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STATUS REPORT Quarter IV

Provincial report compiled for the honourable Legatus Pro Praetore, Marcus Claudius Nero &

Proconsul Cn. Cornelius Lentulus Alexander



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I. Executive Summary

The reestablishment and rebuilding of the Province of Australia has become noteworthy in the last three months. The province has received positive attention in the Senate. With the conclusion of the civil war, an opportunity to commence a fresh start in the province as presented itself. The modern day nations of Australia and New Zealand, which make up the province, hold significant potential and an untapped level of resource to grow Nova Roma.

This report is the second of a proposed quarterly reporting cycle to the current serving Governor. The report intends to articulate all activity being undertaken by provincial citizens at all levels that can be considered reportable to the Senate, or otherwise of interest to the Governor. The reporting period is for three month intervals, the first of which reported on the months of June, July and August. This report period is for September, October, and November with the report being compiled in the month of December.

The report is only intended to record activities and the status of actions performed. Accountability and tractability is important in government institutions and a level of transparency is required to enable the Governor to make effective and timely decisions.

It is with great pleasure and privilege that we present the next edition of what will be a linage of fascinating and informative reports showing hopeful progress of the province.

D. Aurelius Ingeniarius

Praefectus Provinciae Australiae Administrandae Legatus Proconsulis Cn. Lentuli Alexandri, Legatus Regionis Australiae



II. Current Province Appointed Staff

i. PRAEFECTUS REI PUBLICAE ADMINISTRANDAE

Cn. Cornelius Lentulus Alexander, Proconsul, with imperium maius

ii. GOVERNOR

M. Claudius Nero, Legatus Pro Praetore

iii. VICE GOVERNOR

D. Aurelius Ingeniarius, Praefectus Provinciae Australiae Administrandae

iv. CONSILIUM PROVINCIAE

D. Aurelius Ingeniarius, Praefectus Provinciae Australiae Administrandae

v. COHORS PRAETORIA

➤ Legati

D. Aurelius Ingeniarius, Legatus Proconsulis Cn. Lentuli Alexandri, Legatus Regionis Australiae (Commissioner of Vice-Consul Cn. Lentulus Alexander to Australia)

> Praefecti

Nil appointed.

> Sribae

C. Geminia Cicurina to the Vice Governor (Unofficial, Under Probation)

> Apparitores

Nil appointed.

vi. Lictors

Nil appointed.

III. Provinciae Edicta

i. NEW EDICTA

Edictum Proconsulare de rebus Provinciae Australiae intercedendis Cn. Cornelius Lentulus Alexander, Proconsul

ii. ONGOING & ACTIVE EDICTA

Nil recorded.

iii. EXPIRED & CANCELLED EDICTA

Nil recorded.

IV. Current Citizen Status

i. OVERVIEW

The Cn. Caesar and L. Sulla, coup d'état of 2015 devastated the smaller provinces of Nova Roma. The province of Australia equally felt the effects of the Civil War and as a result, the present status of the citizen body is relatively unknown. With the civil war declared over of July 2772 a.u.c., the local provincial authorities under the guidance of current Governor M. Nero now seek to recover and rebuild a base of citizens.

Efforts to recover and repopulate the province will be slow. A reassuring approach will be needed to welcome back any existing citizens if they are found. A large canvass and strong advertising campaign will be needed to meet the required saturation levels to establish vicus in various locations. Efforts have been launched under <u>DIA-IXX-VII</u> and <u>DIA-IXX-VII</u> respectively.

Since then end of the civil war, a small number of locals have been contacted so far. The current recovery program forecasts a small growth in citizen base with the aid of weekly introduction meetings for potential contacts.

ii. OUARTERLY CITIZEN STATUS UPDATE

The fourth quarter of 2019 saw us induct two new citizens in Tasmania and Victoria respectively, with one further applicant under review with the Censors. This brings our total number of known active citizens to 5. With the Censors also gaining partial access to the citizen databases once more, province leadership were provided access to records of previously registered citizens. There are now 36 inactive citizens on record who will be contacted with the intent to have them participate once more.

Numerous other people have been cold-contacted via several mediums but are otherwise not included in the data unless they have confirmed read any messages sent to them. Once two-way communication has been established these people are identified as potential citizens.

A full breakdown of each registered and potential new citizen of the province can be found at $\underline{\text{Annex } A}$.

Censors were also able to provide older archived data on an established list of registered citizens from the province. With 36 in total, this is a sizable list. Presently, only four emails did not deliver successfully in initial contact attempts. All these presently inactive members are now being contacted again under a new initiative to see if they are still willing and active citizens of Nova Roma.

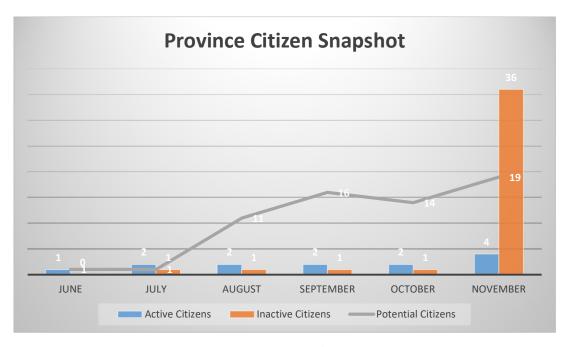


Figure 1 - Province citizen population overview

The heaviest distribution of citizens is based in the Sydney NSW region. These are all known inactive citizens. Melbourne has the second largest distribution of citizens in the province.

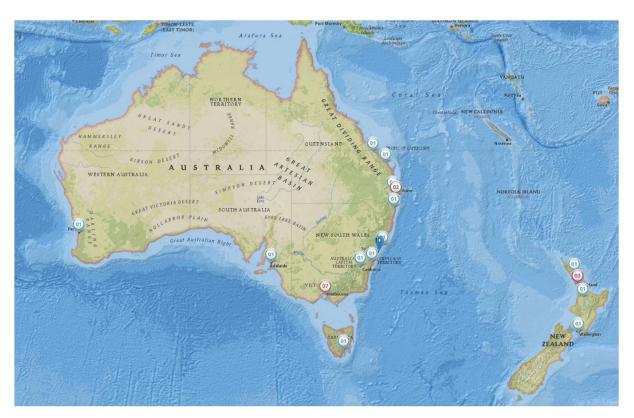


Figure 2 - Citizen Distribution across the province



20 hrs/wk 240 hrs/qtr

V. Province Expenditure Report

Man Hours of work by province leadership staff

This section details expenditure, considered official, for the benefit of the province and Nova Roma.

i. SEPTEMBER LEDGER

➤ Income Generated GoFundMe Campaign: See <u>DIA-IXX-VIII</u> .	0.00
 Outbound Expenditure Discord Standard User Contribution Jcink.net Basic Forum Subscription: See <u>DIA-IXX-IV</u>. 	0.00 0.00
ii. OCTOBER LEDGER	
➤ Income Generated GoFundMe Campaign: See <u>DIA-IXX-VIII</u> .	0.00
 Outbound Expenditure Discord Standard User Contribution Jcink.net Basic Forum Subscription: See <u>DIA-IXX-IV</u>. 	0.00 0.00
iii. NOVEMBER LEDGER	
➤ Income Generated GoFundMe Campaign: See <u>DIA-IXX-VIII</u> .	0.00
 Outbound Expenditure Discord Standard User Contribution Jcink.net Basic Forum Subscription: See <u>DIA-IXX-IV</u>. 	0.00 0.00
iv. PROVINCE REVENUE	
Quarterly Total	0.00 USD
Yearly total to date	-51.26 USD



VI. Ongoing Development Initiatives & Activities

i. OVERVIEW & DEFINITION

The following development initiatives and activities (DIA) undertaken are currently under consideration or pending action in the province. Each of which designed to enhance or grow the province in the name of Nova Roma. Each DIA is assigned one of the following status:

- ➤ Open DIA requires decision by Senate authority.
- ➤ On Hold DIA is delayed or otherwise awaiting third party consultation.
- ➤ Assigned Scoped work for DIA has be assigned to staff and is now under development/action.
- ➤ Recommend for Closure DIA outcome has been achieved or work has concluded. Staff are recommending closure of the DIA to the Governor.
- Closed Governor has approved closure of the DIA. Will be archived in the following report.

ii. DIA-IXX-I: AUSTRALIA NOVA ROMA

Outline:

Australia Nova Roma (ANR) is currently an unofficial organisation created by D. Aurelius Ingeniarius. ANR is intended as a subsidiary to Nova Roma incorporated to contextualise Nova Roma for the Australian and New Zealand environment. See Section VII for more information.

Current Activities:

The early concept was reviewed by Consul Q. Arrius who provided council on the suggested name. Originally, the name 'Terra Australis' was suggested by D. Ingeniarius. But for similar reasons cited for <u>DIA-IXX-II</u>, it was discouraged and 'Australia Nova Romana' was offered as the name. The following is the response from the Consul on the matter:

I'm also very happy that you form a subsidiary to Nova Roma which you are going to name Terra Australis. If I were you, I would call it Australia Romana or even Australia Nova Romana. To me, the name and concept of Terra Australis evokes notions of XVI-XVIIIth century, age of the sailing concepts, when this was a hot topic and discoverers were obsessed with finding it. In earlier ages, it was not a widespread idea. But with whatever name you call your organization, if it will be a subsidiary to NR, I will be most happy and I will do whatever I can to help you and support you in my capacity as consul and later consular senator.

A basic framework and objectives have been developed for ANR, but it otherwise only stands as a shell or an Australian veneer for Nova Roma.

At the core of ANR is a central website, a forum, designed to bring all Australian province citizens in one location. See DI-IXX-IV: ANR Forum, for more information.

➤ Governor Action:



Request review for legitimacy within the law of Nova Roma, consult the Senate if required. Request for a Governor edict and general continuing approval if otherwise permitted under law.

> DIA Status:

Open.

iii. DIA-IXX-IV: ANR FORUM

Outline:

At the core of the ANR organisation is the ANR <u>website</u>. The forum is both a communication platform for all Australians and New Zealanders and serves as a record for all the Nova Roma communities and city level groups within the province. As new supporting edicts are declared by the province governor, groups of locals can start their own oppida within these forums, in accordance with Nova Roma law.

ANR, and the associated forums, are not intended to replace Nova Roma, its official website, or other available information. The forum is intended to enhance and compliment access to these existing resources as a portal tailored for the Australian and New Zealand Nova Roma community.

> Current Activities:

Provincial citizen D. Ingeniarius has created a basic framework structure of the forum as well as developing solution for various permission groups. The first prototype oppidum, to be located in Melbourne, has been allocated a space within the forum to provide a visual attestation to the likely structure.

Additional upload and posting of content is on-going as information and resources are developed. Historical records, decisions and data for the province can now also be recorded in posts in the appropriate areas in the forum.

https://austnovaroma.jcink.net/

➤ Governor Action:

Request review for legitimacy within the law of Nova Roma.

Request endorsement from the Senate, to confirm no conflict with other planned Senate intentions. Request for a Governor edict requiring all citizens of the Province to register with the site. Consider a provincial edict to appoint Ingeniarius as a forum Apparitor.

> DIA Status:

Open.

iv. DIA-IXX-VI: MEETUP GROUP

Outline:

Province citizen D. Ingeniarius has initiated an online <u>Meetup</u> group. Meetup is an online platform designed to bring together people to form special interest groups. The intent is to use Meetup as a medium to advertise to locals in the province and build a citizenship base.



Current Activities:

At the time of writing this report, 3 Melbourne based locals have joined the group. Ingeniarius has scheduled weekly meetings to be held via videoconference, scheduled for Saturday at 1100 h AEST.

Members from other recruitment avenues are being directed to Meetup with the intent of grouping all potential citizens together. Meetup is planned to be a staging step before introducing members to Discord, the ANR forum and Nova Roma citizenship.

D. Ingeniarius has currently expended his own funds to pay for the yearly subscription required of Meetup group organisers. Costs associated with this subscription can be seen in Section V.

The Governor has since also joined the group to maintain awareness.

https://www.meetup.com/The-Roman-Republic-Melbourne/

➤ Governor Action:

Consider a provincial edict to appoint Ingeniarius as Province Recruitment Apparitor.

➤ DIA Status:

Assigned – D. Aurelius Ingeniarius

v. DIA-IXX-VIII: GOFUNDME FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

Outline:

Province citizen D. Ingeniarius has made a page on the <u>GoFundMe website</u>. Primarily, the page was created to fund expenditure to offset the yearly Meetup subscription, see <u>DIA-IXX-VI</u>. However, the page also serves as another advertising medium to attract potential citizens.

> Current Activities:

No income has been received since the creation of the page. Its usefulness as a recruitment tool is minimal, as the current description on the page is brief and requires expansion.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/ancient-roman-republic

➤ Governor Action:

Nil action.

➤ DIA Status:

Assigned – D. Aurelius Ingeniarius.

vi. DIA-IXX-IX: LOCAL LEGION ENGAGEMENT

> Outline:



Province citizen D. Ingeniarius has been advertising and searching via Facebook to find Australians and New Zealanders. This search has revealed several state-based local Roman Legions.

> Current Activities:

D. Ingeniarius has had initial, general contact with senior representatives from Sydney and Melbourne based legions. Prior to any formal engagement on behalf of Nova Roma, Ingeniarius had appealed to the Senate for guidance.

Since then, D. Ingeniarius has had a videoconference with the Centurion, Marcus Claudius Calvus, of Legio X Fretensis, more formally known as Ancient Roman Re-enactors Victoria.

https://www.ancientrrv.com

Initial discussions have been positive and the centurion has since created a Messenger group in which D. Ingeniarius has proposed a formal alliance to all the officers of Legio X.

➤ Governor Action:

D. Ingeniarius has sent several emails of Inquiry to Proconsul Lentulus Alexander and his staff. Negotiations are otherwise stalled until the proconsul can provide answers to all correspondence.

➤ DIA Status:

Open.

vii. DIA-IXX-X: PUBLIC LIABILITY AND PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Outline:

Province citizen D. Ingeniarius has been exploring liabilities on any organisation created, such as ANR, see <u>DIA-IXX-I</u>.

> Current Activities:

D. Ingeniarius has come across two websites of interest that may have validity to any Nova Roma activities in Australia. Both the <u>Australian Reenactors Association (ARA) Inc.</u> and the <u>Australasian Living History Federation (ALHF)</u> both present benefits that would be of value to ANR and Nova Roma. Both are a potential medium for advertisement but also may afford certain protections from a public liability perspective.

Research is ongoing.

➤ Governor Action:

Request to consider the requirements of public liability for Nova Roma in Australia, consult the Senate if required.

> DIA Status:

Open.



viii. DIA-IXX-XII: PROVINCE FLAG

> Outline:

Province citizen D. Ingeniarius has been inspired to create a province flag, influenced by existing Nova Roma designs.

> Current Activities:

D. Ingeniarius has created a potential province flag, assuming such a concept is permitted under Nova Roma law and tradition. The influence of such a flag comes from the following images:







The current design for the province of Australia is as follows:



➤ Governor Action:

Request that the Governor determine the Senate's view on a province flag and whether the design is considered acceptable.

Consider a province edict to implement and accept the current design.

➤ DIA Status:

Open.

VII. Australia Nova Romana

i. ABOUT AUSTRALIA NOVA ROMANA

Australia Nova Romana (ANR) is an unofficial subsidiary of Nova Roma founded in 2772 a.u.c. by Plebeian, D. Aurelius Ingeniarius, who also became a Nova Roma citizen of that same year.

With the general endorsement of the then governor of Australia, Legatus Pro Praetore Marcus Claudius Nero, ANR was created in response to dwindling citizen numbers in the Nova Roma province after the Cn. Caesar and L. Sulla, coup d'état of 2015.

ANR is the initiative to grow the Nova Roma community in the Nova Roma province of Australia, which includes the modern day nations of Australia and New Zealand. ANR seeks to not only educate members on Nova Roma, Mos Maiorum and Romanitas, but also educate members on the finer detail of a functional Roman Republican Senate through structured role-play. ANR also runs a public speaking program and remedial Latin language program.

The first ANR chapter, and subsequent first Nova Roma oppidum, is planned to be established in Melbourne, Victoria in the first half of 2020. ANR seeks to open up new chapters right across Australia and New Zealand over the coming years.

ii. MISSION

Harnessing the local Aussie and Kiwi spirit to revive the Roman in all of us.

iii. VISION

On the far reaches of the Nova Roma Republic, we will be the example to empower every citizen to find their own Roman Way.

iv. THE FIVE PILLARS

ANR aims to further and enhance the studies of Nova Roma citizens in Provinciae Australia through five key pillars of knowledge and skill:

> Sacerdotium (Priesthood)

ANR aims to grow interest and knowledge in the Cultus Deorum Romanorum, the religious practice of Nova Roma. The ultimate goal is the construction of permanent aedes (temples) through various regions in Australia and New Zealand. ANR seeks to create a centre of expertise in the southern hemisphere for priests to study the practice and consult on ceremonies and events across the province.

> Eruditio (Education)

Central to the Republic and all citizen development, is the study of Latin. ANR seeks to grow a base of proficient Latin speakers who can provide an education to all provincial citizens. Local city groups will be encouraged to take time to learn and study Latin at their meetings. A central resource repository is planned to aid in this endeavour.



Respublica et Senatus Ludi (Government Games)

Under development is a live action role play (LARP) simulation that city groups can undertake once established and large enough. Based on the tabletop game; Republic of Rome by Valley Games (2009), the government or Senate game seeks to simulate the Republican Senate and educate participants on the politics of Nova Roma.

➤ Vox (Voice)

ANR seeks to bring out the public speaker in all citizens. Cultivating a base of practiced or trained public speakers, provincial citizens will receive training to better enhance their presence in front of a crowd.

Philosophia (Philosophy)

ANR encourages free and open communication and thinking. The city groups will hold controlled sessions to facilitate discussion on complex and philosophical concepts to challenge the way members think and approach various issues. At the heart of these sessions is the Socratic Method, where participants will be invited to ask questions of another member who presents a premise on a set topic.

v. About the ANR Forum

The forum is both a communication platform for all Australians and New Zealanders, but serves as a record for all the Nova Roma communities and city level groups within the province. As new supporting edicts are declared by the province governor, groups of locals can start their own Oppidum within these forums in accordance with Nova Roma law.

ANR is not intended to replace Nova Roma, its website or available information but is intended to enhance access to these, as a portal tailored for the Australian and New Zealand Nova Roma community.

ANR Forum Registration Requirements:

ANR registrations are through this forum website and require potential members to register using their official Nova Roma citizen name. People can still join if they are yet to become a citizen, but will have limited ability to interact with the forums until they do.

Once a request to register with ANR has been completed, an administrator will be required to approve the request before the member will gain full access to the forum.

Groups & Participation:

Participation in the forums is acknowledged through the award of social rankings inherent to ANR. The following list are the current participation ranks, based on number of posts:

Province New Arrival: 0 posts
 Australian Provincial: 10 posts





3. Notable Australian Provincial: 30 posts

4. Dedicated Australian Provincial: 60 posts

5. Junior Australian Provincial Leader: 120 posts

6. Senior Australian Provincial Leader: 240 posts

All ANR members are placed into groups to guide their interactions within the forum. These groups help better distinguish the roles of each citizen. The current groups are defined below:

- 1. Rector Provinciae: A group for the sole governor of the province.
- 2. Cohors Praetoria: 'The leader's team' in Latin, these members are the appointed staff of the Governor, working in the Praetorium.
- 3. Forum Apparitores: These are public servants appointed to administer the ANR forums.
- 4. Nova Romana Magistratus: A group for visiting Nova Roma dignitaries who participate in the ANR forums.
- 5. Oppidum Magistratus: This group consists of the locally elected aediles and officers of province Municipia and Oppida.
- 6. Provinciae Civis: This is the bulk of the ANR members, ideally all part of an oppidum.
- 7. Libertini: These are potential members, based in Australia and New Zealand who are yet to formalize their citizenship with Nova Roma.
- 8. Provinciae Socii (Validating): These are pending ANR members under review of the Forum Apparitores.
- 9. Exsilium: These are ANR registered members who have broken too many rules of the forum and as a result face temporary (or permanent) banishment from ANR.
- 10. Peregrini: This group defines everyone else not otherwise registered on the ANR forums.

The Shoutbox:

The Shoutbox or ANR Vomitorium is a semi-live chat function within the forum that is visible on nearly all ANR forum pages. Usage is governed by the Forum Code of Conduct below. For a better experience, members are encouraged to also use the Nova Roma Discord:

https://discord.gg/AtkTd5X. A live audio and text chat channel has been created specifically for Australian Province members. This Discord server will also enable to you interact with other Nova Roma citizens world-wide.

ANR Forum Code of Conduct

We seek to epitomize the Roman spirit within ANR and the province of Australia. Members are to abide by the following rules:

- 1. Members should restrict socially unacceptable, foul or cuss language when posting in the forums. It is likely they will be automatically censored regardless based on Jcink conditions of service. Excessive or inappropriate language will be penalized by the moderators.
- 2. Political debate and hearty discussion is most certainly encouraged across all topics. What is prohibited is insults directed at another member or language that incites violence against any



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individual or group. Racial, sexist or exclusionary text is also not constructive and strictly forbidden. Failure to comply will result in immediate penalization from moderators.

3. Members must ensure content of their posts complies and aligns to the specific forum that they are posting to. Moderators will move posts without warning in the first instance. Repeated failures to keep post content related to any specific forum will result in the incorrect post being deleted and the responsible member being penalized.

Reporting Content:

Individual members will have the ability to report those posts they believe do not comply with the Forum Code of Conduct. A Report button will be available with each post on the forum and can be utilized to submit a post for review to the moderators. Members can also contact a moderator or one of the Forum Apparitores directly.

Forum Warning System:

A system of warnings is implemented as part of the penalty system for infringing members. Each ANR member will have a small bar with a percentage against their profile that represents their current warn level. A moderator will increase the respective warn level for any member who fails to comply with the Forum Code of Conduct. If the warning level reaches the maximum threshold, the member will be relegated to the Exsilium group and banned from interacting with the forums for an unspecified amount of time.



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