

Private Property Rights & Resources



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From the President & Private Property Rights and Resources Committee of the PGA of WA (Inc).

CLEARING NATIVE VEGETATION

Once again we see one of our members receive a substantial fine for land clearing. Ian Broad was fined a total of \$85,000 in the courts on Monday 20th September. Magistrate Ed de Vries stated that he had considered a fine of \$115,000 but revised it because of an early guilty plea. Individual land holders are faced with additional costs on legal fees and in most case the cost of re-vegetation. The land in Ian Broad's case had been cleared previously in 1974 and again in 1984. The PGA believes that there are still 124 cases listed to go before the courts in WA. PGA has written to the Premier seeking an urgent meeting on the issue of Property Rights and will continue our efforts to get a Property Rights Bill introduced into WA. PGA would like to thank all the members that turned up to the court in support of the Broad family.

MAXWELL SZULC

Max was jailed for 3 months in July for contempt of court and is due for release on 25th October 2010.

The Dept of Environment and Conservation had sought a court injunction after he continued to clear his land after being issued him with vegetation conservation notice.

Peter Spencer and Milan Zaklan were granted permission and visited Mr Szluc at the Woorloo Prison recently. Mr Szluc is due back in court in February 2011 to face charges of unlawful clearing. Peter Spencer has offered Max assistance by way of legal representation from the Tower of Hope legal team.

WA PLANNING COMMISSION

Rob Gillam, Gary Peacock, Leon Bradley and Milan Zaklan met with Cath Meeghan from Western Australian Planning Commission and Ian Kinnamonth from the Department of Agriculture on 24th September.

The WAPC is currently reviewing the two rural policies- Agricultural and Rural Land Use Planning Policy 2.4 and the Development Control policy 3.4 in regard to the sub division of rural land. Both the policies are available to view on <http://www.planning.wa.gov.au>

The committee will be forwarding a submission on the release of the draft review policy. Please read the policies and forward your comments. It is important to put your view forward in order to achieve the best outcomes.

TOUR OF HOPE

Peter Spencer is conducting a Tower of Hope speaking tour across Australia and has expressed a desire to include WA

. The Committee, with the approval of the Executive, has agreed to assist by co-ordinating his WA leg of the tour. Location and meeting dates are.
Gingin - Monday 01 November.
Pinjarra - Wednesday 03 November,
Narrogin - 04 November
Albany - Friday 05 November and
Perth - 06 November.
Please diarize the dates. We need to show support and work together to get the required changes in order to protect the rights of the individual.

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