

Gidgegannup Progress Association – Report June 2018

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**Next meetings: 19th June, 2018, 16th July, 2018 (AGM) at 7.30pm
at the Agricultural Hall**

BUSINESS ARISING

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The Reen Road Mobile Black Spot Funded tower is now in operation. Reports are that there is much improved mobile reception for some. It is hoped that more feedback will be given at the Field Day and whether this has made any impact on the coverage from the townsite tower. Members reported that they are still experiencing reduced signals from the Townsite tower. Also that land lines are not working properly and Telstra will come and fix some services on a line but ignore the other as they have not had a report. People are often unaware that their land lines are not working until their mobile phone stops working as well, so reports are not always made quickly. This results in residents having no means of contact, particularly dangerous if there should be a medical emergency.

There was a widespread Telstra outage on 19th and 20th April for @ 30 hours. This was reported by many people and a report was made to Telstra Management. This outage in Gidge made it clear the problems of reporting a fault to Telstra. Their online fault reporting is abysmal, it is confusing, goes round in circles and the online chat is useless. I emailed Boyd Brown who was on leave and then the email address he left for urgent matters. Naomi got back to me on Friday morning to say she would make enquiries and get back to me that morning. Nothing by 1.00pm so emailed again and she rang me back. She was aware there was a fault but thought it was a land line one and an exchange fault. So obviously the reports of the mobile outage had not got through. I said it was definitely a mobile outage and mentioned that there were roadworks in the area and it could be a fibre optic problem. They did start taking the complaint seriously then and she emailed me saying they were fixing it.

That is just not good enough that action is only taken when you can get through to someone in charge but otherwise a huge amount of time is spent going round in circles on the on line or phone circuit. This is Telstra's time as well, there has to be a more efficient way.

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Moved Don Robertson/Geoff Knights that the GPA should write to the Minister for communications, copied to Ken Wyatt and Telstra with our concerns, carried.

There is a flyer that is circulating in the Tilden Park area. We are told the document being quoted from was produced in 2004 and has been much criticised as people have cherry picked the information and distorted the content. There has been one complaint so far from a resident and his email has been forwarded to NBN for response. Have had feedback from two more residents re. the proposed NBN tower. Unfortunately, neither attended the CIS as they didn't think the tower would be near them. Both stress that they are not against the tower for any other reason than it may be very visible from their homes. They are concerned that the tower will be right in their vision from their houses and not sure how close it will be. They have asked if consideration could be given to pulling the tower back on Lot 102 so that it is behind the second bank of vegetation on that property. We have asked them both to get in touch with NBN and said that they will be represented at the Field Day.

Cr. Henderson queried as to whether there were other suitable sites in that area. NBN have said that they did try more than one site, but this was the one that was settled on

Ken Wyatt is hosting a Telco Marquee at the Small Farm Field Day and it would be an opportunity for the community to seek further advice on telco problems and connection.

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

Work is progressing well. Hopefully the completion date of middle of the year will be achieved. Reported that residents using the Reen Road intersection are still unhappy with the vision to the East. They hope this will improve upon completion and suggested that some conifer trees could be removed from the verge/neighbouring property (owned by Main Roads) to assist vision.

PHONE DIRECTORIES

There appears to be great problems for anyone wanting a hard copy of the Phone Directory. Sensis have now advised: for future reference if you wish to request book for your local region you can visit

<https://www.directoryselect.com.au/action/home>

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PERTH ADELAIDE NATIONAL HIGHWAY

The Federal Government has now provided \$10mn for a business case to be prepared for this proposed highway. Some discussion as to timing of PANH. This will be reliant on Federal funding but now seems to be a case of When not If. Pointed out that it is cited in Perth and Peel @ 3.5 million.

BORAL SALE OF LAND TO DOWSING GROUP FOR RECYCLING SITE

Boral have sold Lots 151 and 152 to Dowsing Group for a recycling site. Part of the conditions of sale are that Boral will facilitate a Scheme Amendment for this use in the Resource Area. GPA have met with Boral and Dowsing Group and our chief concerns are: Access to Toodyay Road safely, environmental issues, visual amenity, stock piles proximity to Toodyay Road. Our full report has already been circulated to members. Some discussion re. this proposed Scheme Amendment. Meeting felt that they really need to see the Scheme Amendment documents.

AUSTRALIA POST REORGANISATION OF PARCEL POST IN GIDGEGANNUP

Seems that people in Reen, O'Brien, Berry, East and Northeast Roads now have to collect their parcels from Stoneville Post Office rather than Gidge. This means a round trip of some 30-50kms for people.

After a meeting with Australia Post this issue has been resolved and the Parcel post will return to the norm on Friday 18th May, 2018.

Australia Post advise that this is a link to the "My Deliveries" - this give some options for managing parcel deliveries:

<https://auspost.com.au/delivery-options>

LOT NUMBERS RATHER THAN STREET NUMBERS CAMERON ROAD

It was stressed by Australia Post during our meeting the importance that street numbers are used not Lot numbers. It appears that there are still some roads in Gidgegannup that do not have street numbering, including Cameron Road.

City response: Cameron Road runs between the City of Swan and Mundaring and residents have lot numbers, not street numbers. As you mentioned, this can delay Australia Post deliveries and emergency services also prefer a street number as lot numbers are not valid in street addresses.

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Cameron Rd is also fragmented, recently in three sections, now two, either side of Stoneville Rd (image below). In 2016 we renamed one of the three sections, intersecting with Roland Rd, to Hawkstone St as there was no one addressed to it.

The City uses rural numbering (distance divided by 10 and rounded). Mundaring number by distance in metres. For example, a City of Swan property would be 253 where Mundaring would have numbered it 2533.

In summary, there are two factors to resolve – renaming one of the sections of fragmented road and then assigning street numbers. The City is contacting Mundaring to begin the renaming process and affected residents will be consulted.

Stressed importance of Street numbering both for Australia Post Delivery and emergency services.

DIFFERENTIAL RATES

Notice of intention to issue differential rates 2018/2019

In accordance with section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995, notice is hereby given to the ratepayers of the intention of the City of Swan to levy the following differential rates for each rating category for the 2018/19 financial year.

Gross Rental Category	Minimum Rates \$	Rate in the Dollar
Residential	880	7.4124 c
Commercial/Industrial	1400	9.0476 c
Heavy Industry	1690	14.8246 c
Unimproved Category	Minimum Rates \$	Rate in the Dollar
Farmland	880	0.27256 c
UV General	880	0.37908 c
UV Commercial	880	0.54510 c

The Statement of Objects of, and reasons for the above rates was adopted for advertising at Ordinary Meeting of Council on May 9, 2018. These are available for inspection at the City of Swan Administration Office, 2 Midland Square, Midland between 8am and 5pm Monday to Friday and online - All submissions in writing with reference to the

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proposed differential rates should be forwarded to Mike Foley, CEO, City of Swan, PO Box 196, Midland WA 6936 or email swan@swan.wa.gov.au by 4pm on Monday June 11, 2018.

Once Council has considered the submissions, the Differential Rates and the 2018/19 Budget (with or without modification) will be adopted by Council.

Should you require any further information regarding the above please contact Kym Leahy Executive Manager Stakeholder Relations on 9267 9324.
