

Nahan's News

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Proud Patron of the Riverton Football Club

Have you met my staff?

Now that my new electorate office is up and running, please feel free to drop in to discuss any issues of concern with me and my friendly staff, or to share your views on topical issues. My office is located next to Blockbuster at the Stockland Riverton Shopping Centre. We have some excellent artwork on display on our walls courtesy of the talented members of the Canning Arts Group so come in and check it out.

If you have an upcoming community event, please let me know so I can include the details in future editions of my newsletters.



From left: Electorate Officer Lyn Mitchell, Research Officer Maria Usedo, Research Officer Godfrey Lowe and Dr Mike Nahan.

Seniors

The new Liberal/National Government's annual Cost of Living Rebate, which will provide eligible WA seniors with \$100 for singles and \$150 for couples, is now available. The deadline to provide your banking details so that the money can be deposited directly into your bank account has been extended to 31 March 2009.

The payments will be indexed to the Consumer Price Index each year for the next three years to help keep pace with rising costs. The money should make a significant difference to the lives of many seniors within our community.

I encourage anyone who hasn't received their documentation or who would like to apply for a WA Seniors Card to contact the WA Seniors Card Centre on 6217 8855 or my office on 9457 1282 for further assistance.

Australia Day – Monday 26 January 2009

The Lions Club of Canning City is hosting a breakfast at 7.30am at the Cannington Civic and Administration Centre with a flag-raising and Citizenship Ceremony starting at 9.15am.

In addition, the Rotary Club of Rossmoyne is running its Australia Day Breakfast at the Shelley Foreshore from 7.30am – 11.30am. Entertainment will include the Heel and Toe Bush band, a Holden Car Club show, face painting, hair colouring and a bouncy castle for the children. If you would like more information, please call 9457 6979.

Did you know that the design of the Australian Flag was selected from a public competition with over 30,000 entries in 1901 but it was not officially adopted as the Australian flag until the Flags Act 1953 (Act No 1 of 1954) came into being.

Chinese New Year

Festivities for the most important celebration in the Chinese calendar, Chinese New Year, start on 26 January and continue for the next 15 days. It is the Year of the Ox and the year 4706 in the Chinese calendar.

Red symbolises fire, which is believed to drive away bad luck. During Chinese New Year celebrations, people gather at each other's homes for celebratory meals, wear red clothes and give children 'lucky money' in red envelopes.

January 26 is also Republic Day in India and Tet, the Vietnamese Luna New Year.

New School Year

Congratulations to all students who graduated from high school in 2008.

I wish you all every success and know that you have a very bright and interesting future ahead of you.

Students from all the public high schools in the electorate – Rossmoyne Senior High School, Willetton Senior High School and Lynwood Senior High School – achieved very high standards.

In particular, no less than 37 of the 98 public school students who achieved a Tertiary Entrance Rank score of 99 or higher in 2008 came from these three public high schools.

Students from the electorate studying under the public school Vocational Education and Training (VET) system also achieved outstanding results.

I wish all school students, teachers and staff every success for the new school year and if I can help your school in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me on 9457 1282.



On behalf of my wife Nyuk, daughter Keavy, son Key and myself, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all residents health, happiness, prosperity and success for the New Year.

Excerpts from my maiden speech in Parliament

"The electorate of Riverton is a quintessential Western Australian community – suburban middle class, aspirational, family orientated and politically pragmatic.

Now as in the past, people are drawn to the Electorate of Riverton for its ethnic diversity; safe, family orientated, suburban lifestyle; spacious and affordable housing; good transport links and importantly the excellent public schools. These attributes both define and unite this area.

My life's experience has prepared me well to make a contribution to this House and to Western Australia and it is my intention to use my experience and skills to help ensure that we as the Liberal Party keep true to our values and combine good policy with good politics and principle with pragmatism.

We face difficult times, which will require tough choices and real leadership from us in this house. It will require an emphasis on driving value for money and a ruthless focus on priority areas – health, education, public safety and transport..."

If you would like a full copy of my inaugural speech in Parliament, please call my office on 9457 1282.

Photo Gallery



Young students from Rostrata Primary School join Dr Mike Nahan in a science lesson on dragonfly larvae run by science teacher Ric Johnson who recently won the Premier's Prize for Excellence in Primary Science Teaching.



Dr Mike Nahan met with Rossmoyne Senior High School Principal, Leila Bothams and Deputy Principal, Peter Klifunis to provide support following a devastating fire at the end of the school year that gutted two transportable classrooms.



Dr Mike Nahan joined the students at Parkwood Primary School's final Assembly for some fun and entertainment provided by an impromptu visit by Father Christmas.



Brett Stokes, the General Manager of the Willetton Basketball Stadium shoots a goal in celebration as Dr Mike Nahan presents him and President Phil Nixon with a cheque for \$78,000 from the Liberal-National State Government's Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund to help upgrade and improve the popular stadium's facilities.

Points of Interest

- *Does your not-for-profit community group require photocopying services? Free photocopying can be undertaken in my office. Simply provide your own paper and give my staff a call on 9457 1282 to book a suitable time.*
- *Do you know anyone celebrating a 50th, 55th or 60th Wedding Anniversary or their 100th Birthday? Letters of congratulations can be organised through my office. If possible, allow around three weeks' notice and if you would like further details, please call my office.*
- *My office is also a collection point for used postage stamps that are recycled and old reading glasses and hearing aids, which are recalibrated and distributed to needy people overseas by the Lions Club of Canning City.*
- *Would your not-for-profit organisation, school or aged care group like a State Flag for ceremonial occasions? If so, please call my office and we will organise to have one delivered to you.*