

Next Meetings: 19th April, 17th May, 2010 at 7.00 pm at the Agricultural Society Hall, Toodyay Road, Gidgegannup. These Meetings are open to all members of the community.

Development Townsite: Port Bouvard are attempting to raise funds of \$20mn. by 30th April, 2010. They also need to raise a further \$30mn. by 15th July, 2010 as first payment for the Gidgegannup townsite land. Euroz Securities and Macquarie Capital advisers have been appointed lead managers regarding the capital raising. Port Bouvard has recently presented to Council in regards to the water and waste water infrastructure. The company is awaiting the outcome of Directions 2031 which would provide some direction as to the development timeline for Gidgegannup. The WAPC will also be issuing a document the “Outer Sub Regional Growth Management Strategy” for comment.

Townsite Liaison Group: The meeting on 24th February was given a Project update as above and John Wroth attended to give a Company update. A verbal report was given on the Toodyay Road workshop and a final report from the CCI will be release to the City.

Nominations were sought for TLG members and, we believe, that the positions will be advertised in the Port Bouvard Newsletter (delayed to coincide with the Directions 2031 report).

Peter Brock Memorial: To date the proposed memorial stone has not been installed at the car park. The rubbish bin situated at the car park has been vandalized and rubbish strewn across the site. We informed the City of Swan who have cleared the mess up, installed a new bin and propose to monitor rubbish collection. If residents see any anti social behaviour at the car park would they please let the GPA or the City know.

Building in Bush Fire Prone Areas: The City are currently examining possibilities for a Scheme amendment to effect gazettal of Bush Fire prone rating for Gidgegannup. At the moment development in Gidgegannup has to conform to the WAPC and FESA “Planning for Bush Fire protection” document.

Construction of Dams Policy: A recent Item that went through Council underlined the importance of the Construction of Dams Policy, for which the GPA lobbied hard and had considerable input. Many people moving to this area are unaware of this Policy. This policy is designed to promote the equitable distribution of water, the structural soundness of dams construction and protect the environment. If you are considering constructing a dam it needs planning approval and the Policy is available on the City website. If interfering with the bed or banks of a water course, permission has to be sought from the Department of Rivers and Water as well. The GPA made a deputation to Council to raise awareness of this policy and request that it be conformed to. We also question the equitability of retrospective approvals given, without penalty. This disadvantages those who seek approvals in before commencing development.

Perth Hills Planning Bill: This Bill will be going before Parliament in the near future. The GPA’s position has been not to support this Bill but rather a State Planning Policy to protect the Hills area. The Environment needs protection but so do people’s property rights. The Bill has now been revised and the Hon. Alison Xamon will be attending our meeting in May to give a presentation seeking our support for this Bill.

Scheme Amendments to Commercial Vehicle Parking, Rural Transport Depot and Transport Depot Policy: These proposed Scheme Amendments are designed to curtail the parking of a number of “vehicles” over 4.5 tonnes on properties. This will affect land zoned Special Rural, General Rural and Landscape in Gidgegannup. The Policies are quite complex and the amendments need to be read by all those with such vehicles on their properties. Comment is sought by 14th April, 2010 and the GPA will be putting a submission in on this. Details of the Policies and Amendments can be found at www.cityofswan.com.au under documents for Public Comment. A public meeting has been held in Midland regarding these proposed amendments and opinion is extremely divided in the community. Please take the time to read these documents and make comment. For further information ring Jarrod Ross, the Project Planner, at the City on 9267 9126 or email Jarrod.ross@swan.wa.gov.au.

Rubbish on Toodyay Road: An increasing amount of rubbish is being dumped on Toodyay Road. Unfortunately people travel to Red Hill and if it is after 4.00 pm and closed may just dump their rubbish. Please note the number plates of any such vehicles as this information is needed for identification and prosecution.

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.

Roadside Drains in Townsite: Comments have been made that trucks parking alongside the road to patronize local businesses are partially obstructing traffic flow as deep roadside drains prevent them from pulling further off the road. This is creating a safety hazard as lanes are narrowed by parked trucks and visibility reduced. The suggestion has been that covered drainage is needed in the townsite and the GPA will write to Main Roads regarding this matter.

EMRC: A special meeting was held regarding the spread of Toxic Waste into the John Forrest National Park. EMRC are doing all they can to contain the contamination which is now more than 200 metres into the park.

The GPA have met with the City to voice residents’ concerns regarding the proposed Resource Recovery Facility and lack of public input into the siting of the Facility and the sort of technology to be used. EMRC and City representatives will be attending our next meeting in April to make a presentation.

Stoneville Road – white line: At last – the white line has been painted in!!

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.