

Gidgegannup Progress Association – September 2018

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A reminder to Members – subscriptions are now due and thank you to all those members who have already renewed

Next meetings: 17th September, 15th October, 19th November, 2018 at 7.30pm at the Agricultural Hall

TELECOMMUNICATIONS:

Cr. Henderson has forwarded information from NBN to the Tilden Park group as requested. He also has been in touch with NBN and City planners re. possible relocation of the Tower to a more acceptable site. Tilden Park group have also sent possible sites to NBN and City.

Jessica and James have met with the Tilden Park group, who say they do not feel there has been adequate consultation from NBN re. the proposed Falls Heights tower on the grounds of calling the tower Bailup which was misleading and inadequate notification of nearby residents by letter of the CIS in April and about the proposed tower. They also claim that despite NBN stating that they had looked at 16 sites for this tower had all landowners actually been contacted re. having the tower on their property.

The GPA feels that they would be negligent in their duty to the community not to support an NBN tower in the Tilden Park area and that it should be in place as soon as possible. We do, however, feel that a thorough consultation is required with affected residents, so have said that we would not object to such a deferral if Council deemed that this is equitable.

The DA will now be considered at the September meeting of the OMC. Aurecon have been asked to respond to queries raised by the TPG (Tilden Park Group) regarding the DA. TPG have also found two further sites that may meet all requirements for proposed tower and have talked to the landowners who are interested in finding out further. Details of Landowners have been passed to City and Aurecon.

TOODYAY ROAD:

Both projects have largely been completed however there is still revegetation to be undertaken to stabilise the banks of Susannah Brook.

A small section of Toodyay Road, east of Country Road, remains at 60 km/h and requires additional surface treatment. This will be undertaken in dryer months.

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Western Power will complete the installation of street lighting at Roland Road and O'Brien Road intersections by the end of August 2018.

Main Roads have carried out some remedial work on the affected area of the Toodyay Road where the surface is stripping. This has been followed by 20mm of rain. .

TOODYAY ROAD LIAISON COMMITTEE;

GPA Have now spoken to Main Roads re. a further TLC meeting this year and it has been agreed that this should be scheduled for October/November when we will have further information as to our queries regarding the proposed increase of truck traffic on this road with resource companies seeking approvals at Red Hill (Hansons and Boral, plus Scheme amendment for Dowson recycling facility) Gravel Pit at Bailup in Mundaring Shire with proposed significant increase from 47000 tonnes a year to 950000 tonnes. Also other resource companies in the Shire of Toodyay are seeking approvals. Boral have gained an approval for an increase of tonnage extracted up to 300000 tonnes a year. Possibly another 600 trucks a week on the road. There is also a significant number of Waste Disposal trucks using the Toodyay Road. We have particular concerns re. the intersections at Berry and Bailup Roads.

PROPOSED SCHEME AMENDMENT BORAL LAND TO ACCOMMODATE CHANGE OF USE TO RECYCLING

We have now heard further from Element Consulting regarding this as follows:

By way of an update on the above, the City of Swan has advised that the matter will be presented to Council at a meeting on Wednesday 29 August, seeking consent to advertise the Amendment for public comment.

Following the consent of the Council and prior to the commencement of the formal advertising process, we will look to hold a Community Information Session to enable the community to understand the proposal and respond to any questions that may arise. We expect to provide some further information to you around this, including a date (which is yet to be determined), once we understand the advertising timeframes from the City.

Accordingly we will look to be in touch with yourself with the date and also with a view to booking a suitable venue (as we discussed when we last met

GPA and West Gidgegannup Landowners Association believe that to support this proposed facility at Lots 151 and 152 Toodyay Road the City

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is prepared to set an undesirable precedent recommending the industrialisation of the Gidgegannup area.

This is in stark contrast to the City's officer not recommending an application in Bullsbrook which proposed a similar change (**PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO.163 TO LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME NO.17 - ADDITIONAL USE OF 'DEMOLITION WASTE RECYCLING AND TRANSFER' ON PORTION OF LOT 5 WALYUNGA ROAD, BULLSBROOK**)(Ordinary Council Meeting, 1 August 2018)

Other points to consider are proposals to develop Gidgegannup and the Perth Hills generally as a tourism destination, based on eco and agri tourism. Specific mention being made of the Wildflowers, this area is renowned for. A demolition site on the Toodyay Road as entry to this area does not support such tourism proposals.

Traffic issues. Trucks entering and leaving the site, particularly when on exiting trucks have to accelerate up hill taking some time to gain speed. Toodyay Road at single lane on exit/entry.

Felt that this was a step towards industrialisation of the resource area and what was to stop other extractive industries raising a change of use of their land instead of rehabilitating it.

Community needs to stress to City their wishes for the future of Gidgegannup and whether this includes an industrial area at the entry.

The GPA made a deputation at the Forum meeting of 22nd August, 2018, stating the above.

MIDLAND OVAL REDEVELOPMENT MASTERPLAN BUSINESS PLAN:

This Business Plan is out for comment until 31st August, 2018. We do not feel that we should be commenting on the social impacts of this proposed development as they will have little effect on Gidgegannup. We are, however, concerned regarding the financial impact this could have on rate payers and whether the rate payers are taking all the risk for the future. <https://www.newjunction.com.au/news/2018/have-your-say-midland-oval-redevelopment-masterplan-business-plan>

Meeting felt that undesirable for City to be Developer of this project apart from Civic buildings. Any further development should be left to Commercial entities who can take the risk, rather than the City. The role of local government is not to be a developer. This is the role of private enterprise.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW PHASE I;

This has now been completed and the following recommendations have been made:

A suite of changes that will meet community expectations of efficient and effective councils, now and into the future, has been given the green light following a four-month consultation period.

The review of the Local Government Act 1995 is being undertaken in two phases and is a key election commitment designed to modernise the Act, reduce red tape and importantly, meet the expectations of Western Australians.

Local Government Minister David Templeman Announced the phase one reforms which have been developed in consultation with the local government sector and broader community.

The focus of the reforms is on building the capacity of council members and giving them the tools to be able to carry out their complex role in a way that meets community expectations.

Key changes to be implemented under phase one include:

Gifts

- Council members and CEOs will be prohibited from receiving gifts that are intended to influence decision-making or a perceived conflict of interest
- Gifts received by council members and CEOs in their official role valued at \$300 or more must be declared within 10 days of receipt
- Council members will have to declare a conflict of interest if they have received a gift or gifts over \$300 from any person who has a matter come before council. They will not be able to vote on the matter or participate in the meeting.

Universal training

- Online induction for candidates so they better understand the role of a council member and laws covering election campaigning
- Formal training for all council members to be completed within 12 months of election
- A requirement for councils to develop and report on a continuing professional development program for elected members.

Standards of behaviour

- Introduction of a mandatory Code of Conduct applicable to all council members and candidates
- Greater transparency with adverse findings by the Standards Panel against a council member to be tabled at the council's next ordinary council meeting.

Improved access to information

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- Flexibility for public notice requirements allowing new technologies to be used
- More information to be published on a local government's website
- CEO total benefits package and council member fees and allowances to be published in the local government's annual report.

CEO recruitment and performance review

- Minimum standards to be adopted by local governments for CEO recruitment, selection, performance review and termination.

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A number of out-of-date provisions will also be removed to improve administrative efficiencies and reduce red tape for local governments.

Drafting of an Amendment Bill including the phase one reforms will now commence.

Detailed information sheets on each of the phase one reforms are available at <http://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/LGARReview>

Phase 2 is still under development and papers for public consultation should go out in September