

### WHAT IS RURAL STREET ADDRESSING?

Rural Street Addressing (RSA) is an initiative of the West Australian Department of Land Information (DLI), supported by the Shire of Plantagenet and other Local Government Authorities. The initiative involves supplying a rural address plate with large reflective numbers to owners of rural properties, where that rural property has a 'habitable dwelling' (house, shearing shed, workshop, shed, gallery etc). There are no plans at this stage to supply RSA plates for identifying rural vacant properties.

The use of RSA plates is a logically established method of numbering a property containing one of more habitable dwellings, based on distance from the start of a road, usually an intersection with another road. The main aim of RSA plates is to allow emergency services personnel to quickly identify the (relevant) entrance to your property. Other benefits may include delivery of mail and making your property easier for other parties to find (veterinarians, stock officers, businesses, family and friends).

The RSA Project is a very large and extensive undertaking and your patience and understanding that completion of this project will take some considerable time, is very much appreciated.

### HOW AND WHERE SHOULD I PLACE THE RSA PLATE?

The RSA plate(s) must be mounted at the beginning of the relevant driveway(s) that terminate in the habitable dwelling. The plate can be mounted on a star picket, strainer box post, or any other fixture, as long as the RSA number can be clearly seen from the road in either direction. RSA plates for property entrances at the very end of a road can be mounted to face the road.

If you have a Roadside Mail Box (RMB) at the entrance of the driveway, the RSA plate can be mounted on the RMB.

### RMBs, RSAs, PO BOXES AND PROPERTY/POSTAL ADDRESSES

Understandably, some confusion exists between the purpose of each of these and it is hoped that the following points will clarify things for you. However, if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Shire of Plantagenet, by telephone to (08) 9892 1111, by email to [info@plantagenet.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@plantagenet.wa.gov.au), or by letter to PO Box 48 Mount Barker, WA, 6324.

1. Australia Post have assured the Shire of Plantagenet that they will continue, for a very considerable time, to deliver mail addressed to either RMB or RSA numbers.
2. If you currently or intend to use a PO Box you should use this as your postal address.
3. If you are otherwise an 'absent owner' (you live elsewhere and the address is not an RMB or RSA), then you should use that address as your postal address.

4. If your RMB is located away from your driveway (at a nearby intersection) please DO NOT place your RSA plate alongside your RMB. The RSA plate MUST be placed at the entrance to your driveway. The Shire of Plantagenet has received advice that, in such cases, you should display your RSA number on your RMB in addition to your current RMB number. You can do this by any suitable method, including purchasing inexpensive self adhesive numbers or painting them on your RMB. The RSA numbers on your RMB do not need to be reflective. They are there to assist mail delivery only.
5. If you have more than one RSA number for your property, you should nominate which one of those numbers will be your (non PO Box/Absent Ownership Address) number.
6. The Shire of Plantagenet appreciates that there exists a number of ungazetted/un-named roads or access routes within the Shire and will be examining ways of resolving this issue.
7. It is in your best interests to deploy your RSA plate(s) as the system is designed to assist saving lives and property.
8. The legal identification of your property(s) will continue to be identified by the Lot/Location/Plan/Diagram numbers, however in time, your RSA number may additionally legally identify the property(s).

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