

EHA Allergens and Anaphylaxis Awareness Seminar

29 July 2010

8:30am	ARRIVAL TEA & COFFEE	
9:25am	Joseph Zappavigna President, Environmental Health Australia (WA) Inc.	WELCOME
9:30am	Clinical Associate Prof Richard Loh Head of Immunology and Allergy Department, PMH.	Allergy & Anaphylaxis Recognition, Management and Treatment What is anaphylaxis, how to recognise and respond to anaphylaxis, managing anaphylaxis and the importance of allergen avoidance.
10:30am	Justin Strange EHO, Shire of Mundaring	EHO Perspective on Food allergens Case studies / examples of allergen related incidents
10.50	MORNING TEA	
11:30am	Sue Harrington Medical Entomologist Environmental Health Hazards Unit Department of Health MORNING TEA	Insect Bites and Stings Insect bites and stings can cause a range of responses, from localised itching and swelling to severe allergic reactions including anaphylaxis. Allergies to venoms from stinging insects are more likely to have serious outcomes than insect bites. In Western Australia, bees, wasps, ants, ticks and March flies are the greatest concern, whereas bites from mosquitoes and biting midges are seldom serious and tend to become less severe over time.
12:10pm	Maria Said President Anaphylaxis Australia Inc	Food allergy - a Dilemma for Many The increase in prevalence in food allergy is not a figment of our imagination. As researchers grapple with understanding this increase and work toward a cure, food allergic individuals, their carers, food industry, regulators and enforcement officers need to manage risk. Food allergen content in both packaged food and foods purchased from a food outlet need to be communicated with the allergic consumer. Food allergy is a very significant food safety issue and one that EHOs need to be aware of.
1:15pm	OPEN FORUM	
1:30pm	CLOSE / LIGHT REFRESHMENTS	