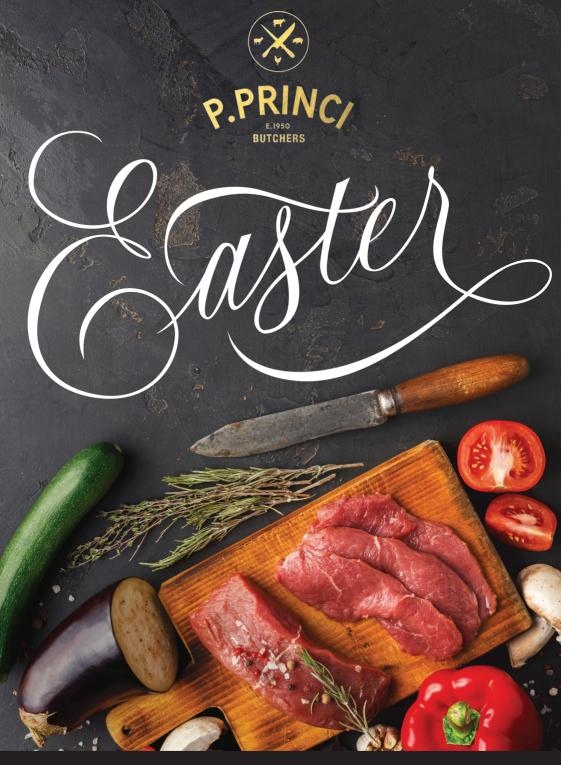


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## **EDITORIAL**

FINE wine, food, family business icons, streetcar charity, sock puppets and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anzac anniversary of the end of WW1.

The April edition of Freo StreetWise is a smorgasbord of stories, local news, discounts and images of the port, people and special places and events

For the first time, our dedicated 'Local News' section has expanded in the face of reader demand for more independent coverage of issues in Freo. Melville and Cockburn.

This issue includes the use of council-funded 'precincts' to peddle Party politics; fallout from the March 16 South Ward by-election; Melville's 50th year as a city; the controversial wave park; Roe 8; and Cockburn councillor Steve Portelli, who before his death on Australia Day sent StreetWise his vision of the Cockburn coast and why WA needs Roe 8.

This issue also celebrates its most successful Charity Car Cruise since the inaugural 'Bog Lap' in 2016 whose sponsors, supporters and volunteers came together on February 11 to raise money for breast and prostate cancer care and research in WA. Anzac Day holds special meaning this year - 2018 the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1. A year of commemoration AND celebration at a time when Australia grapples with its national identity and genocidal past.

This year sees StreetWise and Menu Magazine host a number of food and wine events, including stories and new dining trends in Perth and Fremantle. Read our review and historical feature of iconic Roma Cucina in the next issue of Menu Magazine and on pages 24 and 25 of this issue.

Meet Freo's 'scissorhands' Pia Passanisi whose three daughters celebrate 50 years of hairdressing at the new, 'The Hair and Barber Room'; car stereo master blaster Jason Mondello; and the meat kings at Princis in Beaconsfield.

Enjoy.

Carmelo Amalfi

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# STREETWISE NEWS

# **APRIL 2018**

AUSTRALIA Day, the bungled South Ward by-election, political 'precincts', the return of Roe 8, a State Government probe into Melville, artificial wave parks on the Swan and the future of the Cockburn coast.

These are just some of the issues covered in our local 'StreetWise News' section. As stated in the previous edition, community journalism plays a key role in keeping people better informed and, "public officials on their toes".

StreetWise was launched in 2015 to promote people, businesses, places and events in our historic port city. Between printed editions, it publishes regularly and provokes discussion on its growing Facebook page.

In this edition, 2017 election candidates Claudia Green and Michelle Cunningham pull apart Freo's politicised precinct system set up to involve ratepayers and residents in council

Candidate Marija Vujcic pens her thoughts on the March 16 by-election - called after the 2017 election result she challenged was declared invalid by the courts.

Melville celebrates 50 years as a city while the McGowan Government investigates complaints against the City's administration and its role in the artificial wave park proposal and other developments splitting the community.

In Cockburn, in a column sent to *StreetWise* before his death on January 26, the late Steve Portelli paints a prosperous and sustainable future for one of the fastest growing municipalities in WA.

'StreetWise News' welcomes readers to write in and tell us about their local issues, concerns, achievements. Stories published in print and online adhere to the MEAA Code of Ethics.

#### Exclusives:

- 1. Exposing Fremantle councillors' conflicted positions on Sunset Events. In 2013, the Mayor accepted a \$5000 campaign donation by the brother of Sunset director David Chitty. This interest was declared and 're-set' at the last election in October 2017. But the Mayor's 'proximity' conflict of interest remains because his relationship with his partner cannot be wiped clean, it continues. Yet the Mayor was still able to vote in January this year to give Sunset time to review its proposal despite its unanimous rejection by the planning committee. Cr Bryn Jones raised ethical issues over the council's role in ensuring the developer find a resolution despite strong community opposition. The motion and amendments were passed.
- 2. A Perth Magistrates Court clears the way for Southbound festival creditors to pursue Sunset Events at trial over more than \$1.3 million in unpaid bills. Writs ordered for directors David Chitty, Andrew Chernov and James Legge were issued last month after the successful claim by Chellington Pty Ltd (trading as Concert & Corporate Productions), which is owed \$74,525.09 in equipment hire and services.
- 3. Council refuses to release findings of an internal review that found no conflict of interest over a council employee (Jim Cathcart) sitting on the board of new Beach Street tenant Art on the Move. The review followed a complaint by Fremantle RSL, which also bid for the space. Street Wise has asked the City for a copy of the review.

# **SOCIETY STOUSH**

A PROVOCATIVE comment about City Ward candidate Claudia Green during the 2017 local government elections threatens to further divide

members of the Fremantle Society.

Society President John Dowson has said the Committee couldn't support her candidacy because of her "disruptive" behaviour after she resigned from the Committee, "around the time of the Beaconsfield by-election".

The Committee stands by the comments, but has refused to substantiate them or apologise publicly. Only the Fremantle Herald apologised for having published Mr Dowson's comments which it said were, "not factual". StreetWise has approached Mr Dowson for comment.

A long standing Society member, Ms Green says this cost her the October election by just 90 votes: "The closeness was because there were five candidates vying for a small number of votes, an unsubstantiated slur from the Fremantle Society would and did create doubt in voters' minds, at least those who didn't know me, as to my integrity and capacity to stand for public office."

Initially, her nomination was supported by Mr Dowson, only to be sidelined the following month when he says the Society's Committee endorsed members Michael Finn for City Ward (who later pulled out) and Catherine Hammond for Hilton.

She says the Fremantle Society newsletter, in which Mr Dowson's statements were published originally, raised serious questions about why her behaviour was not dealt with using the normal due processes available to the Society under the Associations Incorporation Act. If her behaviour was so bad, why had the Society not dealt with it earlier rather than dropping a bomb during the election, she asks.

Ms Green has written to the Committee on several occasions asking its members to substantiate what the disruptive behaviour was and that they issue a public apology.

She has received no response.

Ms Green said the publication of the Herald apology exposed the falsity of Mr Dowson's comments: "I am very grateful for the Herald's apology and unequivocal recognition of this fact.



"However, it appears the Society has no intention of doing the same, and it appears the Committee will spend large sums of Society money in court, dragging things out unnecessarily.

"The Herald has answered and exposed the truth of the matter, and there is no question that the published statements are untrue. As well, there is the serious question of the lack of procedural correctness, natural justice and due process in the Committee's protocols."

Ms Green says she also contacted Council staff on several occasions to raise concerns over non-compliance of Precinct guidelines by the Fremantle Society Committee, in particular favouring candidates over others in both print and online publications.

Claudia Green

## KIND CLUB

"ACTS of kindness can truly build a community and make it strong."
- Marija Vuicic

Humans respond to kindness.

It brings out our better side even in the harshest circumstances. It costs little to be helpful, generous, respectful.

It takes courage and strength to care for those in need of hope, a conversation or walk in their local park.

Given the opportunity, we will engage in random acts of kindness towards strangers without a second thought.

Over the past few weeks, through The Kindness Club, kind-hearted people have donated food, clothes and money to purchase products for South Free residents

We want to keep the concept simple, organic and flexible in how acts of kindness are actioned.

For example: The club is located in South Freo for South Freo residents. We have full time jobs and have limited time to give. In any direction of South Freo, I am only 10 minutes away.



There is limited storage and no freezing is possible, so food is fresh and distributed on the day. The same goes for most other items

- No judgement when giving or receiving acts of kindness
- Love and gratitude rules
- Random kind acts are for everyone to experience.

We welcome everyone to join our growing group.

You could help with gardening, shopping, transport, medical assistance, dog walking, donations of furniture, bikes, toys, books, groceries, and any other way you believe we can help our local South Freo community.

The Kindness Club is about community, each member of which can play a giving role that benefits those less fortunate than ourselves.

One recent example included getting someone to talk Portuguese with an elderly gentlemen who hasn't stopped talking Portuguese since.

Another was sourcing a specific brand of baby formula, using social media.

A huge thank you to the local businesses and residents who have stepped up to help and share their skills an knowledge to making South Freo a great inclusive community.

You can contact me at marijasouthward@gmail. com or via the FB group page if you would like to become a giver of kindness or if you know someone who needs to receive an act of kindness. Additional details at

www.facebook.com/groups/ kindnessclubsouthfreo/ and on Instagram @kindnessclubsouthfreo.

# **WINNER AND LOSERS**

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Marija Vujcic 608 votes, Andrew Sullivan 856 votes, Christopher Williams 248 votes. It is obvious that 856 is greater than 608. The duplicity hidden in the 248 honest votes is less obvious to the voters.

The initial sting of defeat hurts. But I am a big girl and will take it on the chin. Any faults or negatives associated with the campaign are mine to own.

Let's have a look at what has happened since the last election of October 2017. As a resident of South Ward and candidate, I challenged the validity of the October election in the Magistrates Court and won. A fresh election was called. This is significant because there was no precedent to quide me. It was a historical event.

It was the right thing to do on behalf of the community. Andrew Sullivan and the City of Fremantle were missing in action.

Unlike other candidates who have party politics behind them to garnish votes, without breaking a sweat, I walked, engaged with residents and advocated for the precious gift, "the right to vote".

The desire for genuine consultation and representation is strong among the less empowered and less sexy residents, such as the elderly, the streets and roads north of Hampton Road and the ethnic communities which have contributed so much to Fremantle over the past 60 years.

There is a spark in their eyes and a quiver in their voices when it comes to Freo. These residents know the City of Fremantle is not listening to them. But something magnificent happened throughout all the pockets of South Ward.

A record number of residents could be bothered to vote; forty four percent! Some took it upon themselves to organise other residents in the



honest good old-fashioned way. No deals, no block votes, just rubber hitting the pavement. To beat the party politics, voter turnout must increase substantially next time. And it will.

This election has shown that the party politics, Andrew Sullivan, and the faceless power brokers have maxed out their political credit card in South

The 856 votes is maxing out the potential vote. In this election, 44 per cent of the residents voted. Sixty four percent of the residents are in the process of taking back their power. My 608 is a good result but nowhere maxed out.

If the increase in voting is any indication, my vote has the potential to double. Having walked the South Ward six times in four months I know the community is hungry for genuine consultation and representation.

It is hubris to take the residents for granted. I am local, independent and, as the real voice of South Ward, I will continue to keep the bastards accountable.

Marija Vujcic

## PRECINCT POLITICS

COMMENT: COUNCIL precincts have become political incubators linked to ratepayer-funded sites where social media nastiness has reached new lows in Free

When a dead white dove is left in the front yard of a resident opposed to council decisions on issues such as Australia Day, you know there is something wrong. Particularly, when that same resident is vilified and attacked on councilfunded pages shared with other public sites.

Disguised as 'community' pages full of only one love and Greens dogma, these council-funded precincts - and their websites - are dominated by interest groups and even elected members on Council; often conveniently resurrected as in the case of the South City Precinct by two Councillors of the same political persuasion, one of whom is up for re-election next year.

The Ward precincts were set up in 1997, "to encourage any community member to participate and take an active role in providing input into the operations of the local government".

"Council guidelines ensure all

Candidates in Local Government elections rely heavily on community networks which include Ward-based precincts.

newsletters, FB, Instagram and print media such as the local rags.

The City also, "will not support state or federal electioneering".

However, this was lost on conflicted council employee and former South Fremantle Precinct co-convenor Greens Liam Carter when, in the lead-up to the March 16 South Ward by-election, he posted on the precinct's Facebook page: "We need a progressive councillor, not a conservative and reactionary obstructionist, which is why I'll be voting for Andrew Sullivan."

He resigned from the precinct, online administrator Cindy Loffell deleted his post and apologised. Case closed Under a new 'reactivation' policy, funded precincts will include Beaconsfield, Fremantle Arts Centre, Gibson Park, Hilton, North Fremantle, O'Connor, Samson, South City, South Fremantle and White Gum Valley.

Hilton and Samson have resurrected their precincts under the council's draft policy in which South City Freo is back after four years of hibernation.

Interestingly, this reactivation is reflected in the precinct-linked proliferation of council-friendly and council-funded social media sites and publications.

Examples include Friends of Freo (a collective of 'active' groups such as Friends of Hollis Park and Friends of South Beach championed by City Ward councillor Adin Lang); J Shed Collective

and FreoMind (whose admin and founder of the 'Greater Fremantle Progressives' Robert James Peters, now Sunset Events' "cat herder" at Unit 1 J-Shed); Freo Pages ("created with love" by Greens Gillian Carter),

and Freo Massive (whose admins deride and admonish anyone who criticises the council or Greens policy).

Similar websites in Cockburn and Melville have been set up to sway public opinion and attack opponents' opinion on issues such as Australia Day, Roe 8 and same-sex marriage. Friends of Freo even sells T-shirts similar to the 'Brad for Freo' T-shirts produced at the last election.

Here come the clones?

candidates are, 'given an equal

opportunity to participate'."

## **WELCOME TO COUNTRY**

"Did you miss out on the WA Day festival celebrations at Esplanade Park on June 4 this year? Don't despair, we'll be doing it all over again in 2018!"

COMMENT: NO Australia Day flag, lest we offend. No fireworks, lest we wake the dead. Why not ditch the name 'Fremantle', lest we acknowledge the British captain who in 1829 - after he was cleared of rape charges in London - took possession of, "all that part of New Holland which is not included within the territory of New South Wales"

The geographical 'invasion' which began on January 26, 1788 was complete.

Can't wait to see the council menu for June 4 this year - WA's 'Other Day'?

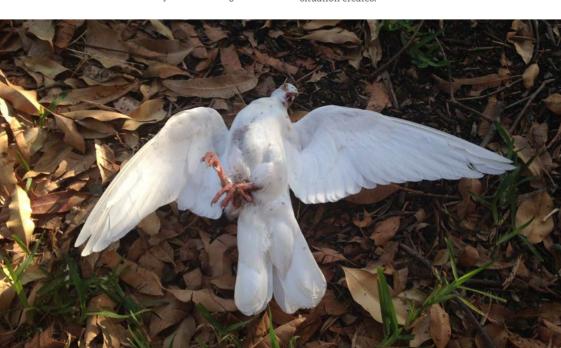
"Why do Fremantle businesses have to pay through the nose so the local council can make political statements?" a Business Improvement District spokesman told *StreetWise* the day after the worst trading week in months.

What's next? Ban the Chinese New Year cracker show in February or Blessing of the Fleet fireworks in October?

Mayor Brad Pettitt says the decision to hold its own alternative Australia Day was, "very much driven and initiated by feedback we got from Aboriginal leaders in our community". However, no mention of his council's political and ideological support - at ratepayers expense - of Greens leader Richard Di Natale national campaign to change the 'offensive' date.

WA mayors of Perth, Stirling, Bayswater, Armadale and Claremont said councils should focus on delivering services to ratepayers.

As posted on the Street Wise FB page on January 14: "There is nothing wrong with having a conversation, but the issue is not the date - it is the use by the Greens elected to local authorities in WA to achieve a federal political objective. In other States, this is legitimate as Party politics is part of their compulsory voting system ... In WA. this is not the case, vet you would never believe it in Freo where the council is dominated by Greens and Labor members, not simply supporters, and where party officials and branches play an active role in the election of their people. It is time to expose this systemic rort and deception in WA and utilise the current Local Government Review to get rid of the gerrymander this inequitable situation creates."



## **COCKBURN SHINES**

TWO weeks before Steve Portelli passed away on January 26, *StreetWise* met the Cockburn councillor and father of four in North Coogee to discuss the future of the Cockburn coast, Roe 8 and Murdoch Activity Centre. He agreed to write a column published here with his family's blessing.

COCKBURN will be the shining light of the Western Australian coast within 10 years. It will overtake Fremantle as a destination and will rival Perth in the tourist stakes

Imagine landscaped integrated boardwalks designed to be sympathetic to our natural coastal dunes and vegetation with the iconic Power Station transformed into mixed residential, restaurants and commercial activities. Our staff, current and previous elected members are to be applauded for their vision. However, we can do better, with community engagement and consultation needing to improve considerably.

Unfortunately, successive governments have ignored some of the obvious infrastructure needs.

#### Roe 8 Shame

It is a shame Roe 8 was stalled due to politics. The lies, deception and scaremongering won and only now, some six months later, the rhetoric is found wanting.

In fact, the impacts environmentally by not building Roe 8 are becoming clearer every day. On top of the benefits of better traffic flow south of the river, the reduction in trucks and commercial vehicles having to use our local roads from Leach Highway to the north and every other east west link road south down to Russell Road.

#### **MAC** Feast

The Murdoch Activity Centre Extension of Roe to Murdoch Drive is another piece of infrastructure where political interference has bastardised the design. With local members of Parliament, mayors and City officers meeting on site, we now have the situation of design options proposed by local government to the State Government's Main Roads WA.

You've heard of doctor shopping, well here we have traffic modeller shopping. ARLUP was

south of the river. They are now only scratching

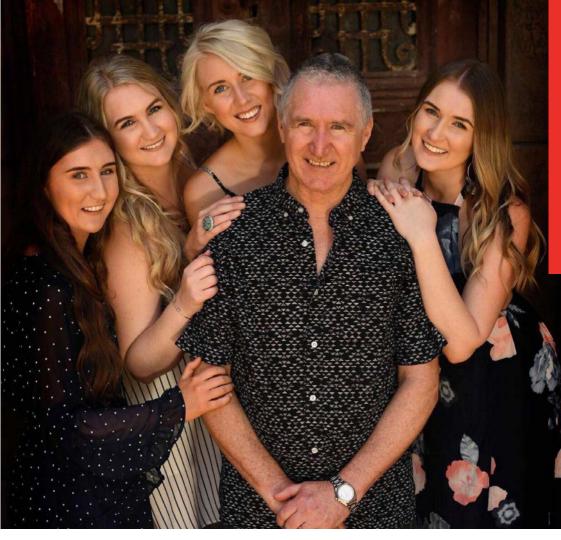
Armadale and Stock roads have been neglected for decades. Imagine these as four lanes and Stock Road in particular at freeway status with its respective grade separation? Imagine an alternative route for freight and trucks that joins Rockingham, Kwinana, Cockburn, Melville and Fremantle. Just look at all the industry and commercial hubs along its route. (Did you know in 1975 Stock Road was proposed as 'Stock Road Freeway' by 2000?)

Instead, the infrastructure monies were diverted to the northern and eastern suburbs. Our local members of Parliament have let us down

Even Kwinana's Anketell Road will benefit not just local residents, but commuters travelling to Cockburn, Fremantle and Melville. The congestion on Leach Highway and no doubt our other local roads would dramatically drop.

Right now 11 per cent of accidents on Leach Highway involves trucks in rear end crashes. That's double the Perth metro average of five per cent! So Roe 8 not only has environmentally less impact, it will save property and lives.

independently commissioned by Cockburn to do our 2013 District Traffic Study which was replaced for another interim report by another contractor. Then, in the next breath, we are told ARLUP is doing our next traffic study! ARLUP D.T.S. 2013 was used to validate and back up the need for the North Lake Bypass from Armadale Road. Yet the same report states Roe 8 would reduce traffic on Beeliar Drive by 17,500 movements a day! Near on double the benefit of



the North Lake Bypass by itself. Some 70,000 to 80,000 traffic movements a day induced to Roe 8 and taken off our local roads.

I believe development needs to be paced with supporting transport infrastructure. For example, Armadale Road should have been completed prior to urbanisation of Treeby. Soon we will have two east west roads in Jandakot and Armadale roads under road works; overlapping for eight months. So there will be traffic pain for residents with traffic interruptions and rat runs to beat rat runs. Please tell your local Councillors what you want and need. If they want to get re-elected they will have to listen.

Also please communicate your angst to the powers that be ... Fran Logan, Roger Cook and Yaz Mubarakai. Like Councillors, they are supposed to reflect and fight for our needs.

What we need are more pedestrian and traffic bridges over our Freeway replicating what north of the river population now take for granted. We need billions spent on infrastructure south of the river. Not just Metronet that has been found wanting in business cases.

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#### Bigger Picture

Cockburn's future is bright and can be much brighter still. The future is bright for ecotourism with Native ARC, Wetlands Education Centre and other similar activities proposed to have state of the art facilities built. Even an Aboriginal Cultural and Education Centre will be a stone's throw away on Progress Drive. This will add extra pressure on the sensitive area but with careful design it can, like Ice Arena and Adventure World, provide a world class destination for visitors. The power line easement that links Bibra Lake to Cockburn Central, once beautified, will provide a magnificent corridor for people to traverse. Cockburn ARC to Native

I personally believe we have lost sight of the bigger picture of our nature reserves and wetlands. On one hand, we fight critical highways such as Roe 8 and then on the other we make it more conducive for more housing and local traffic. Council needs to get hold of the reins and ignore the attraction of more revenue from more rateable properties. Perhaps we are too close at local government level and need more oversight by WAPC. But something needs to be installed to balance development against the existing and proposed transport infrastructure plus the environmental impacts.

I feel like Council has let our City down, but I know there is a lot more to it. A shake up is needed to ensure more pragmatic development. We are crying out for more leadership. Our political system has shown us we can easily manipulate and destroy good planning due to political expediency or perceived votes. Common sense isn't common any more and ethics is a forgotten word.

We need to balance the affects on our land with development and with 1.5 million more people in the next 20 years we need to plan properly.

Here's to more family and youth focused activities in Cockburn. More sport and outdoor activities to offset the dreaded screen. (TV, computer, mobile or tablet.) I am but one voice at Cockburn.

Help get more people on the same page.

Steve Portelli

# Cockburn East Ward Candidate: Tony Toledo

I AM a resident with a long family history in Cockburn. There are many reasons why I wish to run in East Ward. Traffic issues, antisocial behaviour and lack of a long term vision for our Ward. These are all valid issues, one that I take seriously and will be my focus if elected.

As a resident who loves our city, I want to focus on Cockburn's potential and the benefits the realisation of this potential can and will have for Fast Ward

East Ward has a unique characteristic. It's location to public transport to shopping schools, health services, public spaces and rural areas together make it a great place to live and work.

But it's potential is yet to be realised. What is the long term vision for East Ward beyond the traffic issues, beyond the construction of Cockburn Aquatic and Recreation Centre, beyond being the home of the Dockers, beyond all the development.

I believe East Ward and indeed Cockburn as a city needs to look for opportunities to attract more business, public or private. We live in a world where physical location is fast becoming irrelevant and there are many examples where operations have relocated successfully to locations within the city, creating huge benefits to the local economy.

If elected in May, I will work hard to preserve and enhance what makes East Ward a great place to live. If elected, I make a commitment to represent you with strong accountability and transparency. I will be a strong, independent voice focused on community consultation and development.

Tony Toledo





A SURF park proposal that has split the Melville community is expected to be referred to the State Planning Commission this year that is, unless a State Government inquiry into Melville sinks it.

The Alfred Cove wave park plan presently with the Environmental Protection Authority has sparked a running battle, particularly on social media, between Melville City Council and local residents and ratepayers.

And this with a State Government inquiry into, "the council's relationship with the city's administration, the adequacy of its policies and procedures and the acquisition of land".

Critics say they are not opposed to the wave park, only its location on prime riverfront land they say the City wants to gift to the developers, Wave Park Group.

Next to a wildlife sanctuary, the proposed facility - if approved - would mean knocking over the existing bowling club at Tompkins Park - a move which has prompted locals to complain to the Local Government Minister David Templeman.

Melville CEO Shayne Silcox told *StreetWise* he could not comment on the inquiry the minister called on November 29, but was satisfied with the questions and issues raised so far by investigators.

Last month, in a move described as an, "important and overdue reform", the Minister introduced new legislation giving the State Government the power to remove individual mayors or councillors. The legislation will not be retrospective.

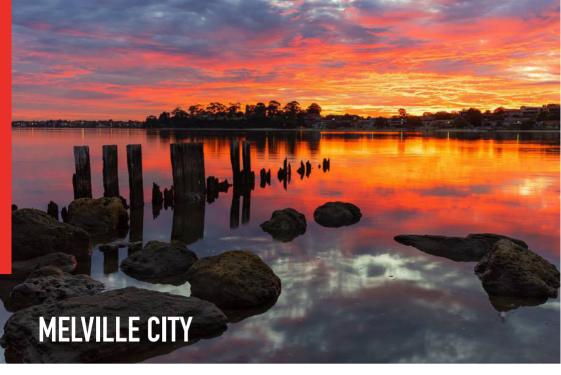
Presently, only an entire council can be suspended or dismissed.

Liberal MLC Tony Krsticevic described in Parliament as a "shabby display" the McGowan Government's inquiry into Melville. The member for Carine questioned the Minister over why he called an inquiry into Melville's operations on November 29 based on between 200 and 311 complaints since 2014, which according to WA political writer Paul Murray, "looks very much like a fishing expedition".

As reported in *StreetWise*, Mr Krsticevic said the member for Bicton, Lisa O'Malley, contradicted the Minister when she posted online the investigation was based on 311 complaints. He added O'Malley was a councillor at that time, so was her role part of the investigation? Melville mayor Russell Aubrey has called on the Government to include O'Malley in the investigation because of "potential for bias", claiming the inquiry would be undermined if O'Malley was involved.

Mr Krsticevic also notes 68 people out of 107,000 had complained since 2013, stating this was not a lot of complaints: "When we look at the information anomalies between the member for Bicton and the Minister, we start to think, 'What's going on here?'."

Mr Templeman has said the inquiry could take up to a year to complete as part of the existing local government review.



ON MAY 3, Melville celebrates 50 years as a city. *StreetWise* Media asked the City of Melville to share the vision for the next 50 years and challenges facing more than 100,000 ratepayers. From humble beginnings as a district in 1900 (named by James Stirling in 1827 after Lord Melville, First Lord of the Admiralty), the rapidly growing municipality was declared a town in 1962.

On May 3, 1968, Melville's 52,000 residents became part of a new city.

Nestled between the Swan and Canning rivers, Melville has seen major change and development over the past 50 years. Today, a renaissance of retail, residential and commercial development will transform Melville into a vibrant modern and popular 21st century City.

Just eight kilometres south of Perth CBD, with more than 50sqkm of land covering 19 suburbs, staff at the City of Melville maintain 463km of roads and two square kilometres of parks and gardens, including 18km of pristine Perth's Swan River foreshore and iconic sites, treasured by generations of local families and visitors to the Western Australia.

By 2036, the new look Melville is projected to reach 128,415 people living, working and

playing in what will be a new urban lifestyle that offers modern amenities and responds to the aspirations of Melville residents (as captured in People, Places, Participation: A Strategic Community Plan for the City of Melville 2016-2026).

Guided by a range of community views, including those of 1637 locals who completed a recent online survey and of whom more than 600 indicated they would like to be more involved in council matters, CEO Dr Shayne Silcox describes the Community Plan as "Melville residents' aspirational plan for the future."

Six main community aspirations or visions for the 21st century were identified in the making of the plan, which has given a clear guide to, "what matters most to the communities within Melville." Dr Silcox said: "Into the future, our community wants a City that is clean and green with more trees and parks. They want to feel safe and secure everywhere they go and to enjoy growth and prosperity particularly for our local small businesses.

"They look forward to the benefits of improved sustainable and connected transport across the City, more opportunities for a healthy lifestyle and importantly through more events, culture and opportunities to meet, for us all to have a sense of community.

"Council's role is to contribute to the realisation of these aspirations, to continue building on what has already been achieved in the past 50 years and to align the modern day community aspirations to the City's corporate business plans. It is only a collective commitment and combined efforts with other government agencies, residents, local business and community groups that will help the City achieve these outcomes.

"With the City transforming and progressing towards the middle of the century, some long term challenges will also need to be overcome to ensure the vibrant, green and modern, community focused Melville of the future is a place for all."

To encourage community conversation, Melville Talks - the City's online platform, offers residents a safe community environment for connection, communication and education.

Keeping people informed and updated ensures Melville locals get more involved, talk to their neighbours, discuss favourite topics and learn more about how the City contributes to the aspirations outlined in the Strategic Community Plan. Join the 'conversation' at <a href="https://melvilletalks.com.au">https://melvilletalks.com.au</a>.

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### **FUTURE MELVILLE**

"IF you live in the City of Melville into the future you won't need to travel anywhere else to enjoy an embracing lifestyle."
- Melville Mayor Russell Aubrey.

KEY "activity centres" including Melville City Centre (Garden City and surrounds), Murdoch (WA's future health and knowledge precinct) and Canning Bridge will help define the future of living and working in the City of Melville.

Vibrant cafes and restaurants, expanded retail and commercial centres, improved transport connectivity and exciting new public spaces are all planned under the City's "My Future Melville local planning strategy.

The City's 20-year vision will provide future generations with greater housing choice, boost development and small business enterprise and, importantly, encourage employment and generate jobs.

Endorsed by the WA Planning Commission in 2016, the City held between August and October that year a series of 'My Future Melville' information sessions across the City to better inform and engage with local communities about the exciting future and transformation of Melville.

Mayor Russell Aubrey says 'My Future Melville' offers more housing options to cope with population growth, improved community hubs, better transport, lively and diverse commercial and retail outlets and, "more opportunities for local businesses and more jobs".

The Mayor's comments are contained in a short video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=eN7uKTJX1RU.

"In the next 20 years, we will see the City develop into a more vibrant and diverse place of choice," he says. "Our new activity centres will be better connected to suburban areas through improved transport systems.

"A developing city means more self sufficiency, more jobs, housing choice, choice for recreation and hospitality. "If you live in the City of Melville into the future you won't need to travel anywhere else to enjoy an embracing lifestyle."

Urban planning director Steve Cope says the population of Perth is forecast to increase to 2.6 million by 2031: "The Local Planning Strategy seeks to accommodate anticipated growth by providing for more intense development in key activity centres and along major transport corridors."

The Strategy draws on the City's corporate plan and the community plan, 'People, Places, Participation' to provide a broad direction for the future growth and development of Melville in the next 10 to 15 years.

The Strategy makes broad projections on how and where future residents may live; considers the state of the environment and follows State Government planning decisions that may impact (positively or negatively) on the liveability and future prosperity of the City.

Key Challenges of the 21st Century

- Degradation our urban forest and
  natural resources
- Offsetting rates increases for ratepayers by diversifying a currently restricted revenue base
- Providing appropriate infrastructure for an ever changing community
- Engaging and communicating with the community in a way that meets their changing expectations
- Ensuring changes in amenity due to urban development are beneficial to the community

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#### **GARDEN CITY:**

AMP Capital has forecast the Garden City trade area to grow from 480,000 to 555,000 by 2026, creating thousands of jobs in construction and retail.

The Melville City Centre Structure Plan guides redevelopment and the activity centre's transition from a suburban shopping centre to a mixed use city centre consisting of a vibrant new high street precinct with cafes, restaurants and shops, community facilities and residential development.

#### **CANNING BRIDGE:**

A 22-storey development under construction in Mt Pleasant is one of several expected to revitalise the Canning Bridge precinct with a mix of office, retail, recreational and cultural uses.

Norup+Wilson's \$190 million "The Precinct" is being built by BGC on the corner of Canning Highway and Sleat Road.

The boutique development company offers a range of innovations including electric car charging points, rain water harvesting, passive solar design and security controlled via your smart phone.

The project is expected to be ready for residents in 2020, with apartments starting at \$470,000.

According to the State Government, the Canning Bridge area will evolve to become, "a unique, vibrant, creative community centred on the integrated transport node of the Canning Bridge rail station. The area will be recognised by its unique location, its integrated mix of office, retail, residential, recreational and cultural uses that create areas of excitement, the promotion

Construction at the Booragoon shopping complex is expected to start this year and cost about \$750 million to complete in three years.

The premier retail destination in Perth will grow from 72,000sqm to about 120,000sqm, with stores nearly doubling to 370, accommodating a new cinema, two new supermarkets and a dining and leisure precinct.

AMP Capital shopping centres managing director Bryan Hynes says the "exceptional shopping and leisure experience" will attract residents and visitors to Melville

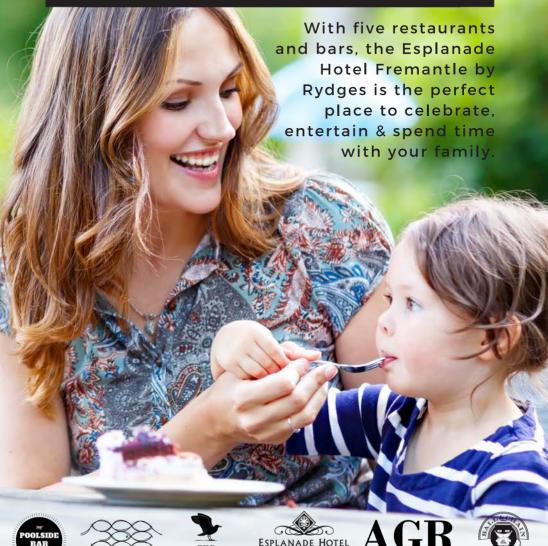
of its local heritage and as a pedestrian friendly enclave that integrates with the regional transport networks while enhancing the natural attractions of the Swan and Canning Rivers".

The City says the Canning Bridge Activity Centre Plan establishes a foundation for the future of the rapidly growing area including objectives for ongoing development, guidelines for the style of built form and frameworks for orderly improvements to land and infrastructure.

The proposed activity centre will comprise a mix of residential, civic, office, retail and entertainment uses against the backdrop of the Swan and Canning Rivers. Just eight kilometres south of the Perth CBD, the centre is linked to Perth by direct road, public transport, walking and cycling lanes.

Modifications have been made since the plan was launched, so people are urged to keep up to date on the City website at www.melvillecity.com.au or contact Customer Service on 1300 635 845.

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# **CHARITY RUN - FREO STYLE**

CLASSIC and vintage cars joined Freo's biggest 'bog lap' on February 11 to raise money for breast and prostate cancer in Western Australia.

Organised by StreetWise Media, the annual cruise attracted record crowds to the Captain Munchies carpark on Beach Street, CBC student volunteers collected donations as owners of some of the best street machines in Perth cruised into the CBD and Cappuccino Strip - reliving a tradition dating back to the 1950s and 1960s. Manors, GTs, Chevys, Mustangs.

StreetWise organised a selection of classic hotties to park outside The Esplanade Hotel Fremantle - by Rydges and Little Creatures for patrons and passersby to enjoy and photograph.

Thanks to all our sponsors and supporters including The National Hotel, SCOOP Property, Portorosa, Free DB Car Stereo, The Hair and Barber Room, Shannons Insurance, FreoBlast and various car clubs which turned out in force. Drive safely over the Easter and Anzac Day holiday period.

Additional images on the StreetWise Facebook page.









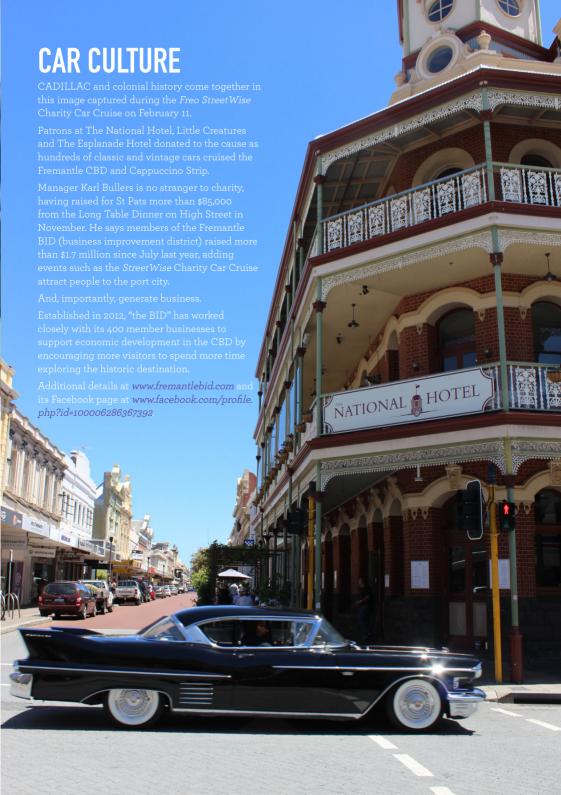
# PORTOROSA SPECIAL

PIZZA paradise, stuffed calamari, squid, pasta galore and desserts to queue for. At Portorosa, owner Joe Napoli invites you to share the culinary magic that is traditional Italian food and service.

The Market Street restaurant is rolling out the specials - our favourites including calamari tubes stuffed with a diced seafood mix and bread crumbs in an Italian Napolitana sauce; pasta rolled in eggplant, topped with Napolitana sauce and Parmesan; and Pollo Ripieno, a stuffed chicken breast in creamy pesto, spinach and sundried tomatoes with mozzarella, and served with chips and salad.

We also recommend Portorosa's Italian pastries including tiramisu and sweets dipped in chocolate hazelnut and maple syrup. You can also enjoy an Aperitivo plus Spritz for \$6 every day from 4pm.

Check out the latest specials at www.facebook. com/portorosafreo or visit www.portorosa.com.au.



## **WIRED FOR SOUND**

IN the 1980s and 1990s, 'Caples' was the place of choice for car stereo repairs and fittings in Freo.

Originally located on Market Street, before the age of bluetooth and computer navigation, the South Terrace business has serviced generations of music-loying car owners.

Now Free DB Car Stereo, Managing Director Jason Mondello told *StreetWise* his father Michael started off as a car stereo technician in 1976 before taking over 'Caples Car Radios' in 1983. Caples originally was founded by Peter Free in 1960.

Jason started working at 'Caples Car Stereo' in 2002. In 2006, 'Free DB Car Stereo' opened on the corner of Wray Avenue

Jason says his dedicated team carries on his father's legacy in the face of a rapidly changing industry.

"It's in our DNA! Our passion for 12-volt electronics and our hands-on old school service drives us"

Jason says at Free DB Car Stereo, "we have a boutique specialist feel and believe in premium service from start to finish. Our team prides ourselves on customer service and on educating our customers prior to collecting their vehicle after completion of the job".

Free DB Car Stereo offers a lifetime warranty on installation: "It is our highest priority that our team is well trained in-house and from training courses Australia wide

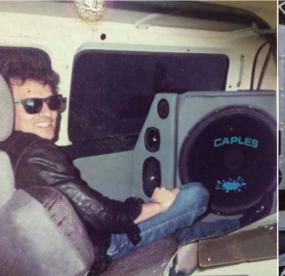
"This ensures we provide you with the latest in product application and specialist installation on your car, truck, boat or caravan."

Free DB Car Stereo offers cameras and parking sensors, audio installations and stereos, the company regarded as a leader in security systems, safety parking aids, communication, parking sensors, navigators and UHF radios.

Jason invites you to visit his showroom for a more in depth "touch and feel" experience.

You are welcome to bring in your vehicle or photos of your boat or caravan for a quote and advice, free of charge.

Additional details at www.freedb.audio or visit www.facebook.com/FreeDBcarstereo. Jason can be contacted on (08) 9335 1926.











## PRINCI PASSION

ITALIAN butcher Pasquale Princi was a visionary whose love for good quality meat and service spans several generations of families in Western Australia

Having migrated from Calabria, Pasquale donned the butcher's apron and during the 1950s carved out a reputation as Perth's top meat seller.

The Princi family has worked in butchering for seven generations, both in Italy and WA. Pasquale took up a butcher's job in Osborne Park before he opened his first store on the corner of Fitzgerald and Newcastle streets in Northbridge in the early 60s.

He then moved the successful business and his young family to Fremantle.

Pasquale's passion has passed on to his son Joe, who picked up a knife in his dad's shop at age three and today is responsible for the quality of meat locally sourced and delivered to your plate.

Having left school at Year Seven to work in the shop and take up an apprenticeship, Joe maintains the secret recipes of his late father, evident by the gold awards crowding the family trophy cabinet.

By the age of 18 he took over the store - and the rest is history.

Joe's nephew Michael is the current manager of the retail store in Beaconsfield, his hands-on and friendly service ensuring P.Princi Butcher's rich history, and future.

The P.Princi philosophy is simple. Detail, quality and perfection. This is evident from the moment you take a bite into the P.Princi Gold Range of products.

Joe's childhood consisted of sourcing animals from the sale yards and direct from the farmers, something he was taught by his late father.

Joe predominantly selects Angus Cross Beef. He believes Angus, both grass and grain fed depending on the season, is moist, juicy and with no added hormones and chemicals. It tastes exactly like a steak should, Joe says.

"Our Angus Eye Fillet and 45 day Dry-Aged Rib Eye is nothing short of the finest quality and is nothing new to the rich history of P.Princi. Our Suffolk Lamb is grown in the ideal conditions of the Great Southern Region." Joe ensures the lamb is stress free allowing the softest, most flavoursome meat. The Suffolk lamb also is the perfect breed for its marbling content.

"Our award-winning Berkshire Pork range of products are sourced predominately from the Kellerberrin Region of WA. The ability to trace back the upbringing of the pigs allows for a product that is tender, succulent and melts in your mouth.

"Our award-winning chemical nitrate-free Salume Amo Charcuterie range was established in 2015 but pays homage to the rich Italian heritage that has run through our veins for over 50 years."

The products feature only female pig meat with the majority of ingredients from Southern regions of Italy and Spain.

P.Princi Butchers has launched a new online ordering system in 2017 to give people in Perth and the South West access to the freshest produce delivered to their doorstep at the click of a button.

Visit the store on Lefroy Road in Beaconsfield or order online at www.princifoodservices.com.au.



# **ROMA AMORE**

LUCIANA Abrugiato-Dunn is at home at Roma Cucina in Freo's West End. Opening the High Street restaurant her father founded in 1954, she offers *StreetWise* a seat in the sun.

Thanking her for the loan of her mother Nella's diaries and printed tribute to her late father Frank, who passed away in 2000, aged 76, Luciana says Roma Cucina continues a family legacy enjoyed by generations of diners including famous figures such as Alan Bond and David Bowie.

Luciana was born the same month the former Roma Restaurant opened in 1954. Her husband and Head Chef Terry Dunn was 16 when he joined Roma in 1978, his mother having worked as a waitress.

Terry says the Freo dining scene, "was a completely different world then".

Luciana told StreetWise during a recent Menu Magazine review, the new Roma is built on the traditional Italian flavours her family introduced to the local food scene, but with, "a modern twist".

Today, as Terry briefs staff about the night's menu, Luciana points out some of the challenges



facing new businesses - one of which is change, her mother having stated in Ron Davidson's 'Fremantle Impressions' that, "Whenever we take a dish off the menu diners complain".

One thing is certain, Roma patrons will leave feeling part of a family tradition that has survived war, forced migration and financial chaos.

Luciana says her parents persevered; their success something Luciana and Terry plan to take to another level. The restaurant is a work in progress, Luciana planning to decorate the walls with images of Rome in the 1950s.

The Abrugiatos owned vineyards and produced milk in Villagrande near the coastal town of Ortona before the rise of fascism forced the family to sell its vineyards and leave Italy: "Their home had been completely destroyed; killing whoever had taken refuge in its wine cellars".

Luciana says Frank, "felt like a fish out of water", working in Tripoli, Italy, as a cook in the 'Villa Orti' when he met his Sicilian wife Nella who worked at a local photographic studio.

In February 1952, Frank left on 'Orontes' bound for Australia, "a paradise compared to Italy", while Nella stayed behind to care for her parents. They married by proxy in September 1952. Bella arrived July 1953.

The following year, Frank and Bella opened the Roma Restaurant. Lucy says the new Roma builds on the sacrifices her parents and members of their family made to build a new life in WA. The Roma menu - its signature dish roast chicken and spaghetti - caters for children who, between serves, can get creative with crayons and paper, dance to Italian music or explore the back pergola draped in grapes and night lights.

The restaurant is closed Monday. Check Roma Cucina's website for details or visit www. facebook.com/romacucina.



ROMA Cucina stars in the new Fremantle Gusto Italiano Trail showcasing some of the best cafes and restaurants in the port city.

Mediterranean food and wine lovers can enjoy homemade pasta and wood-fired pizza, succulent seafood, good coffee and top service.

The Italian food trail features the old and new - from Roma Cucina to the recently opened Parlapa, Portorosa and Pizza Bella Roma Restaurant. Other local eateries on the trail include Gino's Cafe, Sandrino Cafe and Pizzeria and La Sosta.

Additional details at www.trailswa.com.au or download the TrailsWA app.

#### PARLAPA

The family café and restaurant in the heart of Fremantle is a must stop for lovers of authentic and traditional homemade food and fresh ingredients. Handmade Gnocchi Ragu slow cooked for hours; Italian Breakfast of prosciutto, hot salami, air dried beef and provola cheese and tomatoes served with homemade bread; Omelette Veggie consisting of free range beaten eggs filled with sausage and mushrooms; and Nutella-flavoured coffee. Buon appetito!

Find us at 11 William Street or parlapa.com.au.

#### PIZZA BELLA ROMA

Pizza Bella Roma Restaurant first opened in 1972 when the Cappuccino Strip restaurant consisted of 10 tables and a few staff, including pizza chef Mario who has been creating mouth-watering pizzas for more than 30 years. Today, the Fremantle icon has hundreds of 400 seats, most diners preferring to sit outside and watch the world go by over a great pizza and chilli mussels.

Find us at 14 South Terrace, Fremantle or pizzabellaroma.com.



### **FINE CUT**

HAIRDRESSING trio Lucia, Vanessa and Rosaria are cut from the same cloth - their 71-year-old mum having started work at her first Freo salon in 1968.

Pia Passanisi was 16 when she arrived from Naples, in Italy, in 1963. Unable to speak good English, her first job was at a local sack-sewing factory.

Today, the grandmother of 13 still cuts and fashions hair with her daughters, her passion for making people look good having rubbed off on the Freo girls who have worked in and managed salons in Freo. Cockburn and Armadale.

This year, Pia and her daughters relaunched the family business at The Hair and Barber Room - 50 years after Pia completed her apprenticeship at the same shop at 128 High Street under the late John Galloway.

From bobs and balayage to colours and foils, men's fades, perms and treatments and massages, the new salon offers the latest hair styles, and traditional cuts, at affordable prices.

On the former Primpers and Salon Express site, the salon's experienced team caters for young and old.

"I love the people, and getting involved in their lives," Vanessa tells *StreetWise* during a photo shoot at the new shop opposite Kings Square.

"I'm a bit of a chatterbox."

Lucia says she joined mum in 1996 after she finished school, Vanessa two years later and Rosaria three years later.

Pia managed Primpers at 53 High Street for about 10 years before moving in the 1980s to Johnson Court where Lucia, Vanessa and Rosaria completed their apprenticeships.

They left in 1997, moving back to where Pia started her apprenticeship.

Additional details at www.thehairandbarberroom. com and www.facebook.com/The-Hair-and-Barber-Room-354168708384728.

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# **ANZAC HELLFIRE TOUR**

TWO students from Melville Senior High School have won a competition to commemorate Anzac Day at the site of the infamous Thai-Burma Railway.

With financial assistance from Esplanade Hotel Fremantle - by Rydges, SCOOP Property and *StreetWise* Media, they will join school representatives from around Australia to experience firsthand the sacrifice by tens of thousands of prisoners of war who died building the line in 1942, and 1943.

Subsidising part of the trip, Melville Rotary offered year 10 students the opportunity to travel to Thailand on the Quiet Lion Tour, launched in 1985.

About 30 students nationally who completed the essay competition have been chosen to attend and lay wreaths at the Anzac Day dawn service at Hellfire Pass and memorial service at the Cemetery at Kanchanaburi.

The 12-day tour from April 16 to April 27 will include visits to former POW camp sites, the Bridge on the River Kwai, local hospitals and the Weary Dunlop Peace Park in Home Phu Toey.

Operated by the Burma Thailand Railway Memorial Association, the tour is expected to be joined by POW survivors of the railway construction in which an estimated 90,000 civilian labourers and more than 12,000 Allied prisoners died in the rugged jungle conditions.

Tropical diseases, cholera, malaria, dysentery, starvation and exhaustion took their toll while cruelty, beatings and torture were a daily horror.

On rations of contaminated rice, POWs built the 415km track from Ban Pong, near capital Bangkok, and Thanbyuzayat, in northern Burma, or, Myanmar, with only hand tools and their collective strengths.

RSLWA president Peter Aspinall has said the 100th anniversary commemorations of the end of WW1 will culminate in celebration, "the centenary of Armistice Day", in November this year.

As reported in the previous issue, 'Anzac 2018', April 25 is expected to attract the biggest influx of Australians into France in a century. The Anzac Centenary honours the service and sacrifice of the original ANZACs and generations of servicemen and women who fought and died in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations since the Boer War in 1899.

Additional details at www.rslwa.org.au.





# **ZENNI'S METHOD**

ELECTRICAL stimulation using the Zenni method is not just pain therapy - it eliminates disease by eliminating its cause.

POLISH physiotherapist Victor Zenni says his "physiotherapy of the future" taps into the ability of the body to heal without drugs and invasive surgery.

Visiting WA to demonstrate his European Unionapproved method, Dr Zenni told *StreetWise* electrical stimulation is a safe and proven therapy, the technology having come a long way since he patented his method in Australia in 1990.

Using the correct intensity and frequency and direction of mild electrical currents, Dr Zenni has achieved significant therapeutic results at



his clinics. In Poland where patients are treated for thrombosis, Hashimoto's disease (thyroiditis), Graves-Basedow's disease, asthma and suicidal ideation

Colleague Dr Beata Antosik says electro stimulation restores the natural electrical potential in cells and stimulates repair processes in internal organs, endocrine glands and nervous system.

Dr Zenni says he developed his idea in 1987 when he stumbled on work by an American neurosurgeon who realised the hypothalamus played a key role in controlling basic bodily processes, converting electrical impulses produced by the brain into hormonal information forwarded to other parts of the body.

Electrotherapy is used to reduce pain, improve circulation, repair tissues, strengthen muscles and promote bone growth.

Dr Zenni's method applies Bernard's currents to stimulate parts of the brain and central nervous system.

Changing the modulation and/or breaking transmission at select times of the treatment produced various effects such as analgesia, widening of blood vessels and skeletal muscle relief from tension. Low frequency currents also are used to treat neuralgia, peripheral blood transmission problems and injuries of joints, muscles and tendons.

Dr Zenni says stimulating organs can improve the electrochemical processes that occur between the brain and endocrine system, metabolism and circulation.

His method can improve the discharge of lymph, pituitary and thyroid hormones and relieve sciatic pain and treat a number of health problem health problems associated with internal organs such as the liver, stomach, spleen, pancreas, bladder and kidneys.

### WHAT do the patients say about the effectiveness of the Zenni method?

Ms Liliana L. (age 53) from Poznan: "Despite taking medicines for years, I had hormonal disorders, uterine bleeding, and my hair fell out by the handful. After the second electrical stimulation, the bleeding subsided and my hair stopped falling out."

Ms Ewa M. (age 55) from Poznan: "After the uterine cleaning procedure, it turned out that the endometrium began to grow again (up to 6.5mm). I underwent electrical stimulations using the Zenni method and after the fourth treatment I did tests. It turned out the endometrium decreased to 3.5mm. Bleeding stopped."

Ms Elwira M. (age 49) from Warsaw: "I was diagnosed with Hashimoto's thyroiditis, lupus, RA and Sjögren's syndrome (dry skin). The pain in my joints was so nagging that I could not hold a glass, I could not walk because my hips, knees and feet ached. After seven electrical stimulations, anti-TPO decreased. After four electrical stimulations, I already felt a huge improvement, and after seven all my joints stopped hurting. Finally, I can live normally. In addition, I maintain a gluten-free, sugar-free and non-meat diet."

Ms Elżbieta B. (age 57) from Lublin: "I had hypothyroidism and very bad test results. I felt constantly tired, sleepy and I had no strength. After the second electrical stimulation, I felt much better, and after subsequent ones I had more life energy. After six treatments, I did checkups that showed a significant improvement."

Ms Henryka K. (age 63) from Warsaw: "I was diagnosed with Hashimoto's thyroiditis. I underwent electrical stimulation using the Zenni method and after the seventh treatment I did the tests. Anti-TPO antibodies decreased. I have much more energy, and the stimulations have helped me to overcome the pain in my spine and knee."

Ms Ewa D. (age 49) from Wroclaw: "I suffered from thyroid problems and depression, which I treated pharmacologically, but without major effects

I underwent electrical stimulations using the Zenni method and after the first there was a significant improvement in my well-being, I was happy and willing to live, I stopped crying and most importantly, my suicidal thoughts disappeared. I also felt an onrush of energy.

After each subsequent electrical stimulation I felt better and better. Thyroid problems such as dehumidification and problems with speaking subsided."

Ms Elżbieta K (age 64) from Warsaw: "I had thyroid inflammation and nodules on the right lobe. After seven electrical stimulations, I did an ultrasound examination and it turned out there are no more nodules or inflammation."

Mr Tomasz R. (age 48) from Lublin: "I was diagnosed with the Graves' disease. I had very low TSH and elevated FT3 and FT4, dizziness, trembling and sweating hands. After two electrical stimulations, I began to feel better, the symptoms subsided. After four electrical stimulations, I did the tests and all the results were normal. Blood pressure stabilised, and I feel much better overall."

Dr Zenni's units are available in Australia. Visit www.zennimethod.com for additional details. Dr Zenni will also host a public workshop in April, details to be announced on the StreetWise Facebook page.

## **VIKTOR - A HEALING JOURNEY**

VIKTOR Zenni fled Poland in 1982 - a year after the government imposed martial law in the then Communist bloc country.

Having been involved in the Solidarity movement which emerged in 1980 at the Lenin shipyards in Gdansk, Viktor was arrested and given a 'choice' to stay in prison or leave Poland.

In 1989, Viktor returned for the first time to see his mother, who had remained behind, the following year his country electing sparkie Lech Walesa as president of the "semi-free" postcommunist state.

Viktor's grandfather, an eminent lawyer, was killed at Dachau concentration camp where his family says he was one of the first "guinea pigs" exposed to exhaust fumes before lethal insecticides and other chemicals were used.

Viktor says he was raised, "in the doctor's office of my grandmother, who had a title of Doctor of Philosophy in surgery and gynaecology. My mother was a dentist. I saw how they cared for people".

The 75-year-old father of two has returned to Poland many times, pursuing a personal and professional journey to relieve pain and suffering using little more than mild electric currents applied to different parts of the body.

Dr Zenni runs several clinics in Warsaw, Cracow and Lublin where hundreds of patients are treated for thrombosis, Hashimoto's disease (thyroiditis), Graves-Basedow's disease, asthma and suicidal ideation, particularly among young people Viktor treats for free.

He even used his European Union-approved method (patented in Australia in 1990) to clear his son's pimples.

Viktor, who recently suffered a heart attack and underwent bypass surgery, says he wants therapists and other health care workers including nursing homes to use his proven method over drug-oriented treatments.

He describes his method as "natural medicine", with even first treatments providing immediate relief for patients.

"My method is pure, wise, modern physiotherapy of the 21st century," he told a Polish interviewer recently. "It is physiotherapy of the future.

"The most important matter to humanly is to treat suffering."



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