



Holiday fun with Roger the Ranger at Whiteman Park.

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Stable fly measures

BULLSBROOK residents were urged to report any infestation of stable fly or anyone transporting raw manure out of season to the City of Swan at a public meeting organised by the Stable Fly Action Group.

Last Tuesday the group hosted a public information session attended by about 50 people in response to recent infestations of stable flies affecting livestock and residents in the area.

The flies pester stock, pets and there have been reports of people being bitten in Bullsbrook townsite.

Representatives from the departments of Health and Agriculture and the WA Vegetable Growers Association, the City of Swan and the Shire of Gingin spoke about managing stable fly.

Action group chairman Bob Wilson said a great deal had been achieved in fighting stable fly, but there was still much to be done up to, and beyond, 2011, when the use of raw poultry manure in horticulture would be banned.

He said the group would be to lobby for strengthened fly breeding regulations under the new Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act.

At the conclusion of the evening residents were urged by both the SFAG and Mr Rosling from the City of Swan to contact the shire health officer with any reports of stable fly infestation, or suspicious movements of trucks that could be transporting raw poultry manure illegally out of season.

For further details call the Stable Fly Action Group chairman on 9655 1055, or secretary on 9655 3024.

Regular Whiteman Park attractions include the transport heritage exhibition *Revolutions*, the *Birds of Prey Flying Display*, Caversham Wildlife Park, train and tram rides, pottery classes, electric mini-car hire and much more.

Whiteman Park is a conservation, recreation and heritage reserve covering nearly 4000ha of natural bushland. Entry is off Lord Street or Beechboro Road, Whiteman.