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## COUNCILLOR

It was noted that Cr Rod Henderson had been returned at the council elections. Congratulations to Councillor Henderson. Unfortunately under 25% of voters took part in this election.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Steering Committee have met with the Mundaring Chamber of Commerce. A call for expressions of interest was placed in the Gidgegram and on the Community Facebook page, and hard copy notices in a couple of businesses.

## DEFINITION OF NON NATIVE PLANTS ON VERGES

There was a brief discussion on this topic, mainly re definitions, and also re the 1.5m clearing allowed for fence lines. Believed the right to clear the 1.5m was not automatic, had to be approved by Local Government or in some cases MRD if the land adjoined a main road. Exemption under the clearing regulations gave the power for Local Government to approve such clearing on a case by case basis

## City response:

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation define Native Vegetation as: Native vegetation' as defined in ss 3(1) and 51A of the Environmental Protection Act and Regulations: "indigenous aquatic or terrestrial vegetation, and includes dead vegetation unless that dead vegetation is of a class declared by regulation to be excluded from this definition but does not include vegetation in a plantation".

Native vegetation has the meaning given by s 3(1) but does not include vegetation that was intentionally sown, planted or propagated unless – (a) that vegetation was sown, planted or propagated as required under this Act or another written law; or (b) that vegetation is of a class declared by regulation to be

Put simply, it is any endemic species that has not been planted (including groundcovers). In Gidgegannup, native vegetation will be essentially most of the vegetation out there – remnant from the area prior to most blocks being cleared for agriculture. There are exemptions that allow you to clear native vegetation (ie 1.5m from the fence line, that we have discussed previously) –assuming it isn't a threatened ecological community

If there are self-seeded eastern state wattles or weeds in the verge, these can be removed. Similarly with weeds in the verge, such as cottonbush or fleabane, if you report these to the City, the City can spray these for you.

Here is a fact sheet from DWER that may assist further.

[https://www.der.wa.gov.au/images/documents/your-environment/native-vegetation/Fact\\_sheets/fs1\\_legislation.pdf](https://www.der.wa.gov.au/images/documents/your-environment/native-vegetation/Fact_sheets/fs1_legislation.pdf)

LOTS 119 AND 120 O'BRIEN ROAD

No further progress, waiting on advice of the meeting with DPLH and MWA

Response from Jessica Shaw's office:

Jessica had asked us to look into this further on behalf of the Gidgegannup Progress Association and other community members that had raised concerns. Below is an update of the response from the Department through the Minister's Office.

the DPLH advise as follows:

Motorcycling Western Australia's (MWA) use of Lots 119 and 120 O'Brien Road, Gidgegannup, in accordance with the permit issued by the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (the Department), has been supported by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, the City of Swan and the Western Australian Planning Commission.

The Department is currently in the process of seeking an alternative location for MWA which will provide a suitable venue for off-road pursuits which can be conjoined by other off-road vehicles.

In the interim, discussions have been held with MWA regarding the issue of illegal access in the area, lighting of campfires and illegal camping etc. MWA has assured the Department that these activities are not being undertaken by their members. MWA is also aware that any further incidents of this nature will impact their current permit (including possible revocation), and have committed to improving their management of the site, which the Department is currently monitoring.

While the Department has advised of increased monitoring of the site, it is recognised that there is a level of community concern for the potential for continued illegal activities. To this end, I am advised that the Department will be holding a meeting in October to which both MWA and the Gidgegannup Progress Association will be invited. The purpose of this meeting will be to agree a charter between all parties on how the permit is to operate until an alternative venue is sourced. The charter will also agree issues regarding access and security and the likely actions in the event of non-compliance.

Once complete, the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage would be pleased to provide your office with a copy of the charter for information.

I hope this information provides some resolution to your concerns and it appears as though there will be continued monitoring and discussions with the group and Community

### LICENSING AND LEASES FOR CITY FACILITIES IN GIDGEGANNUP City response to our queries re. Recreation Club lease

I refer to the concerns that the GPA raised at the last meeting regarding the Gidgegannup Recreation Club lease and I would like to provide some background and further information on the current situation.

The arrangement of a sports club having exclusive use over a City owned facility such as at Percy Cullen is different to nearly all other sporting clubs within the City of Swan, which operate on a booking system.

In some situations it is necessary for groups to have exclusive use over a facility and for such occasions we have a robust process in place for assessing lease payments from groups who want exclusive use of public facilities. A figure of 2% of capital value of the building is the maximum that a group will be charged. However, in nearly all cases, this figure is greatly reduced through a process that takes into account the community benefit that the group is providing, their governance processes and also their ability to pay.

Any club with an exclusive lease has the opportunity to seek a lower lease fee if they provide further information that demonstrates good governance and management processes and community benefit. This information includes things such as audited financial statements; details of any grants received; information on bookings including hire charges and booking times; Annual General Meeting Minutes; names of officers and their roles on the Committee; and a Safety and Risk Management Plan. The City will consider a reduction to the lease fees, upon production of this information. The information required by the City is not onerous and should be readily available.

At Percy Cullen, the Club is managing a multi-million facility financed by public funds and the City has a responsibility to ensure that it is well managed, the infrastructure is adequately maintained and it is accessible to the public. The situation in Gidgegannup whereby the club lease and control the sporting facilities is different to all other similar facilities within the City. Throughout the City other clubs such as football, cricket etc, make a regular booking for training and games and pay a fee in

accordance with the City's adopted budget. This situation works perfectly well everywhere else.

In the event that the City takes over management of Percy Cullen Oval and Pavilion, all clubs would be required to book the facility as casual users through our Facilities Booking team for their training, matches and functions. Typically clubs would make a standard booking for the season for the required areas (e.g. club rooms, change rooms, oval, courts, etc) and would not hold a formal lease or licence agreement with the City. This is the typical arrangement for the use of the City's recreational facilities.

The City is currently not aware of the funding structure between the Gidgegannup Recreation Club and other sporting groups so cannot comment on whether the cost to clubs will increase or decrease and we do not have all the contact details of the individual clubs. If individual clubs wish to contact the City we can explain the process that would be followed if the City takes over management of this facility. If any clubs would like to discuss their situation then I would encourage them to contact the City on email [Liah.Ale@swan.wa.gov.au](mailto:Liah.Ale@swan.wa.gov.au)

In the event that the City does take over management of the facility then the City's Fees & Charges for casual bookings of our recreation facilities are outlined as follows. Fees and Charges are adopted by Council on an annual basis.

The City would also be responsible for all building and oval management and maintenance. The clubs would have limited responsibilities under a casual user arrangement including ensuring the premises is left clean and free of damage/vandalism.

Cr. Henderson has written to the CEO accordingly - There are a number of issues around cost of facilities that need to be addressed. In particular the Gidge Recreation Club fees are unsustainable and need to reflect similar costs to that of other facilities. It is not possible for a local community to sustain the fees required in the lease. Concerns that further improvements to the Agricultural Society facilities may also bring unacceptably high costs to the grounds users.

A different approach and makeup of lease agreements is needed and these need to be negotiated to be sustainable rather than provided as a fait accompli.

### PANH – PERTH-ADELAIDE NATIONAL HIGHWAY

Brief discussion re this one, reminder re wildlife and bridle/cycle path and pedestrian crossovers . Suggestion that some wildlife crossovers should be overhead.

Letter attached from The Hon Michael McCormack MP, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, Leader of the Nationals re. the Orange Route and necessity for State Government to work with Federal Government on this. (This can be forwarded upon request) Our understanding is that the State Government have made a commitment to match the \$10mn. Federal funding but have not put it in Forward Estimates yet.

Response from Main Roads re. query on PANH: All interchanges along the future PANH/Orange route will enable traffic, including emergency vehicles, to cross the route to access areas on both the northern and southern sides. Where necessary additional services roads will be provided to ensure that access to properties is provided as there will be no direct property access to the new PANH/Orange route."

re had been significant reduction on the amount of dumped rubbish since the signs went up

DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THE FILLING OF LAND FOR A CONSTRUCTED RUNWAY – LOT 121 (no.2927) TOODYAY ROAD, GIDGEGANNUP – DA-479/20

The City is in the process of advertising a proposal for Development associated with the filling of land for a constructed runway at the above address for the purpose of seeking community opinion.

The proposal has been advertised in the following manner:

- \* Letters to surrounding property owners (as shown on attached map),
- \* Letters to Interest Groups - Gidgegannup Progress Assoc.
- \* City's website

Particulars for the proposal are available on the City of Swan website via the link provided below:

<https://www.swan.wa.gov.au/City-Council/Have-your-say/Planning-notices>

The closing date for submissions is 22 October 2019, after which the proposal will be further assessed in light of the submissions received.

Brief discussion – noted that Beechcraft Baron and Cessna 310 are both twin engine aircraft. Noise will not be limited to just direct landing, aircraft need to circle at least once to confirm runway OK for landing.

Our understanding is that the asbestos fill is being dealt with by DWER and the Department of Health.

### NEWLY BUILT ROAD BETWEEN RESERVE ROAD AND LILLIE ROAD

The meeting was advised that the owner has advised that this was still a closed and unfinished road, had signage to that effect, also had Construction Site etc signs both ends and that the public were NOT permitted to use it until construction and handover to City of Swan were completed. He is also sick of people shifting or stealing the witch's hats at the Reserve road end.

### INVITE COMMENT - PROPOSED CITY OF SWAN SCHEME AMENDMENT NO.166 TO INTRODUCE AN ADDITIONAL USE OF CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTE RECYCLING FACILITY - LOT 151 & LOT 152 (NO.1067) TOODYAY ROAD, GIDGEGANNUP (LPS17-166)

The Council has resolved to initiate Scheme Amendment No.166 to the City of Swan Local Planning Scheme No.17. The City will be advertising the proposal for 60 days.

The proposal is to introduce an Additional Use of 'Construction and Demolition Waste Recycling Facility' for Lots 151 and 152 Toodyay Road, Gidgegannup. The Additional use will facilitate the development of a Construction and Demolition Waste Recycling Facility on a portion of the overall site.

You are invited to view and download the full proposal from the City's website during the advertising period:

<https://www.swan.wa.gov.au/Your-Community/Have-your-say/Planning-notice/Proposed-scheme-amendments/LPS17-166>

Alternatively, you can view the application at the Council's Administration Centre during business hours (8.00 am to 5.00 pm). City staff are available to assist you with any queries you may have, however, it is recommended that appointments be made if there are major queries.

If you have any comments regarding the proposal please complete the online feedback form (available from the above webpage) by close of business on 3 January 2020. Your early response would be appreciated as this will assist Council to expedite its decision making process.

You are advised that any concerns raised in the submissions received may be referred to the Council along with the proposal at the next available Council Meeting. Council meeting dates and agendas can be found on the City's website [www.swan.wa.gov.au](http://www.swan.wa.gov.au)