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**Next Meetings:** 18<sup>th</sup> February, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2008, at 7.30 pm at the Agricultural Society Hall, Toodyay Road, Gidgegannup. These Meetings are open to all members of the community..

**Townsite Development:** This has been very quiet. We have been informed by SMR, Port Bouvard's Consultants, that they have had a good response to the Survey, which is giving them a basis for future planning. No information, as yet, on the proposed workshops, but SMR assure us that residents will be informed when dates are known.

It is interesting to note that Port Bouvard have undertaken an Eastern States Roadshow, making presentations to brokers, analysts, fund managers, etc. and the document is still stating Gidgegannup Town Centre approx lot numbers 1900 and that lots may be ready within 3 years and Rural Residential approx. 200 lots with lots possibly ready within 2 years.

No decision has been made as yet on the Waste Water Treatment Plant and this has been referred back to the six participating Local Government Authorities.

**WAPC Development Control Policy 3.4 subdivision of rural land:** The WAPC have updated their website with this policy to supersede the March 2002 edition. There are some important changes and the document can be accessed at [www.wapc.wa.gov.au/Publications/1510.aspx](http://www.wapc.wa.gov.au/Publications/1510.aspx)

**Draft Perth Hills Planning Bill:** This is out for public comment until 1<sup>st</sup> March 2008. Workshops will be held in February but dates have not been confirmed as yet. Dates will be posted on the website when known. To view the Bill visit [www.mp.wa.gov.au/giz-watson/](http://www.mp.wa.gov.au/giz-watson/)

**Telstra:** The mobile phone tower is still on course for the 2008-2009 financial year. Hopefully sooner rather than later. At least CDMA coverage has been extended until 28<sup>th</sup> April 2008, though it would have been more helpful if this news had been publicized before most people had changed to a Next G phone. The hotline for info on problems with new handsets is 1800 888 888.

**Western Power:** Western Power appear to have embarked on a clean up on lines and clearance of trees. Not before time after the terrible fire through Parkerville and Stoneville. There have also been another couple of recent fires caused by branches falling on power lines. Not only is it up to Western Power to keep the lines clear, it is up to us all to make sure the fuel load beneath these lines is negligible and that fire breaks are in place – this is not the case in many areas.

The recent fire also underlines the foolishness of subdividing land down to small acreages in areas of extreme and high fire risk. Landscape zoning should mean exactly that, keep large acreages and let these areas with a large amount of vegetation and slopes alone.

**Roads:** Main Roads have reminded us that the number to call to report signs down, rubbish and other problems is the Customer Call Centre on 138138 or 1800 800 009

**Draft State Trail Bike Strategy:** This is out for public comment and can be found on [www.tbma.com.au/stbs/](http://www.tbma.com.au/stbs/)

Hope to see you all at the next meeting – Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2008