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Next Meetings: 21st April, 2008, 19th May, 16th June at 7.30 pm at the Agricultural Society Hall, Toodyay Road, Gidgegannup. These Meetings are open to all members of the community.

Development: Port Bouvard have stuck to their format of a limited number of workshops with space for very few Gidgegannup Residents and ratepayers. We are firmly of the belief that this is not a proper community consultation and have informed them of this fact.

The City of Swan has now recommended to put funds into the 2008-09 budget to revisit the Swan Hills Place Plan, with a view to preparing an independent Gidgegannup Townsite Strategy. We feel this is the only way for all stakeholders in Gidgegannup to have a fair input to our townsite. This has followed from a motion put at the Annual Electors' meeting last November by the GPA.

There is proposed development on land adjoining Burgess Road – at this time we don't have firm details on this, but it appears that the proposal is for a rural/equestrian estate. Nevertheless this is proposed on land that is zoned 50 ha subdivision, and would contravene the Gidgegannup Rural Strategy. The developers are convening a Community Reference Group for input to their plans.

It is interesting to note that Alannah Mactiernan is reported as saying that there will not be a railway line out to Ellenbrook as this is beyond the urban front and probably in today's planning, would not have been situated where it is. That must mean that Gidgegannup is beyond the black stump, so what hope would there be for any infrastructure, if we had any degree of urbanization.

EMRC: Reports of rubbish on the Toodyay Road and in the adjacent John Forrest National Park, have been made to the EMRC and Main Roads. The EMRC have responded that they are endeavouring to employ people to clear up the mess, but, not too many takers at the moment. Still no news on the proposed Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Peter Brock Memorial site: This has now been significantly upgraded, more gravel, bitumenising, kerbing, no lights as yet. Also the disappearance of the lonesome eucalypt. Could this money have been spent better elsewhere in Gidge?

Roads: We again have written to the Minister re. the necessity of another down lane on Red Hill. It is essential that plans are made now for the future with the growing subdivisions in the Hills and Toodyay, and proposals from Hanson and Boral for increases to their production in the Resource Area.

Local Roads: some white lines might appear on Reserve Road and remedial work for Clenton and O'Brien roads at the moment.

A pretty quiet month – our next meeting 21st April – see you then.