

Gidgegannup Progress Association – Report March 2018

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Next meetings: 16 Apr, 15 May, 2018 at 7.30pm at the Agric. Hall

Telecommunications

We have now heard from NBN that they and their team will soon start consulting on a new proposal to deliver NBN Fixed Wireless service to approximately 160 premises in parts of Bailup and Gidgegannup. In order to consult with the community, they will be hosting a Community Information Session (CIS) at the Gidgegannup Agricultural Hall at the Showgrounds

The Community Information Session (CIS) will be widely advertised with NBN inviting local residents by direct mail and placing a public notice in the Hills Gazette and the Gidgegram. The GPA will post the meeting details on the Community website and facebook page.

This tower will greatly benefit residents east of the townsite and it is clear from the Communications Forum and the meeting that residents in this area are severely impacted.

Telstra have now sent through an information Power Point on equipment and contact details. This is available on the Communityface book page and the website gidgegannup.info

Members noted that they had noticed an improved mobile signal over the past 2/3 weeks. We had reported to Telstra that the townsite tower did not appear to be working very well.

Mobile Blackspot tower in Reen Road could be May/June.

Local Government Act 1995 – Review

The GPA have put a submission in as have several members and residents. When Phase 2 consultation is announced we will publish the information. 240 submissions have been received, 171 online.
dlgc.wa.gov.au

Toodyay Road – Reen/Stoneville Roads, O’Brien/Roland Roads Intersections - Latest news

Stoneville Road at Toodyay Road is now closed until 6th April, 2018. Detours are planned via Lakeview Drive and Country Road.

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Speed restrictions and traffic management remain in place on Toodyay Road and side roads. Road users are encouraged to observe all signage.

Concern expressed re. deceleration lane into Stoneville Road travelling west From Gidgegannup. Committee member has met with Main Roads and has been sent the latest drawings.

Query as to whether Reen Road intersection would provide better vision to the East when exiting Reen Road, when completed. Main Roads have confirmed that will be the case.

MRI Services At Midland Hospital

A [Senate Inquiry](#) has slammed the Liberals' record on Medicare MRI licences, finding that the Government's inaction could have deadly consequences.

MRI scans are used to detect and diagnose conditions that affect soft tissue, such as tumours, but only attract a Medicare rebate if they are performed on an eligible MRI machine.

Under Malcolm Turnbull, access to Medicare MRI scans has become a lottery of location.

The Liberals have granted just four MRI licences in more than four years in office – including two in marginal electorates during the 2016 campaign. There has been no opportunity for other communities to apply for a licence.

As a result, the Committee found that people were struggling to access Medicare MRI scans around Australia, such as in:

- Queensland - northern Brisbane, Morayfield and Caboolture, Redcliffe and Sunshine Coast, Toowoomba, Wide Bay, Gladstone and Emerald, and regional Queensland in general;
- New South Wales - northern beaches of Sydney, western Sydney, northern New South Wales and Cessnock;
- Victoria - western Melbourne; and
- Western Australia - Kalgoorlie, Pilbara and areas north of Geraldton.

The Committee's top recommendation is for the Government to *"immediately implement an application process with clear, objective and transparent assessment criteria to permit hospitals and radiology*

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practices to apply for licences for Magnetic Resonance Imaging machines”.

The Health Minister’s own Department [told](#) the Committee that the last Labor Government ran such MRI licence rounds regularly – including in 2012, when Labor granted 225 full and partial MRI licences around Australia. Labor’s investment meant that more communities could access early detection and diagnosis of disease.

But the Liberals’ failure to follow Labor’s lead could have deadly consequences, with the Committee saying it was *“particularly concerned by reports that children are being subjected to the radiation of CT scans due to issues associated with the accessibility of MRI machines”.*

This followed evidence from Children’s Healthcare Australasia that for every 1,000 CT scans a new case of cancer is created in an Australian child.

Noted that Ken Wyatt MP was treating the procurement of an MRI Licence for Midland as an election issue.

Proposed Gravel Extraction – 3650 (lot 556) Toodyay Road – Bailup

It is believed that this should come before the Shire of Mundaring Council in June

West Gidgegannup Fire Station

GPA have written to City re. the delays to this project and been advised: The City are working with the Brigade and confirms that this project has been given high priority and is being progressed and that the project will be completed as soon as possible.

Cr. Zannino was thanked for his work to get City to appoint a Project Manager for this project. Cr. Zannino having a meeting with Beau Algeri and Tony Brine to ask them to keep him informed of progress. \$1.8mn is the Budget for this project and City receive 15% (\$270,000) to manage it. Cr. Henderson reported that the City expect to have someone on this full time.

Narrow Leaf Cottonbush

The City have responded to our request that it would cost the City approximately \$50000 per year to control Cotton Bush on their land and

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that they would either have to raise rates or not treat weeds that have a high priority. They believe that a community education programme to make people aware of the issue and encourage voluntary treatment may be an alternative.

To see if public awareness of this weed can be promoted at the Small Farm Field Day. A member has reported a large area of this weed on Toodyay Road. This will be reported to the City.

Water Tank Programme

Permission is being sought from Main Roads to place tanks at the Berry/Toodyay Road intersection and in the layby on Toodyay Road north of Toodyay Road between Country and Stoneville Roads. A meeting has been organised with Main Roads.

Main Roads have agreed to two sites for these tanks. Main Roads will include the pads in their road works. Tanks will be provided by private funding.

Hansons Proposed Extension

City has granted a two week extension for public comment on this Development Application. Note documents have been taken off site – request sent for their reinstatement.

Stephen Morris spoke regarding the EPA and Ministerial approvals. These approvals had been based on the Boral PER and documentation which are nearly 10 years old. Boral had 5 years to act after the final approval and Hanson sought an extension.

This approval was over the entire 8 blocks

Hanson have purchased only part of this and cannot complete the environmental requirements in the approvals. Dust suppression was with water from a pit that is no longer on their property. They plan to put a haulage road through part of the land that was to be set aside as a wildlife corridor between Hanson's and Boral's former property. This area will also include fire breaks. The proposal has changed substantially since the EPA and Ministerial approvals and we feel needs to go back to the EPA and Minister for new conditions to be imposed on the proposed extension.

The present stock piles on the existing Hanson site are extremely high and in proximity to the Toodyay Road. Dust control is a problem and a

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white residue is deposited on the Road, which becomes slippery when wet. Any new area should have stock piles well away from the Toodyay Road and with a height limit.

The proposed internal haulage road needs to be constructed prior to truck movements off the site, as the proposed new entry/exit for 5 years comes out opposite the Bells Quarry site and on a section of the Road just after the double lanes. Line of sight is not good and this is not a very good place to have such an entry/exit. Midland Brick have had to move their proposed entry/exit site for Clay extraction opposite as the requirements for road upgrade from Main Roads were prohibitive.

Query also raised about 50 year mine life. This should be controlled by a 10 year extractive licence.

Perth And Peel@ 3.5 Million – Updated Link For Documents

The final *Perth and Peel@3.5million* suite of strategic land use planning and infrastructure documents have been released by the State Government.

Electronic copies of the documents are available at planning.wa.gov.au/3.5million

If you have any queries about proposals within the Central, North-West, North-East or South Metropolitan Peel sub-regional planning frameworks, please email 3.5million@planning.wa.gov.au or contact the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage on 6551 9000. Please advise the Customer Services officer which framework your query relates to so they are able to direct you to the appropriate planning officer.

Next Meeting

The next Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on 16th April, 2018. Jessica Shaw MLA will be attending this meeting.