



WA Rangers Association Newsletter

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Welcome

I would like to welcome everyone to another issue of the WA Rangers Association newsletter. I am proud to showcase the newsletter again, which is being sent out to all Local Government Ranger departments within Western Australia.

Please use this newsletter as a forum to share the vast levels of industry experience. To make your contribution or submit your suggestions for ongoing publications, please email the Association at: admin@warangers.asn.au

I am very pleased to advise that it is WARA's 40th Anniversary this year. We have been going from Strength to Strength and it is a fantastic to see where the association is today.

Celebrating 40 Years

Also our 2018 Professional Development Conference program is complete. Our conference committee has secured excellent speakers presenting relevant subjects, which once again promises to be an outstanding learning experience for all Local Government Rangers that attend. The conference will be held at the Rendezvous Hotel, Scarborough on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th September 2018. So please get your registrations in to secure a place.

I am also delighted to promote the WA Ranger of the Year Award and the WA Ranger Team of the Year Award that will be presented at the Awards Dinner which will be held on the Wednesday 19th September 2018.

I hope you enjoy this issue of the Associations newsletter.

Thank you

Dene Lawrence
President
WA Rangers Association



The WA Rangers Association 2018 Professional Development Conference will be held at Rendezvous Hotel, The Esplanade, Scarborough WA on the 19 & 20 September 2018.

Our conference committee has secured excellent speakers. Here is a sneak peek on some of the presentations;

- Brad Dannefaerd & Craig Wright – CERT Group
- Bob Cooper – Outdoor Adventures
- Dr Kate Lindsey - Kalmpets
- Department of Fire & Emergency Services
- WA Police Protective Security Unit
- James McGovern – WALGA
- Courtney Allen – Stop Puppy Farming
- Brain Ambulance – Mental Health
- David J Price
- Greg Mitchell – Major Mitchell Productions
- McLeod's Lawyers
- Cornerstone Legal



Rendezvous Hotel Perth Scarborough is an iconic beachfront hotel overlooking the soft white sand of Scarborough Beach and the sparkling blue water of the Indian Ocean.

Just a 30-minute drive from Perth Airport and only 15 minutes from Perth's CBD, you will appreciate having Scarborough Beach at your doorstep and easy access to some of the area's main attractions at this hotel.

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DID YOU KNOW.....

The WA Rangers Association Committee is actively involved in many working groups, workshops and other committees within the industry. WARA has continued to be recognised as the peak Local Government Ranger Services industry body across WA and abroad. Some of these working groups and committees are:



Local Government Act 1995 review Agile • Smart • Inclusive

WARA is involved with the Local Government Act Review (Phase 2) Advisory Group.

Other members of the group include senior representatives from;

- Department of Local Government and Communities
- Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA)
- Local Government Professionals WA (LG Pro)
- Office of the Minister for Local Government
- WACOSS
- WA Electoral Commissioner
- Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Australian Services Union WA
- Association of Mining and Exploration Companies
- Multicultural Advisory Group

The role of the Advisory Group is to provide;

- Expert comment on the consultation papers before release
- Feedback on drafted Act amendments
- Advice on any related matters as part of the review.

This reference group provides input at key stages of the review and is involved in the consultation papers which will be released to the sector and the community for comment.

The review will introduce changes that will modernise the Act and identify ways to reduce red tape to ensure WA communities benefit from efficient and effective councils now and into the future.

If you have any comments or issues that you would like WARA to put forward as part of this review please email admin@warangers.asn.au



STOP PUPPY FARMING



The WA Rangers Association Committee is actively involved with the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries with regards to Stopping Puppy Farming.

The Government's proposals include amending the Dog Act 1976, to introduce:

- mandatory de-sexing of dogs unless an exemption is requested for breeding purposes or for reasons stated by a registered veterinarian;
- a centralised registration system to ensure every dog and puppy can be identified at the point of sale or adoption, including in advertisements for sale;
- dog breeder registration for owners of dogs that are not de-sexed by a specific age; and
- the transition of pet shops into adoption centres that will only sell puppies and dogs from approved rescue organisations and animal shelters.

The Department recently consulted on the proposals, with the submission period closing in early August. The WA Rangers Association submitted feedback on the consultation paper which is available in the members section on the WA Rangers Association website; www.warangers.asn.au

The department received an overwhelming response to the consultation.

Next steps

The department is now working to compile and analyse the feedback received.

This will then be shared with the Government to help inform their decision on how to proceed with the proposals.

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Discussion Panel

Dog & Cat Act Review

Let's be on the front foot for the review



Cat Haven, Dogs Refuge Home,
McLeods, WALGA

On Thursday 20th September 2018 there will be a discussion panel for the Dog Act and Cat Act in preparation for the review next year.

The WA Rangers is seeking your feedback prior to the conference on any issues that you currently have with both of these Acts and any improvements you can suggest.

Please email admin@warangers.asn.au with your comments.



Dog Act Review...

- What issues do you experience with the Dog Act 1976 currently?
- What improvements would you suggest?
- What would you suggest to reduce the number of abandoned dogs?
- Any other comments on the Dog Act 1976?



Cat Act Review...

- How are different Local Governments managing the issue of abandoned cats?
- What are the main challenges facing Rangers when dealing with these cases?
- What parts of the Cat Act, local laws, policies and procedures are working well?
- What parts could do with some improvement?
- And what improvements would you suggest?
- Any other comments on the Cat Act 2011?

Forms & Procedure Templates..

Within the "Members Section" of the WA Rangers Association website is a variety of Forms and Procedure Templates. These can be downloaded and used as a guide only. Please visit www.warangers.asn.au

If you have any forms and procedure templates that you would like to share with WARA and members, please email admin@warangers.asn.au

Please note that all reference to any local government will be deleted before displaying on the website. The WA Rangers Association (WARA) has provided the Forms and Procedures templates on the website to be used as a guide only. WARA does not endorse any of the documents or any content from these documents as they are to be used at each local government's discretion.

WARA Committee..

Do you want to make a difference to the industry?

How would you like to be on the WA Rangers Association Committee?



If so please submit a Nomination form to be on the WARA Committee. Please visit www.warangers.asn.au and download a nomination form from the Notice Board.

All nominations must be presented at the Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting will be held at 1630hrs on Wednesday 19th September 2018 at the Rendezvous Hotel Scarborough.

Please email a completed nomination form to admin@warangers.asn.au

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WA Rangers Association 2018 Pre Conference Workshop SAFETY & TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS



The Situational Safety & Tactical Communications Experts



Brad Dannefaerd



Craig Wright

CERT (Compliance, Enforcement and Regulatory Training) Systems Limited was founded by compliance and enforcement personnel to deliver high quality training services to people who interact with the public, particularly where there is a potential for conflict to arise.

Date: Tuesday 18 September 2018
Time: 1pm – 4:30pm
Cost: Free for WARA Members
\$100 for Non-Members
Venue: Rendezvous Hotel, Scarborough.
The Esplanade, Scarborough WA

This half day course provides participants with instruction and hands on learning to;

- Approaching / entering onto a property
- Initial approach and engagement procedures and techniques
- Initial approach and engagement procedures and techniques
- Effectively managing difficult / un cooperative / obstructive people
- Effectively managing insults and abuse

Register by sending a Pre-Conference Registration Form to conference@warangers.asn.au

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