

October 2015 – Newsletter



From the President's Pen

Dear Fellow Residents,

.After three years of the City under the Commissioners, we are about to return to self-governance (like getting our independence back). There are a total of 56 nominations. Most of the candidates are of very high calibre. The important thing is to elect those who are the most capable to do the job; and are committed to serve the community as best they could.

We need people who can work as a team, united in its purpose and vision. We need a Mayor and councillors who would pull together, not pull away for personal gains at the expense of the ratepayers.

A number of our members are standing for election. I earnestly urge that you support them.

I look forward to seeing each and everyone of you on November 16 at 8pm for the AGM.

Kind regards,
Paul Ng

Check out the
Association's website
www.rrsra.org.au
now fully functional.

Council Elections DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

As mentioned in the article on the new Wards, the Council Elections are underway. Many of you will have already received your Voting packs and if you haven't, then phone the WA Electoral Commission on 9214 0400 for advice and assistance.

Canning has a record number of candidates – 56 nominations were received. Bannister has 12 candidates running and those of you who attended the Candidate Forum at the City Function Room would have seen the wealth of skills and talent on offer at this election. Electors have a great opportunity to be a part of Canning's return to elected representation.

Voting closes on 17th of October at 6:00pm but you must either post your papers in the envelope provided or take them to the City of Canning before that time. If you haven't posted by the 10th or 11th of October, it might be wise to deliver your pack by hand to the City so it is there in time.

New Wards

While the decision to have five Wards was welcomed by most people, the change in names left quite a few wondering if there had been a typo in the press release!

The RRSRA Secretary even contacted the City to check. Yes, was the reply from Lisa Bradley, Canning's Manager of Marketing and Communications, the naming of the new wards is correct. Lisa kindly went on to provide some background.

Naming of wards is always a difficult assessment Lisa explained, and the City of Canning did go to great lengths in considering the name of the new ward, its location and that of the other four ward names and locations. The rationale behind the naming of the wards is as follows

- Council desired to retain the existing ward names as there was significant local history surrounding them, however it was difficult to keep the locations exactly the same.

- Council opted for the name Beeloo for the new fifth ward. **Beeloo** was the previous name of the suburb of Wilson, therefore it seemed logical that it was allocated to the new ward that had Wilson within it.

- **Mason** Ward and **Nicholson** Ward seemed consistent in remaining as the northernmost and southern most wards, which left the allocation of the names **Bannister** and **Beelior**.

- The **Bannister** ward name was allocated to the Rossmoyne, Shelley, Riverton and northwest Willetton area because its eastern boundary is Bannister Creek. The boundary between **Bannister** and **Beelior** runs from Karel Avenue along Apsley Road to Vahland Avenue where it turns down to High Road where it turns right along High Road towards the Riverton Forum Shopping centre. Click on http://canning.wa.gov.au/images/stories/D15_209598_2015_Election_Bannister_Ward.pdf to see the Bannister Ward map.

- The remaining area of Willetton was allocated as **Beelior** ward. It seemed illogical to allocate name Bannister as it has no connection to Bannister Creek.

Your Association was very conscious that there may be some confusion, as changes to boundaries and an addition of a new ward naturally meant that major adjustments. However given the record number of candidates running for Mayor and for Ward Councillors, one suspects that these names will be quite familiar quite quickly!

City of Canning's Foreshore Walk

Accelerated rusting of the sign stands is underway in order to install the trail's remaining signs before summer. The stands are made of weathering steel. Weathering steel rusts over a few years, changing colour through a range of lovely hues.

The mounted aluminium sign panels are designed to largely avoid rust from the stands. To discourage staining them, the signs can be cleaned with water using a damp rag.

CoC consultant designer Susan Harris said she hoped residents would keep an eye on the signs, especially over the first winter.

6mm weathering steel is difficult to obtain in WA, so the stands are made of many parts welded together. Imported chemically-compatible mig wire has been used to ensure colour-matching welds.

Two pairs of long narrow signs went up earlier in the year at each end of Riverton Bridge. One pair interprets the upriver view. It marks the first published spotlighting of the river channeling in the Canning delta in the context of the Convict Fence era.



Roe 8: MAIN ROADS WESTERN AUSTRALIA - Latest News

Project Overview: The \$1.6 billion Perth Freight Link, officially launched on 19 May 2014 is the largest road infrastructure project ever to be undertaken in Western Australia. It will provide the 'missing link' in the Perth Urban Transport Corridor, through a dedicated, high productivity, east-west freight connection between Perth's heartland industrial areas, such as Kewdale and Welshpool, and Fremantle Port. Current stop-start traffic will be replaced with free-flowing vehicle movement. Construction of the Perth Freight Link is subject to environmental approval.

Project Timing:

Two major contracts (Roe 8 and Section 2) for the Perth Freight Link project are scheduled to be awarded in late in 2015, with infrastructure work expected to commence in early 2016 and to be completed in 2019.

The first section of the Perth Freight Link (Roe 8) will provide improved access into the Murdoch Activity Centre, including Fiona Stanley Hospital in the first half of 2017.

Roe 8 has received heritage consent from the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, under Section 18 of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972. The local knowledge shared by the Traditional Owners, which included an emphasis on minimising impacts on sacred under and mythological sites, rehabilitating degraded areas of the wetlands and maintaining hydrological and ecological links, has helped shape the project's preferred design, construction approach, footprint and alignment.

Roe 8 receives conditional environmental approval by the Minister for Environment: On 2 July 2015 the journey towards safer roads and communities in Perth's southern suburbs achieved a major milestone following conditional environmental approval.

Procurement: Three proponents have been invited to participate in the Request for Proposals (RFP) phase of the Perth Freight Link project.

Proposals will be sought for two sections as follows:

- Roe 8** – a 5km extension of Roe Highway (Stage 8) from Kwinana Freeway to just west of Coolbellup Avenue; and
- Section 2** – upgrades to Stock Road, Leach Highway, High Street and Stirling Highway, spanning 8.2km.

The three consortia comprise the following experienced teams:

- BGC Contracting, Laing O'Rourke, Arup and Jacobs
- Clough, Brierty, WSP/Parsons Brinckerhoff and Hyder
- Leighton Contractors, Georgiou, GHD, AECOM, BG&E and WA Limestone .

Freight Link Alternative Route - Section 2: Proponents for Section 2 are being asked to conduct a feasibility study for an alternative route, which includes a tunnel option, during the RFP stage. The feasibility of an alternative route for PFL Section 2 will be considered against environmental, economic and social impacts measures.

The alternative route extends Roe Highway west of Stock Road along the Roe Highway road reserve in Hamilton Hill. It then heads north as a tunnel, starting just before Clontarf Hill and running underground to join Stirling Highway near High Street.

A recommendation on the preferred route will be made to the State Government by the end of 2015 at which time any potential impacts on properties will become clearer. The project will result in improved safety for all road users, reduced traffic congestion, fewer trucks on urban roads, lower emissions, reduced noise and significant freight industry productivity improvements.

**2015-16
Subscriptions
now due**
(\$10 per household)

RRSRA Annual General Meeting
at the Rossmoyne Hall
8:00pm Monday 16 November 2015
Guest Speaker TBA
Members and Invited Guests only.

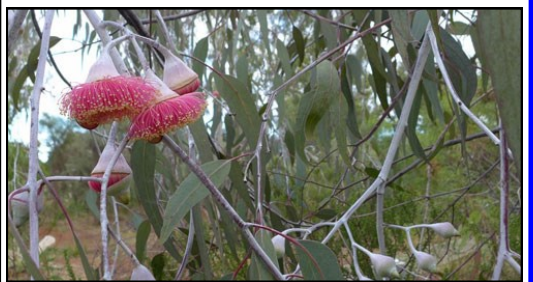
Rossmoyne Park

Situated behind the tennis courts next to the Bowling club

This July we planted about 100 trees and shrubs in the park as over the years the previous plantings are now established and it is only necessary to fill in the bare spaces.



The spring period has seen a lot of flowers come to life especially the wattles which are giving a nice showing of yellow for all the residents that regularly use the park.



Four volunteers maintain the park every Wednesday morning from 8.30am until about 10.00am. If any residents who are interested we would appreciate some help in cleaning up the weeds and doing light maintenance work. If you are able to help please ring Bill Young on 9457 5601.

