

## **Gidgegannup Progress Association – Report April 2018**

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**Next meetings: 15 May, 19 June 2018 at 7.30pm at the Agric. Hall**

Jessica Shaw MLA, a representative from Ken Wyatt's Office and our two ward councillors attended our last meeting. We thank them for their time and input to the evening.

### **TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

We are informed that the Reen Road Mobile Black Spot Funded tower should commence build on 9<sup>th</sup> April to be on air by 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2018. The tower has arrived and we hope will soon be in place, providing this vital service to our community.

The NBN CIS session held on 12<sup>th</sup> April, was extremely informative and it is hoped that residents took advantage to go along and have a chat and catch up on the proposed towers for Gidgegannup. We need this infrastructure, we should have it by now. Unfortunately negative pressure was brought into play to stop this. We now have an opportunity to go forward with the NBN roll out and we hope all residents will support Development Approvals when they are lodged. NBN hope to have a blanket coverage of Gidgegannup but need sites and approvals to make this happen.

### **TOODYAY ROAD – REEN/STONEVILLE ROADS, O'BRIEN/ROLAND ROADS INTERSECTIONS**

This work is going ahead swiftly and the efficiency of the contractors is impressive. Jessica Shaw pointed out that the contracts had been awarded to two contractors so that the upgrade could run concurrently. Otherwise these roadworks could have dragged on another twelve months.

If the Proposed Gravel Extraction – 3650 Toodyay Road, Bailup should go ahead, concern has been expressed re. the Berry and Bailup intersections with Toodyay Road and whether they could be considered for upgrades. Jessica Shaw said she was aware of this proposal and had been talking to the Shire of Mundaring.

### **SURFACE WATER LICENCES**

The Cookes Brook Conservation Group will now be meeting with Jessica Shaw regarding this licensing issue.

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### **PROPOSED GRAVEL EXTRACTION – 3650 (LOT 556) TOODYAY ROAD – BAILUP**

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

### **NARROW LEAF COTTONBUSH**

Various reports of Cotton Bush infestations have been made to the City. City has been following up on several locations. Some private and some public.

The City of Swan does not have the legal authority to control weeds within private properties and therefore provides educational material recommending that the landowners undertake treatment and highlights the threat posed by the particular weeds.

We would encourage the community to report Cottonbush infestations to the City.

### **PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO.103 TO LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME 17 – REZONING FROM GENERAL RURAL TO SPECIAL RURAL FOR VARIOUS LOTS IN TOODYAY, STANLEY, JOSEPH, CAMERON AND STONEVILLE ROADS, GIDGEGANNUP**

This Item came before Council again on the 11<sup>th</sup> April. Several Landowners from both sides of the debate attended the Forum Meeting to give deputations.

The Rescission motion failed and Cr. Zannino's Motion stands. The Amendment will be forwarded to the WAPC for consent to advertise and to the EPA for comment prior to advertising. Following receipt of consent to advertise, advertise the amendment for a period of 60 days in accordance with regulation 38 of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015.

Following advertising place the proposal back to Council for final consideration, along with any submissions received.

### **COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY;**

City have now given notice of a Community clean up day for the Toodyay Road on the 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.

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### **RURAL REVEGETATION PROGRAMME**

More information at

<https://www.swan.wa.gov.au/Services-support/Sustainable-living/Conserve-nature/Plants/Rural-Property-Revegetation-Program>

### **Perth and Peel @ 3.5 million**

Framework available at. One of the main points made in this report is that the WAPC deems that there is sufficient zoned rural residential land and that no further land should be rezoned.

<https://www.planning.wa.gov.au/10586.aspx>

### **LOT 101 REEN ROAD – WATER COPORATION LAND**

Situation with this land now. This has been going on for 7 years. We had just got to the stage with Mia Davies, Liberal Minister for Water, that the land was back on the market and if not sold within 6 months would be offered to CALM. Sending information to Jessica Shaw and she will review and refer to Minister for Water.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Jessica Shaw talked about various Government initiatives including Western Power, move to batteries and generators for isolated situations needing power. This has been successful in the South West.

Initiatives to improve and assist the Rural Bush Fire Brigades.

Provision of MRI services in Midland.

Centre for children with learning disabilities in Ellenbrook

Jessica also talked about the Rate Review and her submission on this. Phase 2 of the Local Government Review will be later this year and this deals with the definitions of Rural and Rural Pursuits. Important to all of us in Gidgegannup. If you would like to read a copy of Jessica's submission please let the GPA know.

A very interesting and full meeting. Please come along if you want to be involved, the third Monday of every month at the Hall at 7.30pm.