



## **Media Release**

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### **ALCOA CONTRIBUTION RECOGNISED BY CITY OF CANNING**

**THE CITY OF CANNING WELCOMED ALCOA TO MEET WITH SCHOOL CHILDREN LAST WEEK (17 JUNE 2014) TO RECOGNISE ITS CONTRIBUTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AT THE CANNING RIVER ECO EDUCATION CENTRE (CREEC).**

City of Canning Commissioner Linton Reynolds said the relationship with Alcoa was important to the City of Canning.

“We are very pleased with our relationship with Alcoa and we are proud that we can show them how their donations are being used to educate children about the natural environment and sustainability,” Mr Reynolds said.

The relationship between the City of Canning and Alcoa commenced in 2011 with the donation of seven preserved animals, and will continue later in the year when City of Canning staff visit the Alcoa facility in Pinjarra.

The animals donated by Alcoa include Western Spotted Quolls, Southern Brown Bandicoot, Echidna, Pacific Black Duck, Purple Swamp Hen, Brushtail Possum and a Western Rosella. Most animals are on display at CREEC, with some on loan to local schools so that children can see them in a classroom environment.

With over 5000 children visiting CREEC each year, the donation has been a big hit with school kids and helped contribute to the popularity of the centre.

“The animals are very popular with school children who really love looking at the animals on display. They are a real draw card at CREEC,” Mr Reynolds said.

Alcoa representatives were given a tour of the CREEC facility which included observing a class run by CREEC staff.

Alcoa National Partnerships Manager Beth Butler said that ALCOA was pleased to work with the City of Canning.

“Alcoa is pleased to support the Canning River Eco Education Centre (CREEC). These animals form part of the iconic northern Jarrah Forest and this provides an opportunity for children who visit CREEC to see and learn about the fauna of our South West,” said Ms Butler.

**Ends** For media enquiries contact the City of Canning Communications Officer Leigh Nastasi on 9231 0853.

## **About the City of Canning**

The City of Canning encompasses the suburbs of Welshpool, St James, Bentley, Queens Park, East Cannington, Cannington Wilson, Ferndale, Lynwood, Shelley, Rossmoyne, Riverton, Willetton, Parkwood, Leeming and Canning Vale. With a multicultural population approaching 100,000 people and with over 40,000 people working here, the City of Canning is a diverse and dynamic community full of growth and opportunity.