

# October 2017 — Newsletter

## From the President's Pen

My Fellow Residents,

### An excerpt from "From Bushland to Cityscape" - Our City of Canning

In 1848 the European population of the Swan River Settlement was 4622 people and help was needed to farm and develop the land. The settlers asked Britain for convicts who arrived on Foundation Day 1 June 1850.

John Morgan's land grant, which covered the present day Riverton and Rossmoyne, provided a suitable place for housing convicts due to its central location and accessibility to Perth by water.

It is believed the convicts lived in wattle and daub huts in a camp site known as "Fig Tree". Most were employed in the timber industry and had been convicted locally for minor offences such as being drunk and disorderly.

Supplies were brought weekly, meat twice weekly, from Fremantle to a point east of Bull Creek and picked up by men who rowed down from the camp.

The shallow waters around Shelley and Salters Point impeded the movement of timber from Mason's Landing to Fremantle and Mason often found it difficult to meet export contracts. He was given permission by the Governor to employ convict labour to dredge a channel.

Research in 1979 by the WA Museum casts doubt on the method used and the length of the channel however there is no doubt that the convicts excavated a channel at the northern end of Mumm's Point.

In 1860 a barrier was constructed to keep the channel open. It is said it was erected using a plank walkway made with 4" x 4" jarrah rods. A board was attached to piles driven into the river bed and the sections filled with casuarina saplings and brushwood to hold back the mud.

Again research did not substantiate the construction method although it did show the convicts had erected posts around the Shelley foreshore area including a section that had been wattled.

The fence was partially successful in stopping sedimentation but was often damaged by winter storms. Further work was done in 1869, 1872 and 1887/88. Major dredging and barrier reconstruction occurred in the 1890s in attempts to keep the waterway open for vessels.

While it is uncertain how much of the barrier that remains today was constructed by convicts, it is nonetheless an important reminder of the tenacity of the early settlers.

Kind regards  
Robert Morgan

Members are urged to receive this newsletter by email where possible to save the Association printing and postage costs.

## Local Government Elections:

The City of Canning Elections have concluded. Five positions were up for election.

Two Councillors did not seek to re-nominate.

Congratulations to Patrick Hall (Bannister), Yaso Pon-nuthurai (Beeliar Ward), Sara Saberi (Beeloo Ward), Graham Barry (Mason Ward) and Tim Porter (Nicholson Ward). Each received a four-year term.

Bannister had an excellent roll-out of voters.

## Rossmoyne Park—situated next to the Rossmoyne Bowling Club

During June this year there were 120 plants planted in the park. All of these, other than the Eucalyptus trees will flower at various times throughout the year.

Late winter rains have seen the plants get well and truly established however watering has had to be commenced in early October.

As usual the weeds have come with the rains and the volunteers have managed to keep these under control. We have recently had members of the South East regional Centre for Urban Land Care (SURCUL) give us a few days of weeding which has been beneficial in cleaning up the park for the summer period.

Last year there were 35 Patersonia occidentalis planted alongside the north western path. This year they were out in their purple flower and have been very spectacular. A number of other shrubs have been out in flower resulting in an increase of birds enjoying the nectar.

Recently one resident that lived in Second Avenue was taking photos of the plants in the park. He remarked that he didn't know that the park was there. He was very impressed and said he would return. If any residents haven't walked through the park we recommend you do so. We are sure you will be very impressed.

Residents of the Rossmoyne Retirement village often comment to us how they enjoy walking through the park and they enjoy seeing various plants out in flower. (more photos on next page)



## RRSRA 2017 Annual General Meeting

at the Rossmoyne Hall

8:00pm Wednesday 15 November  
2017

Guest Speaker

**Mark Cugley,**  
Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions

Light refreshments served after the meeting

**Annual \$10 Family Subscriptions for 2017-**

## Where Is??

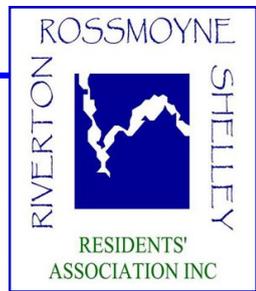
**Quick question** – hands up if you know where **Lundy Way** is?

**Hint** – many of us drive through it on a regular basis.

Look further in the Newsletter for the answer!



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## Recycling News in the City of Canning

All governments and councils are aware that proper recycling of goods has to be increased. The current household recycling system is not perfect, but it is a good system. Its failures are all at the human level-in the home and in government. In the home the current recycling system requires people to put recyclable things in the recycling bin, and is the failure of a large number of people to undertake this simple task, that is the primary cause of our poor recycling rate. The Canning Council have not had any mail campaigns to educate the residents and it is felt this should be done more regularly. Please do your bit and also educate others to help out.

## Using your yellow lid recycling bin

Items should be kept loose and separate - not in plastic bags. Items should be rinsed and any remaining food scraps should be placed into the dark green lid refuse bin.

### DO PLACE these items in the Yellow Lid Recycling Bin:

- Aerosol cans (empty)
- Aluminium cans
- Aluminium foil
- Bottles (remove lids)
- Cardboard
- Cereal boxes
- Drink cans
- Envelopes
- Foil
- Food cans
- Gift wrapping paper
- Glass bottles & jars (remove lids)
- Glossy magazines & brochures
- Greeting cards
- Jars (remove lids)
- Juice cartons (silver unlined UHT)
- Meat trays (must be plastic and clean)
- Milk cartons
- Newspapers
- Paint tins (must be empty and dry)
- Paper (office)
- Paper towel rolls (inner)
- Paper bags
- Pet food tins (clean)
- Phone books
- Pizza boxes (empty)
- Plastic bags (empty)
- Plastic containers or bottles (remove lids)
- Plastic plant pots (clean)
- Sauce bottles (clean)
- Shredded paper (loose, not bagged)
- Soft drink bottles & cans (remove lids)
- Steel cans
- Toilet paper rolls (inner)
- Waxed cardboard
- Wine bottles (remove lids)
- Yoghurt containers

### DO NOT place these items in the Yellow Lid Recycling Bin:

- Household rubbish (food scraps etc)
- Hazardous waste

## Did You Know?

This year's Royal Show is over for another year. Hope that if you went you were able to stay dry and enjoy your time.

The Dance of the Drones was amazing.

Forty drones in the sky and same number of dancers on the ground were spectacularly lit up.

But did you know that early designs for the Riverton area had plans for a Showground as well? This was not far from Riverton Primary. The original concepts for a development make fascinating reading further down the track.



**Answer to Where Is It?** Lundy Way is that tiny piece of road that links Leach Highway to Fifth Avenue. Fifth Avenue swings away near the now cul-de-sac of Melrose Street, by the green water control cabinets.