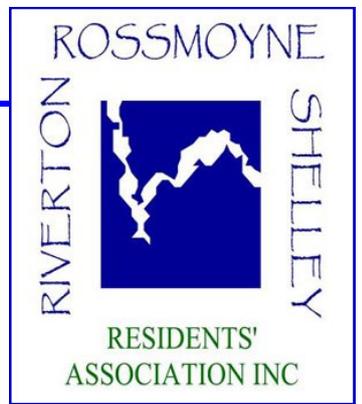


May 2016 – Newsletter



From the President's Pen

My Fellow Residents,

16 to 20 May was National Consumer Fraud Week 2016. The Department of Commerce WA Scam Net offers simple advice to avoid becoming a victim.

DO NOT LET ANYONE PRESSURE YOU INTO MAKING DECISIONS. Scammers often try to create a sense of urgency.

GET A SECOND OPINION - If someone is requesting money from you discuss it with a reliable third party.

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES Do not respond to emails and phone calls from strangers offering predictions on shares, investment tips or investment advice. Always do your own research before you invest any money and check the company or scheme is licensed on ASIC's Money Smart website.

DATING ON LINE - Know who you are dealing with. Don't send money to someone you have never met in person. If someone approaches you on social media and you don't know them, it may be a scam.

COLD CALL OFFERING HELP WITH YOUR COMPUTER - if you receive a call claiming to be from Microsoft, Telstra or anyone else telling you your computer has a problem it is likely to be a scam. Never allow anyone to remotely log into your computer.

GOVERNMENT AGENCY CALLING Be cautious Government Agencies will generally write to you.

Be scam aware.

Kind regards
Robert Morgan

Roe 8 Update

The follow up action, by a custodian from Whadjuk Noongar country lodged 30 March against the Roe 8 first stage, is set to be heard May 2. The expectation is that a finding will be known by the end of June 2016.

The Ms Abraham WA Supreme Court challenge, arguing the West Australian Government's process for granting Aboriginal heritage approval was flawed, follows the earlier successful challenge by the Save Beelihar Wetlands Group that saw the environmental approvals ruled invalid late last year.

Roe 8 is a key part of the \$1.9 billion Perth Freight link Project which seeks to provide a heavy haulage bypass from Perth's eastern industrial suburbs through to Fremantle Port. Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull press release 12 April advised Perth commuters will enjoy safer and faster travel with a major boost for the Perth Freight Link following the Federal Government's agreement to the Western Australian Government's request for additional funding for the second stage tunnel option. A tunnel from the Stock/Winterfold Road intersection to the junction of Stirling Highway and High Street in Fremantle will now be incorporated into the Perth Freight link design. Together with the Gateway WA and Northlink WA projects the Perth Freight Link project will form part of an upgraded high standard freight connection from Muchea through Perth urban area to Fremantle Port. And support 2,400 direct jobs and 10,000 indirect jobs.

City of Melville Mayor Russell Aubrey, media release 13 April, welcomed the Federal Government's additional commitment of \$260 million for the development and said it was positive to have the Federal Government recognise Perth Freight Link as an essential, major infrastructure project. It was extremely positive to hear that Infrastructure Australia had identified the Perth Freight Link as the highest priority project nationally, yet to begin.

The tunnel option will have less impact on residential and commercial properties. Roe 8 will take 80,000 vehicles a day off our roads.

Hon Dean Nalder, Media Statement 24 April, State Government Report highlights benefits of Roe 8:

- Will reduce road fatalities and cut operating costs for transport industry
- Reduced congestion to improve local residential property values
- More jobs created locally

Minister Nalder said the most important finding was the potential reduction in the number of fatalities on the road by up to 70 per cent.

Following reconfirmation of the full project by the WA Government the Federal government's commitment will allow planning work for Stage Two to progress, including finalising the tender process and progressing through environmental approvals.

Aged Care and Disabilities Services Review

You may have seen the notices for the Community Forums on the Review and the RRSRA was represented. Both sessions were videoed and can be viewed on the City's website at <http://canning.wa.gov.au/A/aged-care-and-disability-services-review.html>. The State and Federal funding model is changing for aged and disability care services, which will allow consumers to have direct control of their funding dollars. The Review has been called for so as to look at how the changes will affect services and what will be needed for the future. The City wants to hear from Residents about their thoughts on the review and preference for the future. Feedback closes on June 17 at 4pm and can be by email reviewfeedback@canning.wa.gov.au; by mail to Locked Bag 80, Welshpool WA 6986 or in Person at the City Offices 1317 Albany Highway Cannington. You can contact the City for a copy of the feedback form.

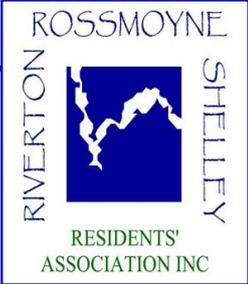
Return To Elected Representation

The Local Government elections in October last year, gave Canning a new Council and Mayor. A record number of candidates and people participating in the election made the wishes of the people very clear – that is a fresh new Council for a new direction. Despite not having been on Council before, this group brings together a wide range of strong skills and expertise and it has been pleasing to see how quickly they have settled into the role.

Having been a very regular observer in the Gallery I believe the quality of debate that is now being achieved is rigorous and a credit to them. What was not, was the intemperate and sad attempt to attack the Mayor just weeks into his term.

To the best of my knowledge no other Mayor or Shire President has ever offered to return part of their fees and decline the offer of a new car (plus its associated expenses). That Mayor Ng did so, should be a cause for celebration not criticism and condemnation and that a very small group of people allowed their electoral disappointment to overcome common sense shows a singular lack of judgement. Sadly the long term effect will be that no other candidate will be brave enough to offer to sacrifice anything ever in case the same vitriol is unleashed on them. This is so disheartening at a time when if everyone gave a smidgen, then it would turn into oodles and the city would be a better place!

Fortunately most of this group quickly reconnected with reality and realised that they were damaging only themselves and that we the people carry the costs of local government elections, so calling for resignations was a very expensive piece of self indulgence. Let's all be an active part of our community, give the Council a go and make a judgement at the proper time.



Development at 31 Webb Street

A number of Members contacted the Association about the proposed redevelopment at the Village in Webb Street. The proposal went out to public consultation and the RRSRA made a submission on this. CRREPA also made an excellent submission from the environmental perspective which many of you who belong to that association, will have read. Your Residents' Association's submission was in connection with traffic both from the long term perspective and very importantly during the construction phases. There are significant congestion issues at the Webb Street intersections and safety concerns given the high numbers of school students using the over-pass. Due to the value and scope of the project, planning approval is required from a Development Panel, not the City. Your Association understands that Canning also made submissions. At the time of writing, the City is still working with the applicant and that process is due to finish in mid-June and then going to the next stage. Due to our submission, the RRSRA will be advised of progress. We will keep you informed.

Foreshore Plan

The City is planning work along the Shelley foreshore area between the Bridges to help with erosion issues. The proposal went to public consultation and Residents in the area were invited to provide feedback. As a result, some adjustments are in the process of being made and as Henry Ford once said *"Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success"*.

RRSRA Activities:

From time to time your Committee is asked what sort of activities we undertake. The answer is lots and they are many and varied. It ranges from –

- Reading of Minutes and Agendas of Council meetings
- Liaising with the Ward Councillors
- Area improvement such as more benches along the foreshore, monitoring facilities and promoting projects such as underground power.
- Writing submissions as part of public consultation process for a wide variety topics – The Canning Inquiry, the Ward Boundaries and Elected Members Review, changes to the Standing Orders, Public Advisory Groups proposal, local safety issues (footpaths, intersections, traffic etc) and development proposals where appropriate to name but a few.
- Submissions to other levels of government – for example we were invited to put forward proposals to the Department of Transport on local traffic congestion, submissions on the Robson Report.
- During the period when the City was under Administration by Commissioners, the RRSRA like other Residents' Groups became the conduit for information and views on a range of issues.
- We promote, attend and participate at various meetings within the City such as the Housing Strategy, the Ward Reviews, Electors' AGM and so on.
- Urge maximum input by Residents in having their say.

Your Association will turn 35 in 2019 and our longevity and success can be attributed to the strength of its membership, the broad spectrum of our interests and establishment of respectful relationships. Single issue groups come and go but strong organisations such as ours will continue.

Rossmoyne Park

This year with very little rain falling during the summer, a lot of plants and trees have been stressed in the park. Last year's plants have been watered every week. These plants have also been mulched which has reduced evaporation levels. Most dead timber is to remain in the park allowing for the vegetation to break down and give a safe haven for the fauna.

This year's planting will take place in June/July and as there will be only approximately 100 plants to be planted this will under taken mainly by the regular volunteers.

The bird bath installed two years ago has encouraged more birds to take advantage of the constant water supply, with a notable increase in bird activity. The Rossmoyne Park gives residents a great place to wander through and enjoy the natural plants which usually flower at different times of the year as well as enjoying the bird life.

Emergency Preparedness:

Our City has produced an excellent information brochure for Residents.

It contains important phone numbers, what to do, how to be prepared, evacuation centres and the recovery process afterwards. You can access this on line at http://www.canning.wa.gov.au/images/stories/Emergency_Management/City_of_Canning_Emergency_6pp_DL_brochure_English.pdf.

If you receive your newsletter in hard copy format, then one will be enclosed. Alternatively, copies can be found at the City Offices in Cannington or at our local Libraries. It is also available in several other languages. A few minutes reading of this very practical guide now may help you in the future.

Underground Power for Shelley

The City of Canning has recommended Shelley as part of a submission to underground the power. Due to the size of the area, the project has been split into two but the City has asked for them to be done consecutively. Well done to those who have worked so tirelessly and supported this. The Riverton Area will be our next push. Your Association will keep you advised on the progress.

Interpretive Trail on the Foreshore

Visitors and Residents alike are enjoying the panels that form the Interpretive Trail along the Canning River. Positive comments are often heard and Susan Harris is to be congratulated for this.

