

**GIDGEGANNUP PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.**

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**Next Meetings:** 15<sup>th</sup> March, 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 at 7.30 pm at the Agricultural Society Hall, Toodyay Road, Gidgegannup. These Meetings are open to all members of the community.

**Development Townsite:** A workshop has now been held for Toodyay Road businesses. We understand that there is very little support at all for a light industrial estate on the Pony Club land and that many of the residences behind the Toodyay Road businesses do not wish to be zoned commercial. This is not unexpected given the feedback from the community so far.

It now appears that Port Bouvard plan to re list in March and embark on their capital raising. A company update is on the agenda for the next Townsite Liaison Group meeting scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2010. A report on this next Gidgegram.

**Questionnaire:** We are receiving a good response to the Questionnaire, but the more responses we have the better, as this will then be truly representative of the wishes of the Gidgegannup community regarding development into the next decade. This is your chance to make your view known. Some people say that development will happen any way but we need your views to shape this development. We are asking for your views and so far, we are getting some pretty straightforward ones.

**Boral:** The Public Environmental Review is now out for comment details are:

Boral Resources (WA) Ltd PER – Gidgegannup Granite Quarry (01 February – 29 March 2010)

Boral Resources WA proposes to expand their current operations at Gidgegannup to develop a granite quarry within Lots 193, 166, 153 and 152 Toodyay Road, Gidgegannup. The proposed quarry will cover a total area of approximately 42 ha which is expected to yield 500,000 tonnes of rock per annum at capacity. The quarry will be development in three stages increasing production over approximately 20 years.

The PER is now available for public comment. The PER describes the proposal, examines the likely environmental effects and the proposed environmental management procedures associated with the development.

Hard copies may be purchased at \$10 or a CD version may be obtained from – Damian Lunt, Boral Resources (WA) Ltd., 63-69 Abernethy Road, Belmont, WA (Tel. 9493 9000) Copies of the PER may also be downloaded from [www.boral.com.au](http://www.boral.com.au).

The EPA prefers submissions to be made electronically using either the submission form available at [www.epa.wa.gov.au/submissions.asp](http://www.epa.wa.gov.au/submissions.asp) or by email to [submissions@epa.wa.gov.au](mailto:submissions@epa.wa.gov.au). Submissions can be posted to Chairman, EPA, Locked Bag 33, Cloisters Square, WA 6850, Attention Ben Miles; or delivered to the EPA Level 4, The Atrium, 168 St. Georges Terrace, Perth, Attention Ben Miles, or faxed to (08) 6467 5562.

If you have any questions on how to make a submission, please ring the EPA assessment officer, Ben Miles, on 6467 5265

**EMRC:** A full report on the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February will be available at our next meeting. The next meeting is 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2010 at 6.00 pm at the Red Hill Waste Facility. RSVP by Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> February to [bonnie.kinsman@emrc.org.au](mailto:bonnie.kinsman@emrc.org.au).

**Western Power:** Dr. Des Lehmann, Community Relations Manger, Customer Solutions came along to our meeting and answered many queries covering the rising cost of power and its impact on the disadvantaged, particular impact in rural areas, transformers and problems arising, access to private property. Handy number to have for general enquiries is 13 10 87. A full report will be in our Minutes.

**Trail Bikes/Hoon behaviour:** GPA met with Cr. Darryl Trease and the City to see how we can best put networks in place for reporting this behaviour and how we can deal with this. There is a separate report in the Gidgegram.

Please come along if you can, please fill our Questionnaire in and return. We need your input.

If you wish for more information please attend our meetings and become a member.