

October 2014 – Newsletter



From the President's Pen

Dear Fellow Residents,

These last few months, we see much happening in our community: The release of the Kendall Inquiry Report on the City of Canning Council. The termination of the local council and the retirement of Commissioner Linton Reynolds who is to be congratulated on his fine work in steering the City through difficult times.

Your city is now run by three commissioners which is intended to give the city a balanced view and judgement in various major decisions. We welcome Commissioners Steven Cole, David Gray and Stephanie (Steve) Smith. With their vast experience, I am sure the city will benefit from them. In the interim period, we will wait for the final decision on the amalgamation, which is now in the hands of the Minister of Local Government.

There are, of course, still some concerns over the aircraft noise and the over traffic flow once Fiona Stanley Hospital is in full operation. We will continue to work with the government to swiftly resolve the issues.

We look forward to seeing each one of you on the 24th November at 7.30pm to celebrate our Association's 30th Birthday and AGM.

Kind regards,
Paul Ng

Local Government Reform—Update

At the time of writing, the Minister for Local Government and Communities has received both parts of the Local Government Advisory Board's Report on Local Government Reform.

Under the process, the Minister can approve or reject the recommendations. Keep your eye on your email as your Committee will keep you advised. You can also check progress at the website www.metroreform.dlg.wa.gov.au

Click on Metropolitan Reform for the latest news. You can subscribe to the media release section and you will be automatically sent up-dates as they happen.

Happy Thirtieth Birthday

Your Association turns thirty this year and doesn't look a day over twenty-one. Many Ratepayer groups come and go and it is a testimony to the foresight of our founders that established us with a broad set of objectives.

However, without the support of our members we would be insignificant. Many of you have been with us for the whole journey, others have joined along the way.

Thank you to all past Office Bearers and Committee Members and especially the Members. May the coming years be as successful.



Traffic Proposals

Mid-year, your Association was invited to be part of feedback to the Minister for Transport, the Hon Dean Nalder MLA. The RRSRA was asked to provide information on three areas of traffic concern. The Committee put forward a series of proposals outlining three Minor and three Major areas, setting out the background and constructive suggestions as to how these may be addressed.

The major proposals were-

- Roe 8
- Widening of Shelley Bridge
- Congestion around Rossmoyne Senior High School precinct (Karel Avenue and Webb Street)

The minor proposals were-

- Bull Creek Station precinct (short term parking and traffic flow both to the station and onto the Freeway)
- Sound Barrier for sections of Leach Highway
- Traffic flow on Leach Highway



New Playground at Riverton Bridge *(photo by P Agar)*

The City of Canning is to be congratulated on the opening of the new playground at Riverton Bridge. The young ones really enjoy it and the benches are well placed for those of us who are young at heart!

Perth Freight Link – Roe 8 Extension.

Main Roads is now undertaking project development work on the Perth Freight Link - a Federal and State Government initiative designed to build a stronger and more prosperous economy for Western Australia.

The \$1.6 billion Perth Freight Link was officially launched on 19 May 2014 as part of the Federal Budget, signaling a commitment to construct a high standard road and freight connection from Kewdale to Fremantle Port.

Project Scope

The Perth Freight Link will see:

- a 5km Roe Highway four-lane dual carriageway extension from the Kwinana Freeway to Stock Road in Coolbellup;
- improvements to Stock Road through O'Connor and Willagee with grade separated interchanges at Winterfold Road, Leach Highway, Carrington Street, High Street and Marmion Street; and improvements to High Street in Fremantle.

The Project will also have implications for the current scope of the Leach Highway/High Street upgrade. More information will be provided to the community and stakeholders as it becomes available.

Concept designs associated with the Perth Freight Link are in the very early stages, along with project delivery methodology. We will provide further information as the project develops.

Project Benefits

Together with the existing road project investments, including Gateway WA and Northlink WA (the Tonkin Highway grade separations and construction of the Swan Valley section of the Perth-Darwin Highway), the Perth Freight Link is expected to complete a key strategic route in Perth's road freight network, providing a direct and free flowing connection around the Perth urban area to the Port. In providing this vital link, this project will provide:

- Improved safety for all road users
- Reduced traffic congestion
- The removal of truck traffic from urban roads
- A reduction in overall costs for the heavy transport industry by boosting freight efficiencies
- Environmental benefits through increased non-stop traffic movements producing lower exhaust emissions and less burnt fuel



Drilling at The Leisureplex (photo by P Agar)

This most impressive piece of machinery is not drilling for oil but rather part of the project to use geo-thermal means to heat the pool.

Along with photovoltaic panels on the roof, the City of Canning aims to reduce the costs of the centre while at the same time reducing the carbon footprint.

**2014-15
Subscriptions
now due**
(\$10 per household)

RRSRA Annual General Meeting

at the Rossmoyne Hall
8:00pm Monday 17 November 2014
Guest Speaker Noel Dawkins
Members and Invited Guests only.

Rossmoyne Park

Situated behind the tennis courts next to the Bowling club



During August with the help of the bush crew from the Canning City Council approximately 100 trees and bushes were planted in the park in areas that were sparse of plants.

Clearing of the winter weeds is constantly done on a regular weekly basis before they spread seed for next year. Weed spraying was also undertaken by the CCC bush crew.

The Bird bath installed has seen an increase of bird activity and it is envisaged that now the birds have a constant water supply more nesting in the park will occur. The cost of this was generously provided by the Rotary club of Rossmoyne as well as Western Irrigation.

During this spring many of the trees are in flower making it a joy for the locals that use the park. On the regular Wednesday maintenance days where four dedicated volunteers work, they receive many compliments from locals who comment on how well the park is looking.

City of Canning Housing Strategy

A huge thank you to the Residents who attended the Information Session at Corinthian Hall at the end of June.

This will help as part of the review of the Town Planning Scheme (Number 40) and the preparation of the new one.

Apparently this session was one of the most successful in terms of attendances, across the City – well done