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Next meetings: 20th May, 17th June, 15th July, (AGM) 2019 at 7.30pm at the Agricultural Hall

The GPA has a thriving membership but new members are always welcome. Our membership is diverse and very proactive and we always welcome new input.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS:

Telstra has informed the GPA that the back-up batteries at both the Gidgegannup exchange and mobile sites have been replaced with new batteries. We have requested information on how long these batteries are expected to last. Depending on usage could be up to two years.

Complaints of poor connections with both land lines and mobile connections are being received.

TOODYAY ROAD LIAISON COMMITTEE;

A meeting has been organised for Thursday, 6th June, 2019. Please forward items for the agenda. By this time the Federal and State Budgets will have been presented and we will have more idea of what funding there will be available for the Perth-Adelaide National Highway (PANH) and roads in the area.

Various complaints as to lumps still in surface of road from Stoneville West. Deemed Reen Road area was more dangerous. Merging lanes required on Roland and Stoneville access to Toodyay Road. Unlikely that a lot more expenditure on Toodyay Road with PANH becoming a reality, although this may be anything up to 5-10 years.

Suggested that members draw up a list of points and send to GPA for inclusion in TLC Agenda. Need points about 4 weeks before meeting date so that they can be submitted to Main Roads for responses at Meeting.

Perth-Adelaide National Highway (PANH)

State Government will consider this project as part of their 2019/20 Budgetary Process. Ratepayer groups in the Shire of Mundaring have joined the GPA in lobbying for funding for the PANH.

City of Swan, Shires of Mundaring and Northam actively lobbying both State and Federal Governments for funds to get this project underway. Ratepayer groups are also actively lobbying.

LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME NO. 4 STRUCTURE PLAN NO. 34 (NORTH STONEVILLE TOWNSITE):

A rally was held on Sunday, 7th April, 2019 in Mundaring regarding this proposal. Over 1000 people attended. Issues were cited regarding the environment, Bushfire plans, poor public consultation and lack of infrastructure. Several GPA members attended. It is believed that this will come before the Shire of Mundaring sometime in May at a Special Meeting. The GPA have been invited to send two representatives to a Community Session they are planning for Thursday 2 May on the North Stoneville Townsite development.

They do have some information that can be disseminated to members if it is thought appropriate and relevant. They have distributed this to a number local social media pages, local groups and media. They are aware of the discussion and debate in the community regarding the development proposal (both for and against) and would like for people to have access to the relevant information.

- Online resources - our website www.northstoneville.com.au contains lots of reference materials for those interested in the development. Documents include the Place Blueprint (vision and values), Masterplan, Area map, Information brochure, Fact Sheet, Timeline and FAQ document, as well as a link to the Local Structure Plan and accompanying technical reports. The website has a sign-up facility for those who would like to subscribe to receive email updates.
- Fact Sheet - to ensure that people living around the North Stoneville Townsite all have access to the same information, a Fact Sheet (also attached) has been delivered to homes in Parkerville and Stoneville. It will also be included in both the Echo (print) and Hills Gazette (online) for people living in the broader Shire area.
- Email - If your members have questions, ideas or suggestions about the proposed new community, they can contact us at northstoneville@satterley.com.au or call us direct on 9368 9185. We welcome their feedback as it's an opportunity for us to get to know the community better.

GPA Feels that main points of concern at the moment are Development Application that needs quite a lot of work before it could be deemed acceptable for submission. Lack of consultation. Lack of infrastructure.

PARKERVILLE FIRE LIABILITY DECISION;

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-03-27/parkerville-bushfire-class-action-decision/10944252>

This decision emphasises the need to keep a careful eye on any Western Power infrastructure on your property and your own infrastructure. If Western Power infrastructure appears damaged in any way inform them immediately accompanied by photographic evidence.

284 BURGESS ROAD, GIDGEGANNUP, 6083

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The City has received an application for a 27.4 hectare Solar Farm at Lots 147 & 250 (No.284) Burgess Road Gidgegannup for consideration.

Zoning:

The property is zoned Rural under the Metropolitan Region Scheme and General Rural Zone under the City's Local Planning Scheme No.17. The proposed land use is considered a use not listed.

Overview of the application:

- The proposal involves the development of a solar farm on a 27.4 portion of the subject site.
- The solar farm will involve the photovoltaic solar panels with fixed modules occupying 17.6 hectares, supplementary equipment including inverters & transformer blocks, control & power equipment, 30 parking bays, loading areas and 10000L water tank.
- There will be 31270 photovoltaic panels with 4 inverters. The panels can track from 52 degrees (east in the morning) and 52 degrees (west in the evening). Each panel is 1m x 2m.
- A 1.8m high security fence will enclose the facility with a fence line perimeter of 2878.8m.
- The primary access will be via Barcelona Drive to Entrance 1 and the secondary access will be via Burgess Road to Entrance 2.

Closing date for submissions: April 22, 2019. Reference No:

DA184-19 Responsible Officer: Mariska Van Der Linde

<https://www.swan.wa.gov.au/City-Council/Have-your-say/Planning-notices/Planning-notices/Proposed-development-applications/DA184-19>

Development Application has been circulated to all members. It appears that reaction is that it would be preferable for this land to remain as Agricultural land though it is accepted that renewable energies are needed and this sort of development would be preferable to some more intrusive developments. Containment of fire risk – stock grazing, Mowing, whipper snipping. How power to be exported. End use of property will this land be reverted to an agricultural zoning.

ACTIVIST TRESPASS RESPONSE TIPS FOR FARMERS;

In response to concerns from the community, these tips are available from Australian Farmers:

<https://farmers.org.au/news/activist-trespass-response-tips-for-farmers/>

PUPPY FARMING;

These standards and guidelines regarding dogs are open for comment. This is in relation to concerns expressed regarding Puppy Farming.

<https://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/McGowan/2019/04/Consultation-open-on-dog-standards-and-guidelines.aspx>

[There is an on line survey.](#)

WESTERN POWER;

Will have a site at the Small Farm Field Day to communicate with the community regarding queries they may have regarding the Service.

PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD;

This has been extended until 28th April, 2019.