

# November 2013 – Newsletter

## From the President's Pen

Dear Fellow Residents,

Welcome to this issue of newsletters.

During the year, many things happened in the City of Canning: The ongoing Canning Inquiry, presided by Dr C Kendall. The appointment of Ms Lyn Russell as the CEO. The amalgamation of councils, which are in progress.

Your RRSRA will continue to be involved in various forums and discussions concerning our city on your behalf.

I thank each one of you for your continued support and on behalf of your committee, I wish you all the very best for the festive season.

Regards, **Paul Ng**

## Foreshore Walk Trail

The Wadjup - Gabbilju Project is nearing completion. This 7 km walk trail will run from the area near the Café at the Old Riverton Bridge to the Yagan Reserve which lies at the far end of the Bull Creek just near Leach Highway.

Interpretive panels will be placed at various points along the route to provide information about that area of the foreshore. This project aims to conserve the heritage of the area, while at the same time raising awareness. The panels and bases are currently being manufactured and will then be attached and placed along the trail. At the time of writing it is anticipated that these will be in place towards the end of 2013/2014.

The City of Canning's Interpretive Consultant, Ms Susan Harris of Ecomedia, has undertaken extensive research and consultation for the project. Wadjup is the indigenous name for the Canning flats on the shallows of the river, while Gabbilju refers to the Bull Creek inlet area.

**2013-14  
Subscriptions  
now due**  
(\$10 per household)

**RRSRA Annual General  
Meeting**  
at the Rossmoyne Hall  
**8:00pm Monday 25 November 2013**  
**Guest Speaker**  
**Ms Marnie Giroud**  
**Topic: Dolphin Watch**  
**Members and Invited Guests only.**

## Roe 8 Up-date

There has been quite a bit in the press of late about Roe 8.

So what happens now?  
How do the next stages play out?

Based on information supplied by Dr Mike Nahan's office, the RRSRA understands that following the EPA's approval there was a statutory 14 day period in which the EPA Report was open to appeal.

This closed on September 27<sup>th</sup> and it seems that there were 165 appeals. These will be investigated by the Office of the Appeals Convenor, and because of the complexity of the issues there is no statutory time frame for this to be completed by.

We understand the Premier has repeatedly said that Roe 8 will still happen and, that in Parliament this week, he reiterated the State Government's commitment to this vital highway extension.

We believe that the Treasurer has made it clear that until the environmental conditions have been sorted and priced, a more accurate estimate of the project cannot be given.

However, the RRSRA hopes that the Project would be 'shovel ready' for when funds become available.

While this seems a long and convoluted process, it is essential that each step is completed thoroughly given the sensitive nature of this project.

Your Association will continue to monitor the situation.



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## CAT ACT 2011

From 1 November 2013, the full *Cat Act 2011* takes effect and will require all cats that have reached 6 months of age to be:

**Microchipped; Sterilised; and Registered with the relevant local government.**

Cats will be required to wear a collar and registration tag to ensure that owned cats can be easily identified and returned to their owner.

The Web address is: <http://www.dlg.wa.gov.au/Content/gislation/CatActFaqs.aspx#top>

Answers to five relevant Frequently Asked Questions from the website are offered for your information

### [2. What is the purpose of the Cat Act 2011?](#)

Our new cat's laws are not only about encouraging responsible pet ownership they are also aimed at reducing the number of unwanted cats in the community and the number that are euthanised each year. Microchipping and registration will also ensure your cat is returned to you if they become lost.

### [5. Who will enforce the legislation and how will it be funded?](#)

The Cat Act relies on local governments to administer and enforce it. The Government has provided funding to local governments to assist with the implementation of the legislation.

### [17. I have bought a new cat, what are my responsibilities?](#)

All cats sold after the commencement of this legislation must be sterilised and microchipped. If you have purchased the cat before this date then you will have until 1 November 2013 to have the cat sterilised or by the time the cat is 6 months old.

Once the cat is sterilised and microchipped, you need to provide this evidence to your local government to get it registered. Your local government will then issue you a registration tag which you must make sure your cat wears whenever it is in a public place.

You also need to check that the microchip details have been updated with the relevant microchip company, and registering local government if the cat was previously registered to another owner

### [72. What information does the microchip implanter need to record?](#)

- a) the microchip barcode information or sticker
- b) the microchip number
- c) the microchip implanter's full name
- d) if the microchip implanter is a part of a company or organisation, the name of that company or organisation
- e) full contact details for the microchip implanter's company or organisation (if applicable)
- f) the date the cat was microchipped
- g) the cat owner's full name, residential address, contact numbers and email address
- h) the address at which the cat is normally kept, and
- i) the cat's name, age, breed, colour, gender and sterilisation status of the cat.

### [75. Are there any penalties for the microchip implanters?](#)

Yes, a maximum court-imposed fine of \$5,000 for failure to advise the microchip database company of the above information within seven days.

## FREEMAN OF THE CITY OF CANNING

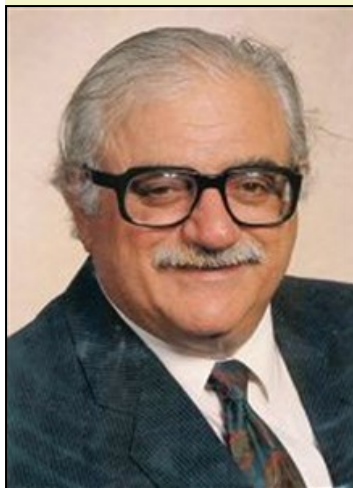
The RRSRA congratulates our long time member Dr Michael Lekias on being accorded the title Honorary Freeman of the City of Canning.

Dr Lekias has served the people of the city of Canning for over fifty years, not only as Mayor but as a medical practitioner. He is held in high esteem by the ratepayers of

Canning where he has been a resident for over fifty-five years. That he has been invited to be the patron of many community organisations is testament to this.

Dr Lekias also served as a panel member to Commissioner Charles Gregorini when the City of Canning was previously suspended. He served as Mayor for sixteen years and helped to raise the City's profile to one of respect and high regard. In addition he has received recognition from Lions International as well as Rotary. Dr Lekias was awarded Western Australia's GP of the Year in 1988 and was awarded an Order of Australia in 2006.

Our Association is delighted that a person of Dr Lekias' stature and contribution is recognised by our City. This award is richly deserved.



## Inquiry Into the City of Canning by the Department of Local Government

The Public Hearings phase of the Inquiry into the City of Canning began on October 21<sup>st</sup> with the first of a series of witnesses to be called.

Transcripts of the Inquiry are available daily <http://www.canninginquiry.wa.gov.au/Home/TranscriptsList>

The opening statements each day are the terms and conditions, ground rules etc followed by the swearing in, or affirmation of each witness.

Transcripts from each day can be a little difficult to read. When Mr Renton, the Counsel Assisting, begins his interview with each Witness, the only indicator as to when the Witness speaks is either --- or - if they have already begun

However once you get into the swing it becomes easier

Inquirer Dr Kendall, has made it very clear on the opening day, that the hearings are not to be played out in the media.

The RRSRA respects that position.

## Metropolitan Local Government Reform

In September, the RRSRA was invited to send representatives to a Public Meeting on 1 October 2013 for a Presentation on the proposed local government boundary changes between the Cities of Canning and Gosnells.

We understand all organisations registered with the City were invited. Four of your Committee were there. The Meeting was very well attended and a lively discussion followed a presentation by the consultant Mr Charles Johnston.

The Submissions from various Metropolitan Councils, closed on Friday October 4<sup>th</sup> with some 20 plus proposal's being received.

The process now moves to a new phase with the start of the Local Government Advisory Board's (LGAB) work to examine the change proposals and make its own recommendations to the Minister for Local Government. Progress can be followed on the Department of Local Government website <http://metroreform.dlg.wa.gov.au/Content/Updates/Default.aspx> and where you can also register to receive up-dates via email.

Thank you to all those members who responded to our very quick survey on whether Willetton, Riverton and parts of Shelley should be kept together.

We apologise for the short notice but your Committee met only a day before the presentation was to take place and we wanted your views.

## RRSRA Website

Your committee has purchased two domain names. They are [rrsra.com.au](http://rrsra.com.au) and [rrsra.org.au](http://rrsra.org.au). Domain hosting has also been purchased from hostpapa for the hosting of the domain [rrsra.org.au](http://rrsra.org.au). The other domain will not be activated at this time. A web page has yet to be launched and several designers have been asked to provide proposals for the development of this page. To date no proposals have been received and other firms will be invited to provide proposals.

Should any member have a suitable contact please advise the Secretary or contact Tim Brook at email [itb@ozemail.com.au](mailto:itb@ozemail.com.au).