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**Next Meetings:** 19<sup>th</sup> May, 16<sup>th</sup> June, 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2008 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 now conducted two workshops. We are still concerned that not enough of the community is being involved in this process. The consultants, SMR, have assured us that “there will be a schedule of community forums which will be advertised via direct mail, community newsletter, webpage etc. in the next couple of weeks. Alternatively people can contact SMR directly to be placed on the database.” Also check out the website [www.choosegidgegannup.com.au](http://www.choosegidgegannup.com.au)

Feedback from the workshops - this was very much drawing up a plan, not far removed from the 1992 Conceptual Plan. Big constraints apart from the lack of infrastructure, is the Toodyay Road, this needs to follow a bypass route along the Orange Route site, but how popular will this be with those living in that area. Bunning road needs to be relocated to Little Bunning Road, the school needs moving to nearer the Recreational Club and what will be public open space because of environmental constraints. Then it is a matter of filling in the wish list, commercial area, retirement home, Administrative Centre, service/light industrial area coupled with housing for about 4000 people. This in an area designated for 1400 back in 1992. This is not going to be an easy task. Also big question who is going to pay for essential infrastructure, power, telecommunications, school expansion, upgrade to local and Toodyay Road, water, sewage, medical centre.

Port Bouvard are bringing in good consultants on design and sustainability, also on the environmental impacts. This is a huge task.

The GPA have asked the City to provide us with a timetable for their projected revisit to the Swan Hills Place Plan, we are deeply concerned that the present community consultation is exclusive and feel this process needs to be a whole of community one with every stake holder involved.

We are still awaiting the outcome of the proposed Waste Water Treatment Plant at Red Hill. It is heartening that the City of Swan are not supporting this location. This is of no benefit to the City of Swan or its rate payers. This benefits Mundaring and should be located in the Shire of Mundaring.

**EMRC:** The EMRC have spent \$6000 employing Best Roads for four days to collect rubbish from Neumann to Roland Roads. Over 1 tonne of rubbish was collected. Main Road collect rubbish once a month and that is all they will do. The EMRC are going to hand out leaflets re. dangers or unsecured loads. They are investigating the use of correctional services for the future.

An Aboriginal Heritage Survey is being carried out at the EMRC site.

A new bin has been situated for obsolete fluroscnt lights.

**Peter Brock Memorial site:** A large concrete slab has appeared. This is intended as a place where people can place flowers, crosses, etc. and other types of memorial tributes. We are also informed that a rubbish bin will be situated on the site. It appears that the first wheelies have also appeared.

**Hoons:** Motorbikes and trails bikes are becoming an increasing nuisance. We are trying to get media coverage regarding this nuisance so that we can get some support to address the noise and danger this is presenting. Anybody experiencing this nuisance, if they can, should take numbers of vehicles and report it to the police immediately. If we all do this we can have some impact. Even the presence of speeding bikes and unlawful trespass by trail bikes should be reported to the Police. We really need to get something done about these few irresponsible people that make life unpleasant for the majority.

**Perth Hills Planning Bill:** The GPA supported the intent of this Bill but not the draft bill as written. The City of Swan are writing to the Minister requesting consideration be given to the formulation of a State Planning Policy for the Protection of the Hills. This it is felt, will be more effective in protecting the Hills without the overly bureaucratic approach of the proposed Bill.

Thank you to the Pony Club for vacating the hall at our meeting. A double booking from the City. Our next meeting 19th May – see you then.