



# WA Rangers Association Newsletter



**Eric Ayers**  
President

## Welcome

I am happy to bring another WARA newsletter to you. In keeping with one of our strategic plan objectives to provide members with communication tools which can be used to further the cause of the Association, we hope this newsletter will be enjoyed by all.

If anyone has any stories, articles, photo's or input for future newsletters, please email Dene Lawrence at [admin@warangers.asn.au](mailto:admin@warangers.asn.au)

## Membership

If you make your payment via EFT, Please place membership number in the reference line. To enable us to keep our records up to date. Please fill in the form and return to  
PO Box 334  
NORTH BEACH WA 6920

If any of your fellow workers wish to apply for membership they can visit the Website and down load an application form.

## New WARA Merchandise

Members, if you have any idea's on merchandise that WARA can supply to it's members, please email;

[admin@warangers.asn.au](mailto:admin@warangers.asn.au)

## Merchandise

To purchase this merchandise, please contact Dee Rohan at [admin@warangers.asn.au](mailto:admin@warangers.asn.au)



Polo Shirts / Caps



Kit Bags



Door Decals





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## WA Rangers Association Professional Development Conference 2010

This year the location will be within the City of Rockingham.



The Gary Holland Centre, 19 Kent Street Rockingham

Thursday 16 & Friday 17 September 2010

Registration packs to be posted to LGA's in May 2010,

For early registration, please send an email to [admin@warangers.asn.au](mailto:admin@warangers.asn.au) with the attending delegate/s details and a registration form will be posted to you.



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## Dog lover mauled to death by his pets

By Damien Pearse of Sky News

From: NewsCore

February 04, 2010 9:04AM

A DOCTOR who won a four-year legal battle to save his three dogs from being put down for attacking humans has been mauled to death by the animals.

Sky News said today the 52-year-old victim was attacked in his garden in Ljubljana, Slovenia, and died before police arrived. Officers shot one of the bullmastiffs dead and the other two were put down.

The pets spent years in “custody” pending legal hearings, but when one of them attacked a dog handler, authorities ordered them to be put down. But at the eleventh hour, in June 2009, the doctor succeeded in overturning the order and got his dogs back, sparking national controversy. They were apparently not grateful. “Three dogs bit their 52-year-old owner to death in Ljubljana yesterday,” police spokeswoman Maja Adlesic said.

News of the owner’s death prompted an opposition party to call for the resignation of the agriculture minister for failing to stop the dogs from being released back to their owner. Police gave no more details and have so far refused to identify the victim, in line with the country’s privacy laws.



Bull mastiff dog. Picture: Mark Brake

Man mauled to death by his three dogs  
Owner fought lengthy legal battle over dogs  
Court case sparked national debate



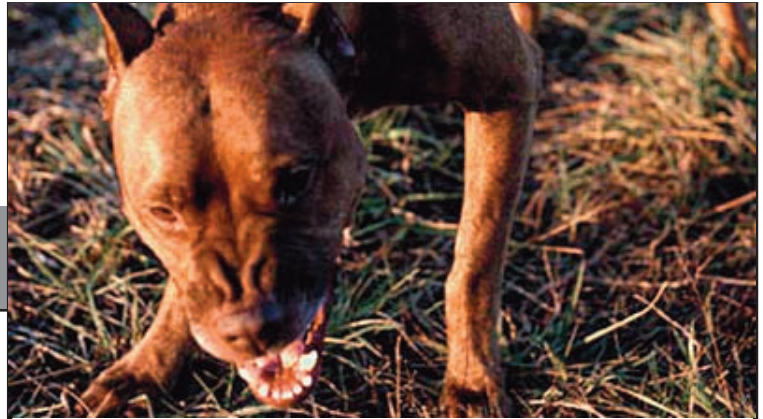
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A pit bull terrier, similar to the dogs that attacked the children

## Children Savaged By Escaped Dog Pack

10:39am UK, Wednesday February 03, 2010  
Huw Borland, Sky News Online

A five-year-old girl mauled along with two siblings by a pack of escaped dogs remains unable to breathe on her own, police have said.

The girl, whose name has not been released, had been walking with her mother and three siblings along train tracks in California when they were attacked on Monday.

The five dogs had escaped from a nearby garden by digging under a fence, Fontana police Sergeant Jeff Decker said. One dog, a mastiff, pulled the girl from her mother's hand "and tossed the child around like a rag doll", the officer said. My understanding is they (the dogs' owners) are very sorry about what happened.

Sgt Jeff Decker "The girl suffered a punctured lung, broken ribs and numerous bites."  
"She remained in a critical condition and was breathing with the help of a ventilator," Sgt Decker said.

Her brother, aged about seven, also needed 237 staples to close a leg wound, he said.

The girl's sister, thought to be eight, was treated for leg and arm injuries.

Police found the dogs near their home shortly after the attack.

One was shot when it attacked an officer and the other four - the mastiff and what appeared to be pit bull mixes - were taken to an animal shelter, Sgt Decker said.

They have been quarantined until rabies tests are completed and a decision on whether they should be destroyed is made.

The owners could be accused of failing to properly confine their pets, but they were not immediately charged.

"My understanding is they are very sorry about what happened," Sgt Decker said.

Fontana is in San Bernardino County, about 55 miles east of downtown Los Angeles.

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## Brutal attack ends ranger's working life

In the November issue of the WA Rangers Association Newsletter was the article Taken from NZ Herald News on an animal control officer severely beaten while seizing an unregistered dog.

Rex McLeod, 67, was contracted to collect the dog from Ryder Place in Kawerau, eastern Bay of Plenty.

The Association decided to send a letter to Rex McLeod giving him our support through his ordeal. Below is the response Eric Ayers received;



Dear Eric,

I would like to thank you so much for your letter which we received on the 24th Dec 2009. I have sent you some photos of my Rex to show you that he is healing good.

He is nearly back to looking like my Rex but still has swelling under, above and the on the left side of his face, the Dr said when the swelling goes down then all the swelling has gone out of his brain. We were so lucky as if its wasn't for those to boys he would have been killed.

Rex will be emailing you soon and he will tell you more on what happen, he takes a bit of moving these days lol. So you can understand what I went though with Rex on that day I will email you my report for the court.

We both would love to come to your "Professional Development Conference" in Sept, but now that he's not working and with my health I had to give up the one job I loved and that was "Kawerau & District Neighbourhood Support Co ordinator" things are tight.

I will close now and wish you all a Safe and Happy Year for 2010

Cheers

Les McLeod

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Funnies.....



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