough Beach.

**5** Great to see the foundation piling under way on the new women and babies hospital. It's part of our record \$4.7 billion investment in health infrastructure.

**6** I know it only lasted two days, but how good was the Ashes? The atmosphere was electric. It shows the impact sporting events can have on a city and its businesses. It was also heartening to see hundreds of kilos of food rescued and donated to local charities.

**7** This week we revealed the designs of the new entertainment and sporting

precinct to be delivered between Crown and Optus Stadium. The precinct will be known as Perth Park and it's going to transform the area into a hub for live music, sport, entertainment and community use.

**8** The project will include a dedicated 12,000-person outdoor amphitheatre, a multipurpose building that can support events, functions and sport, and a multi-use track that will host an annual motorsport event, cycling and other mass participation events such as running festivals and triathlons.

**9** For the record — the new multipurpose track is \$23 million, about 10 per cent of the cost of the entire precinct. Another important

number — \$61m. That's how much the independent business case prepared by ACIL Allen said Perth Park will generate every year thanks to the major events hosted at the precinct.

**10** While Perth Park will support a calendar of exciting events, community use and the parkland will be at its heart. The designs will see 85 per cent of the area remain as green open space for the community, including up to 150,000 new trees, plants and shrubs, more than double the amount of tree canopy across the precinct, and a new urban forest.

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