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ATTACK IS UNWORTHY

I FEEL that John Harding (Present mayor in the firing line, *Canning Times*, April 7) needs to take some of his own medicine.

The people he has attacked are people of substance and ability.

Dr Mick Lekias has been a GP medico in the Canning area for many years in addition to mayoral duties from 1992 to 2008.

Normal Snell is a university graduate who achieved doctorate status with a thesis based on waste management.

Faye Morgan was awarded an Order of Australia Medal for her contribution to the welfare of people in need and support for St John Ambulance.

John Wibberly recently retired after many years of service as a police officer and seniority in detective areas.

I was a Canning councillor during the period 1989 to 1997 and claim that I represented not only Beelliar Ward but also the interests of all residents of the City of Canning.

I say to John Harding, reflect on yourself and tell us what you have done for Canning. Maybe you should test the waters and stand for the elections due in October.

**Neville Perryman,
Rossmoyne.**

COMMENTS GRATE

IN response to Arthur Morris' letter headlined "Odour will still be around" (*Canning Times*, March 31), it is a shame to see someone who is obviously inexperienced on this issue being so ignorant of the residents' health and lives that are severely affected by the waste composting facility's noxious odour.

Residents should state their concerns; however, many say they are too intimidated to speak up publicly due to the repercussions of doing so.

The residents were here first, not the waste composting facility.

Unfortunately, thousands of ratepayers, business owners and people passing through the area are experiencing the odour almost every day.

If cost is the issue here, are those who support the facility prepared to pay for the massive medical bills and long-term expenses of the thousands of serious health symptoms displayed by residents from being exposed to the odour?

Will they compensate residents who have to sell their homes and uproot their families so that they will no longer be exposed to these noxious emissions?

Those suffering from this environmental disaster are thrilled to bits that the City of Canning, and those councillors who do care about the residents, have the backbone to stand up to the management of the facility, unlike the other neglectful councils who choose to overlook the truth on this issue.

Considering the genuine torment the residents and their pets have gone through, I'm sure many would find the comments in Arthur Morris' letter to be in poor taste.

**Mandy Clarke,
Leeming**

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

I'M asthmatic; that makes me allergic to almost anything that is scented, ammonia-based or petrol-based.

That includes perfumes, aftershaves, cleaning products, paint thinners, degreasers, scented towelettes on planes, fabric softener, bleaches, perfume samples in magazines, scented children's toys, scented candles, deodorants and air fresheners - including those ghastly Christmas tree things that people hang in their cars.

I'm also allergic to cigarette smoke, cigar smoke, petrol and diesel fumes, house dust, sand dust, potting mix, ani-

mal urine and especially people who don't give a hoot that their thoughtless actions can lead to me having an asthma attack.

Why isn't this information splattered all over the television, the newspapers and the magazines?

And why does 99 per cent of the population have no idea what asthma is?

Why are the supermarkets and department stores permitted to be filled to the brim with products that can bring on an asthma attack even by just walking down the aisle?

Doesn't anybody care?

I am lucky that despite the fact that all of these things trigger off an asthma attack for me, at least I am aware of them and know to avoid them, where possible.

What about an asthmatic child who doesn't know what the triggers are. What chance do they stand in this overly scented society?

**Carey Munro,
Canning Vale.**

DAY IS BLESSED

RECENTLY someone (was it Matt Birney?) said "write to your newspaper", so I have taken his advice.

Ode to March 28/09

HOORAY hooray, I bless this day

When daylight saving ended;

For five long months,

(It seemed like years)

My body-clock surrendered.

The money-moguls pulled the strings,

Our pollies jerked like puppets;

The disenfranchised voters then

Had no more say than Muppets.

Three times we have voted "No,"

In May we'll make it four:

Dear pollies, can you hear us?

No, no, no, no; no more.

**Joan Lowe,
Gosnells.**