



WA Rangers Association Newsletter

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COMMITTEE NEWS

Presidents Message



It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the 2015 - 2016 year with us, the WA Rangers Association. I'm also proud to showcase the Associations newly redesigned newsletter, which is now being sent out to all local government Ranger departments within Western Australia. I hope that you not only gain valuable insights from the newsletters content,

but I invite all Rangers in WA to use this newsletter as a forum to share the vast levels of industry experience which this great state contains. To make your contribution or submit your suggestions for this publication, please email the Association at admin@warangers.asn.au

As is required by the Associations constitution, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the Association must be held during the annual conference and at this time elections must be held for the Associations committee members. I am very pleased to announce some significant changes to the elected Committee for the new year, including myself as President.



Former President Mr Eric Ayers, has after 7 years of long and excellent service to the Association, elected to step down from the role as President. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Eric Ayers for his dedication to the Association and sincerely thank Eric for staying on the committee as a general member.



I would like to welcome Mrs Sharna Merritt to the position of Vice President. Sharna has been the associations Secretary for many years now and has decided to hand over the reins to Matt Bowen. Also I would like to welcome Mr Chris Barlow as the new web-master. Mr Paul Postma has stepped down as web-master at which he has done a fantastic job over the years. I would like to thank Paul for all his hard work and dedication on the committee. Paul joined the Committee back in 2007 and has done an excellent job with the website. You will be sadly missed Paul.

Ms Dee Rohan is remaining as the Associations Treasurer and Membership Secretary. I would like to thank Dee for her exceptional service to the Association and sincerely appreciate her continuing service in this demanding role.

I would like to announce the 2015 - 2016 Committee members as being:

Executive Committee:

- President** Dene Lawrence - (City of South Perth)
- V.President** Sharna Merritt - (Town of Bassendean)
- Treasurer/**
- Membership Secretary** Dee Rohan - (City of Armadale)
- Secretary** Matt Bowen - (Town of Bassendean)

Committee

- Eric Ayers City of Wanneroo
- Mark Bettridge Town of Bassendean
- Malcolm Jenkinson City of Joondalup
- Ash Smith City of Vincent
- Santokh Gill City of Canning
- Geoff Copley City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
- Carol Grazier Town of Bassendean
- Bruce Gilbert City of Belmont
- Daniel Carter City of Greater-Geraldton
- Ros Edwards Shire of Dandaragan
- Dave White City of Fremantle

Webmaster

- Chris Barlow City of Busselton

Newsletter Editor

- Michal Lowenhoff City of Joondalup

Training

- Sharleen Jordan C Y O'Connor Institute

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome those new to the Committee, I look forward to working with you all.

I would also like to thank everyone for being a part of the WA Rangers Association and I look forward to seeing the Association continue to increase its provision of great service to all its members and also the greater Ranger community. For more information on the Association, Rangers, Legislation, Training and other important content, please visit the Associations website www.warangers.asn.au

ASSOCIATION NEWS

The aim of regenerating the Associations newsletter is to increase the level of information and service provided to the Associations members and now the wider Ranger community.

This initiative is being rolled out in order to provide greater exposure for the WA Ranger Association and the services the Association provides, with the goal of increasing the Associations member base and ultimately being able to increase the level of service the Association provides to its loyal members as well as provide valuable information to the wider Ranger community and industry associations.

Aside from the Associations website, this publication is an important conduit for information, advice, current training outlines as well as competitions for our members. This publication is for its members and we plan, by its members as well as the wider Ranger community. As mentioned previously, we invite all readers to contribute to the newsletter in the form of advice, experience, case studies, photo's and stories of what being a Ranger means in your local council. As each Local Government presents its own unique set of challenges and experiences. Please do so at admin@warangers.asn.au

The central focus of this edition of the Newsletter is on the 2015 Rangers Development Conference, "An International Experience", held at the Rydges Hotel in Fremantle.



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2015 Rangers Development Conference "An International Experience"



This years Conference was a great success and I would like to thank all of the committee for their hard work in putting it together. I would like to especially thank Dave White and Dee Rohan for their hard work. Without their

tireless effort involving many long nights of planning, it certainly wouldn't have been the great event that it was.

When we started planning the event we never anticipated its success in terms of the number of delegates and sponsors.

Our theme, "An International Experience" saw Neil Burton, Chairman of the National Dog Wardens Association in the United Kingdom, speak regarding UK animal control issues, we also had WA Quarantine dogs and the West Australian Police K9 division, to name a few. It provided great insight into the structures of these organizations and how each operated and governed.

PRESENTERS

For those unable to attend or are considering attending next year, this years presenters were:

Paul Gillespie from **Smart Parking Ltd**, who presented some of the latest available technology for parking monitoring, payment and customer notification.

Jordan Hampton from **Ecotone Wildlife**, gave us a talk on the ins and outs of animal darting.

Deb Reverley from **The Brain Ambulance** provided very valuable insight into mental health issues from first hand experience. Deb highlighted what to consider when dealing with people who are struggling with mental health issues and gave an indication that mental health requires much more consideration then previously anticipated.

Melanie Isaacs, a companion animal officer from Woollahra Municipal Council in NSW, provided some great insights into cat management across the Bight.

Dr Kate Lindsey & Tracey Lord from **Kalmpets** generously gave some of their knowledge regarding animal behavior and handling.

Gavin Katers from **ACES and ATEs** showcased their animal care and equipment most suitable for the industry.

Tim Houweling, from **Cornerstone Legal** provided some valuable interpretations of various legal issues regularly experienced in the course of a Rangers duty.

Rohan Swan from the **Keep Australia Beautiful Council** provided some valuable information regarding the most prevalent litter issues across WA, which is roadside littering along our major arteries. Rohan provided insights as to the programs the KABC have in place and things local governments can do to help reduce littering in our local area.

Brian Smith from **WA Super** talked on the importance of Superannuation and planning for it at a young age. Superannuation cannot be overstated and it is vital each person considers their superannuation and start implementing strategies for your retirement now. It may not seem like it, **but your super is your money**. Don't leave it to someone else to invest it, because if they don't do a good job, it effects you not them.

Murray Halden, **Senior Ranger Shire of Dardanup** spoke regarding Emergency Management and Animals. A part of emergencies not many people consider, but have long lasting repercussions for families who lose their companion animals.

Michal Doherty from **CellOPark** showcased CellOPark's latest parking technologies.

Will King from **Verbal Judo** gave a presentation on the art and power of verbal interactions with people.

Taly Henfry from the **Dept. of Local Government and Communities** gave an overview of the Caravan and Camping review currently underway.

PANEL DISCUSSION

Aside from this exceptional array of presentations, this year also saw 2 panel discussions:

Cat Act Issues and Amendments

Hosted By Malcolm Jenkinson (City of Joondalup)



Panel members:

Dene Lawrence	(City of South Perth)
Sharna Merritt	(Town of Bassendean)
Melanie Isaacs	(NSW Companion Animal Officer)
Roz Robinson	(Cat Haven)
Sharleen Jordan	(CY O'Connor Institute)



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International Dog Discussion

Hosted By Malcolm Jenkinson (City of Joondalup)



Panel members:

Peter Gillett	(McLeods Barristers & Solicitors)
Neil Burton	(UK)
Owen Anderton	(City of Busselton)
Brian Watkins	(City of Armadale)
Geneveve Cornejo	(DLGC)

These discussions provided a valuable forum for current issues regarding these key topics. With panel members relevant to the topics present to answer questions. Notes taken at the discussions are available on the [website](#).

SPONSORS AND THEIR SUPPORT



This year saw a wide variety of industries see the value in the work Local Government Rangers do within the community and were keen to sponsor the WA Rangers Conference.

The scope of work required of Rangers has changed a great deal over the years and it's with companies such as our sponsors that provide the tools, equipment, systems and technologies which bring our industry, in many cases, to the forefront. Raising the bar in corporate efficiency, customer service, process simplification and Ranger safety.

A list of all our sponsors and their contact details is currently available on the WA Rangers website (www.warangers.asn.au/sponsors). Please take some time to see what it is they offer and how they can improve the way your department operates.

I would also like to make a special mention that **ACES – Animal Care and Equipment Services**, has been involved with the WA Rangers Association for 21 years. That is an amazing level of commitment. Its partnerships such as this that help to build a great industry. Thank you to Peter and Gavin and all the team at ACES for all your support and sponsorship over the years and the Association looks forward to many more.



2015 RANGER & RANGER TEAM OF THE YEAR



The Ranger and Ranger Team of the year awards have been created to acknowledge exemplary work conducted within our industry. Although not well known externally, performing the duties of a Ranger in any jurisdiction requires a broad skill set, community focus, passion and a willingness to serve others for the greater good. It is

because of this unique role and the wide range of skills required to perform, in often unfavorable conditions, that the Association wishes to recognise one person and one team each year, who have been shown to provide the highest standard of service to their community as seen by their peers.

This year the West Australian Rangers Association would like congratulate the

RANGER OF THE YEAR

Craig Walker. Shire of Halls Creek



Big congratulations to Craig Walker from the Shire of Halls Creek who won this prestigious award. Craig has been employed with the Shire of Halls Creek for the past four years. During that time he has remained an asset to the Shire, commencing in the role of Ranger and later advancing to Senior Ranger.

Craig was nominated by his CEO Rodger Kerr-Newell who is very proud of all Craig has achieved for the Shire of Halls Creek and is very grateful to have him as part of the team. The below is some comments taken from Craig's nomination by CEO Rodger Kerr-Newell;

"Craig is often known to go beyond his core duties to assist locals in his own time. Craig has stepped up and taken a lead in bush fire control for the region and also arranges and completes mosquito fogging within the Shire.

Craig has also been involved with the recent dog de-sexing program and assisted with the running of a volunteer led Dog show during NAIDOC, which he used the opportunity to promote dog health.

Craig is a strong character within the Shire of Halls Creek and retains the respect of his colleagues and community members alike.

On behalf of the WA Rangers Association, congratulations again Craig!"

Also congratulations to the other finalists;

- Antonia Tardivel-Jones from the City of Joondalup &
- Debbie Papps from the Shire of Toodyay.



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RANGER TEAM OF THE YEAR

Town of Bassendean



Congratulations to the Town of Bassendean Rangers for taking out the 2015 Ranger Team of the Year award. The team consists of Sharna Merritt, Mark Bettridge, Carol Grazier and Matt Bowen.

The Town of Bassendean were nominated by their CEO Robert Jarvis and the Director Operational Services Simon Stewert-Dawkins, for exceptional level of service.

The Towns application was also endorsed by the Officer in Charge at Kiara Police Station who is always impressed with their personal levels of commitment to the community of Bassendean along with the collective willingness to provide assistance to his officers.

The Towns Rangers have worked hard to improve the image and reputation of Rangers in general. The Town regularly receives compliments, encouragement and positive feedback relating to the Rangers and the service they provide.

On behalf of the WA Rangers Association, congratulations again to the Town of Bassendean!

Also congratulations to the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley for being a finalist.

RANGER TRAINING

Most Local Government Municipalities now require new applicants to have commenced or completed a Certificate IV in Local Government Regulatory Services.

The C.Y.O'Connor Institute is recognised as the industry leader in the provision of this certification. With the 2015 calendar year coming to a close, one final opportunity exists to enroll in the following units at C.Y.O'Connor Institute, which form part of this qualification:

Prosecutions	Thursday 29 to Friday October 30
Livestock Management & Control	Tuesday 3 to Friday 6 November
Municipal Law Enforcement A	Tuesday 17 to Friday 20 November
Municipal Law Enforcement B	Tuesday 1 to Friday 4 December

For more information please contact Sharleen Jordan
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WA RANGER MERCHANDISE

The WA Rangers Association have available a wide range of merchandise. Please go to the [WA Ranger Shop](#) to see how we can fill your needs. Should you require items which are not yet available, please let us know and we will see if we can have it made.



FUTURE PUBLICATIONS

In future issues we hope to bring to you the following content:

Legislation

Where a Law / Section is visited in each issue, so as to provide regular exposure / reminders to the Ranger Community of the legislation and the Associations interpretation. This would coincide with particular times of the year. Eg Bush Fires Act 1954 prior to fire season, Dog Act in October etc.

Best Practice

Procedural examples.

Courses and training

Upcoming courses and new industry training.

Council / Ranger Bio

Information about a council such as location, area, population and attractions. A Ranger from a LG council in WA can provide a Bio of themselves, images and aspects of the job they like and areas where they think the job could be improved.

Competitions

Great prizes for best newsletter submissions.

Letters Q&A

Not sure? Ask the question. If you want to know, there is a good chance others do too.

Legal Case Study

Each council has no doubt sought legal advice, this section is where councils can submit the advice they have been given in an effort to increase the knowledge base. This would serve to provide a starting point to councils when seeking advice and to hopefully standardise the action taken across WA, for similar circumstances.

Sponsors and advertising

Provides the opportunity for sponsors to advertise specific items. With exposure to all Local Government jurisdictions in WA, it provides a great opportunity to ensure maximum exposure to the industry.

This vast content can only be provided with the assistance of you our readers. With the varied and vast experience, case studies, procedures and just amusing stories which are spread throughout our state, the WA Rangers Association implores you to share your experiences with the rest of the industry. To show our appreciation for your input, the Committee members will pick the best content submitted by our readers and reward them with some great prizes! So please, let your fingers do the talking!

[Submit your content here.](#)



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Below are the Associations major sponsors. They provide great services to the Industry and also play an integral role in making our annual conference a success.

Please click on the logo's to view their services and support the companies that support our industry.

