

Local Progress Associations meet with City and representative from Landgate Land Valuations re. matters relating to GRV/UV valuations.

Arising from a motion put at the Annual Meeting of Electors last year, the City facilitated a meeting for representatives from the Swan Valley, Gidgegannup and Brigadoon Progress Associations to meet with Graham Jeffery from Landgate Land Valuations.

Mr. Jeffery addressed the meeting regarding how the GRV/UV valuations were obtained and the practicalities and legal issues involved with regard to triennial and annual valuations. It was pointed out that many of these issues are enshrined in legislation, particularly the Land Valuation Act and Local Government Act. The Progress Associations expressed the view that the practice of valuing different sectors of the City of Swan on differing cyclical patterns has caused an inequity in rating levels between primarily the Rural and Urban areas. Mr. Jeffery pointed out that valuations in regional areas are sometimes at intervals of 4-5 years. It was also pointed out that an inner metropolitan municipality's GRV valuations were done annually.

Mr. Jeffery said Landgate Land Valuations could assist the City of Swan by conducting modeling of an area to assess the impact of changing from UV to GRV rating. This change has been made in several other Shires and others are currently making the change.

It was agreed that the City would have further discussions with the Department of Local Government and Regional Development on the issues raised and that further briefing sessions would be organized in the coming months with Council and the groups concerned.

Gidgegannup Progress Association.
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