

WANDI WARBLER

WANDI PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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Presidents Report

Firstly, I would like to thank the outgoing 2008 Wandí Progress Association committee for a great year. We had a quiet one and took the opportunity to finish off a few tasks and consolidate the work done in the previous year. We managed to source some funds from sponsors to ensure ongoing maintenance and costs were covered without eating into our bank account. As usual, Rod and Deb Cocks were instrumental in keeping the facility hire ticking over and the facilities clean and functioning – so a special “thank you” to them both.

Also, thanks to everyone who attended the Wandí Progress Association AGM in February. As well as the usual highlights there was an excellent presentation by Slattery and Greg Rowe and Associates who are the developers and consultants responsible for design of the development along the Wandí freeway strip. We were told about the Wandí Local Structure Plan, which is the latest proposal for parks, shops and schools as well as residential developments between Lyon Road and the Kwinana Freeway. We also heard about the placement of the additional railway station adjacent to Wandí. This design proposal is to go to the Council in the near future after which time it should be published for public comment. We will keep track of any ongoing changes, so stay tuned for further news as it comes to hand.

One change you may have noticed on the Wandí Progress Association’s membership form this year is the inclusion of a field for your email address. This is intended so that the Warbler can be distributed to members, but will also make contact within the Association faster and smoother. If you haven’t yet registered, but would like to do so, just drop me an email giving your details to wandiprogess@gmail.com.

Take care, enjoy the season, and of course, reading your Wandí Warbler.

Until next time,

Peter Hegarty.

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WPA COMMITTEE & MEETING DATES 09

Dates for 2009 – 18 Mar /15 Apr/20 May/17 June/15 July/19 Aug/16 Sep/21 Oct/18 Nov/16 Dec

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Committee members: Chris Chalmers, Debbie Cocks, Shane Addis, John Lydon, Rod Cocks, Jim Russell, Rod Pattinson

The committee meets every third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. All residents are most welcome to attend or if you have some concerns in the Wandí area and would like the Progress Association to assist, please contact any member.

New committee members are always welcome and we would love YOU to become part of our community, contact Ken Workman on 9397 1060 or email woodboroughwa@bigpond.com for further details.

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Wandi Community News

Wandi Development Plans – Earthworks Scheduled to Commence in December!

At the recent Wandi Progress Association AGM Grant Singleton (Senior Project Manager) introduced Michael Holland (Satterley Property group) as the community development manager. They provided a brief summary of their previous meeting with the Wandi progress association. He then sought to introduce Greg Rowe to provide an update in conjunction with their planner (Kym Kyle) also of Greg Rowe & Associates

The Wandi cell comprises of land east of Kwinana freeway bound by Rowley, Lyon & Anketell roads and is one of 5 cells proposed for urban development under the Jandakot structure plan (JSP). The amendment to rezone the Wandi cell together with future urban cells (Anketell, Casuarina & Wellard East from Rural to Urban deferred were gazetted in Nov 2007.

Subject to the final approval to the Wandi North Local Structure Plan (LSP) and appropriate development approvals being obtained earthworks are scheduled to commence this winter. Anticipated lots are then to be ready for sale late 2009 to early 2010 and the first stage of approx 150 lots would be constructed in the area west of the intersection of Lyon road & Bodeman road.

Greg Rowe advised that the Town of Kwinana (TOK) would advertise the LSP around 03/03/09 and the public have 28 days to comment. (Chris Lynch is the TOK contact point). Residents will have an opportunity to submit written objections/comments to council for consideration. In addition a copy of the plans is available at the TOK council.

The opportunity was then opened to those attending the AGM and the following comments were raised and covered by Greg Rowe:

- 1) Lyon Rd is to be downgraded to a rural road with internal roads to be included in design.
- 2) There will be 8 special residential lots along Lyon road which will have a minimum area of 1000 SqM
- 3) The new train station involves the approval from the Perth transit authority and there has been no commitment at this stage. Hence it could be a minimum of 3 years away.
- 4) The proposals for the west side of freeway involve the Alcoa buffer impact. The amendment proposed was unsuccessful and no future development timeframe has been set for this.
- 5) The planned schedule is to develop the Bodeman stage initially followed by progressive development north of that area.
- 6) The school is proposed to cater for approx 600 to 700 students.

See the Wandi local structure plan on the next page for more details.

The Human Side of Development

We must not forget that there is a “human side” to all the new developments around Wandi, this is that people who for no fault of their own are caught up in what will be a complete change to their lifestyle. This is related to the development of the new estates, with all the noise, dust, traffic etc that this will bring along with the destruction of native flora and fauna which can of course be heartbreaking when you bought a property for the peace and quiet that we had in Wandi. For instance one block inherits seven houses opposite with all of their driveways opening into the front of their 5 acre property. One must ask is that really “fair”?

Also some people have really no option other than to move from their properties that they love and have cared for over the years. **There is no doubt that the development will affect the whole community and whilst it will go ahead all we can do is protect what we have to the best of our ability.**

1. proposed future urban subject to MRS amendment currently with WAPC for consideration. Area may be created for rural residential in the interim period

2. Lyon Road to be realigned to connect into neighbourhood distributor

3. proposed Rowley Road (south) Train Station

4. train station precinct to include retail, commercial and park 'n' ride facility

5. 40 dwellings per site hectare in train station precinct

6. CCW to be retained with appropriate buffer

7. Peel Main Drain to be re-aligned

8. larger R10 lots adjacent to Lyon Road with a minimum frontage of 25 metres

9. DBNGP to be utilised as POS link through site

10. possible temporary retail / shop floorspace approx 200m²

11. upland vegetation to be retained in accordance with draft ToK biodiversity policy

12. special rural lot within RWP zone

13. proposed primary school site

14. Kwinana Fwy interface (wall or earthen bund)

15. CCW (lots 1 - 7 Darling Chase) to be consolidated into one POS reserve

16. neighbourhood distributor to connect through to Anketell Town Centre. alignment confirmed with adjacent owners



Subdivision Submissions – Are we being kept in the “dark”?

We understand that residents of Lyon Road have now received letters from council calling for submissions regarding the sub division. However other residents that live further in have not received these letters so it looks like most of us are being kept in the dark. Of course most residents of Wandi are keen to know what is going on and should be part of that process.

If you have received a letter do not just gloss over the map council has sent out. The best way for all residents to get up to date on the subdivision and the impact on you is to take the time and make a trip to the council office and check it out now, later will be too late! You will then have an opportunity to make a submission.

Note submissions close on April 3rd so you need to action this urgently should you have any concerns how the development may affect you.

Around the Resource Centre

Shed Extension

Smithies Boxing Gym has become a very popular permanent user group at the Wandi Resource Centre. Starting with three evenings a week in 2008 and now expanding to five evenings this group has become a major user of the facilities. Activities are for males and females interested in gaining fitness using the exercise medium of boxing training. For those who wish to focus more on the boxing there is plenty of qualified instruction and from what I'm hearing we have lots of talent in the Wandi Kwinana area that is impressing coaches in the city.

With this new found popularity and support for fitness; numbers have grown to a point where people are being turned away. As a result of this the WPA, Smithies Gym and the Kwinana Town Council is looking into building a permanent Gym on the community site. Draft plans have been drawn up to source funding and an architect has been engaged to do a formal drawing for costing. The idea is to construct a gym building that will butt onto the DeHaer Road side of the Woodworkers shed and along the side facing the new fire tank. The shape of the building will be an “L” shape and we expect that the Woodworkers workshop area will be extended in the design giving them greater space for their activities as well. This extension will also make available further storage for other groups using the shed.

The construction of this building will be of quality material like brick or concrete therefore giving a new face to the shed and making any future vandalism less of a problem. We have asked the architect to give the building some style to change the appearance of the shed so it will blend in better with the existing buildings on the site. The draft design of the building has included a number of storerooms and an amenities area allowing the facility to be used by other groups who require similar open space.

We should make it clear that there is no intention to hold boxing tournaments at this venue it is purely for training and there has been no allowance for the building to cater for anything else but gym training.

If you require further information contact Rodney Cocks 9410 2009.

Wandi Fire Tanks

In February the Kwinana Town Council with Ranger Services completed the erection of a purpose built fire water storage tank on the Wandi Community facilities site, actually you can't miss it; it's on your right as you enter via the access road. This tank has been set up to fill fire fighting tankers as quickly as possible to reduce the filling time and get the vehicles back out to fight fires. There is provision for a generator allowing the ground water pump to be driven if the power is cut off therefore there should be no shortage of water.

The tank in Wandi Drive has also been upgraded to this same standard which should give the fire fighters excellent facilities to control fires in and around Wandi.

These tanks have been built/modified using funds from local developers; that is locals who have been subdividing contributed to the tank costs.

BBQs

Don't forget that there are now a couple of free BBQ's, one near the tennis court and another on the old Hope Valley school side. With the close access to the playground etc it is a great place to have those larger family gatherings. We ask that all you leave is your “footprints” along with a clean BBQ for the next user.

Tennis Courts

To book the tennis courts please phone Debbie (9410 2009) or Ken (93971060) between 9:00am and 5:00pm. The cost is \$5 per hour. Yearly memberships are available at \$125 as well. A \$20 key bond is required on both hourly and annual memberships.

Wandi Landcare Group Awarded Grant

The Wandi Landcare group was one of several community groups recently awarded grants through the Department of Environment and Regional Parks Community Grants Scheme. The grant of \$2500 was awarded for the spraying of arum lily, a noxious weed.

Another Potential Invader

Wetlands in Kwinana are under threat from a newly discovered strain of dieback which could potentially affect up to 3000 plant species. The new strain "Phytophthora Multivora" was found by Murdoch University researchers in National Parks south of Mandurah. The disease is spread by bushwalkers and trail bikes. Bushwalkers need to clean their boots when moving between different areas.

Wandi Landcare / Progress Association Website

The Wandi Landcare Group and the Progress Association now have their respective web domains. They are www.wandilandcare.org and www.wandiprogess.org. There is still much work to be done but the sites will develop over time. You can also download the latest edition of the "Wandi Warbler" in full colour here.

Wandi Landcare Group.

Wandi Landcare Update

Welcome back all those members that renewed their membership and hello to all the new members signing on for this year. I sent out a welcoming email to all the members of the group that supplied their email address. If you were part of that group and didn't receive anything from me please let me know so I can work out what happened. If any of the previous members would still like to join but didn't do so because they weren't at the Wandi Progress Assoc. A.G.M., just get in contact with me and I'll get you a form somehow.

Community Planting Day

The Community Planting Day will be held on **Saturday, 27th June 2009** starting at 9:00am. We will be working off the south-eastern sector (same as last year) which is accessed via the bridal trail off Leslie Road. Angela Jakobs, our Bush Care Officer was kindly presented with a cheque from the Swan Alcoa Landcare Program (SALP) for \$4434.00 for continuing re-vegetation work on the Magenup Damp lands. The theme this year will be "Understory" Angela will be sourcing mostly small shrubby native tube stock to infill the areas where we have planted previously over the last two years. This will have many benefits to the area.

- It will encourage the return of native fauna that hide in amongst the dense undergrowth.
- The weeds will eventually find themselves displaced by the dense undergrowth so their smaller populations will cease to become a problem.
- It will be aesthetically pleasing and encourage more people to utilise the walking track.

If you are free on that Saturday, please come and lend a hand. The saying "Many hands make light work" is very appropriate and you will be rewarded with a sausage sizzle after the work is done. I will have some plants available to members to take with them also.

Installation of the Interpretative Signs

The installation of the interpretative signs around the lake has now been completed. There are two welcoming signs, one at the access to the lake from the equestrian centre and the other off the Leslie Road bridle path and six smaller signs dotted around the lake. These can be accessed by following the walk trail. Pamphlets are available from Angela Jakob but you can ask me and I'll get it off her for you.

Techniques for controlling the Sydney Golden Wattle (*acacia longifolia*)

Ring barking your weed wattle trees is an effective way of control. There are many large examples on resident's properties to be removed but this job can be daunting if the wattle is the size of a medium tree. Removing the base bark of the plant will kill the plant over time and this will prevent seed generation which is the main concern of local authorities. I have included two photos taken from the Magenup reserve near the Wandi Resource Centre of ring barked weed wattles that are now dead.



Ring barked Sydney Wattle



The Results of Ring barking

Save our Red Flowering Gum!

A concerned member of the Wandii Landcare group brought to my attention the uncertain future of a lovely red flowering gum tree (*Corymbia ficifolia*) near her home off Lyon road adjacent to the new subdivision. She is worried that such a great tree will be removed, only to be replaced by non native varieties. Even though the Australian Redgum is not a endemic to the Wandii area, it is none the less a native of Western Australia and as such, deserves it's place in our community.

If you would also like to find out the fate of the red flowering gum tree, please contact Chris Barnes on 9410 0747 or email her at geotrans@dodo.com.au.



The beautiful Redgum which may be under threat

Don't forget, if you would like to get a full colour copy of the Wandii Warbler in PDF format, you can do so via the Internet at www.wandilandcare.org and click on the Landcare entrance button.

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Kwinana Equine Action Group - Horse Fees – Not just ONE but SEVERAL fees now in the mix!

There have been a couple of meetings with council, but unfortunately it all falls on deaf ears as they seem determined to bring in not one, but several fees on horse owners. At the council meeting on 11 March, 2009 councilors passed by one vote that the fees will remain, but not be charged until the 09/10 financial year. This then went into another debate as that means that it has to be passed in the next budget when all fees are reviewed. Contributed by **Barrie Donohoe** (barriedonohoe@bigpond.com). Phone 93970440.

They are Back! Dob in those Hoons!

There has been a noticeable increase of really dangerous “Hoon Behaviour” around Wandi including actual side by side racing along the straight section of DeHaer Road between the resource centre and Rowley Road. The only way we as a community are going to curtail this criminal activity is to report it to the police. It is no good just one or two individuals doing this as it is likely that these people who are doing the right thing may become labeled as just another “whinger”. So please take action before we have a fatality which may involve an innocent party. The fact is it is not a question of if it is going to happen but when. It is hard to get their numbers because they are traveling so fast but if enough of us put in a report we may get a few more patrols around the area.

The police website has useful information as follows.

Reporting hoon behaviour - Call police on 131 444 to report dangerous, reckless or anti-social driving (hoon) behaviour. All calls are treated confidentially.

What to report:

- description of behaviour, eg: speeding, drag racing, burnouts, etc;
- description of driver;
- day and time of behaviour;
- location of behaviour;
- vehicle registration;
- vehicle make, model; and
- vehicle colour

Do not put yourself at risk when trying to gather evidence. For more information including report forms visit the police website <http://www.police.wa.gov.au/ANTISOCIALBEHAVIOUR/Hoons/tabid/1127/Default.aspx>

Firebugs – be alert

Authorities are requesting residents help to catch firebugs who have committed arson and deliberately lit more than 30 fires in Kwinana since the start of the year. Therefore we all need to be on alert and report any suspicious behaviour to police by ringing crime stoppers on 1800 333 000

Time for a chuckle! - These are from a book called Disorder in the American Courts, and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and now published by court reporters that had the torment of staying calm while these exchanges were actually taking place.

ATTORNEY: What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?

WITNESS: He said, "Where am I, Cathy?"

ATTORNEY: And why did that upset you?

WITNESS: My name is Susan!

ATTORNEY: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?

WITNESS: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

ATTORNEY: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And in what ways does it affect your memory?

WITNESS: I forget.

ATTORNEY: You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?

ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the twenty-year-old, how old is he?

WITNESS: He's twenty, much like your IQ.

Do you have any useful community news such as crime in the area etc? Contact the Editor on 93970249 or email jimrussell@iceweb.com.au

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Wandi Hall Club rooms 7.30 pm
Contact: Marie Tully 9410 0245.

SAVE EQUUS



Meet the
Magenup
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1st Monday of each month, at 7.30pm. All horse
lovers are welcome

WA SCROLLERS

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Where: Clubrooms, Wandi Hall
Beginners welcome
Contact: Kevin Treasure – 9529 3227



WEST AUSTRALIAN GUILD OF WOODCARVERS INC. WANDI

This branch of the Guild meets in the green shed every
Monday morning between
9.00am &
12.00. - Beginners or advanced welcome.
Contact- Fred Brewer 9419 3558

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS TRITON CLUB

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