

From Shire President John Daw



STRUCTURE Plan 34 (SP34) is a proposal to guide the development of the North Stoneville Townsite. Satterley is the applicant and has entered into a joint venture with the Anglican Diocesan Trust.

Town sites have historically grown around railway sidings in the shire. While this proposal does not have such an 'organic' origin, it was first identified in the preparation of the Shire's previous local planning scheme in 1994. A structure plan (formerly known as a Local Subdivision and Infrastructure Plan) was later endorsed by the Shire and the WA Planning Commission (WAPC) in 1998-1999. However, the rezoning to urban became 'Urban Deferred' due to concerns about waste water management.

In 2016, the WAPC was satisfied that a wastewater solution could be provided for the development and lifted the Urban Deferred zoning. Satterley has engaged a private company, 'Water West', to provide and be responsible for the waste water treatment plant (WWTP) should this structure plan be given approval to go ahead. This will operate under licence from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER).

A question has been asked about whether there's any cost to the Shire and its ratepayers if the proposed WWTP should fail. The answer is no. Water West would be required to rectify any fault, under the oversight of DWER.

950 public submissions have been lodged, which demonstrates an acute public interest in this matter. Shire officers are assessing SP34 against various criteria including state and local planning requirements and public and agency submissions. A publicly available report will be presented to Council which summarises and clarifies issues and may make suggestions for modifications to SP34.

Council must make a recommendation to the determining authority, the WA Planning Commission, within a specified time period. Given the degree of interest, Satterley has raised no objection to extending the Shire's response time; this allows the Shire more time to review public submissions, obtain further expert advice and prepare a considered response.

Council will consider the officer's report, public and agency submissions and seek clarification where necessary. In this case, a Special Meeting is expected in May to allow a more free-flowing public question time and deputation process.



The merits, or otherwise, of the proposal will be debated in a respectful way with a recommendation made to the WAPC. That recommendation can be one of three; to accept, modify, or reject the structure plan.

Council must weigh up all the social, economic and environmental costs and benefits of this proposal in an unbiased and open-minded way. Councillor's personal views cannot inform Council's recommendation.

I appreciate particular individuals, groups or companies may hold strong views. However, it is the democratically-elected Council who is responsible for making the recommendation to the WAPC. The decision must be made in the interests of the whole district.

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 9 April 6.30pm

On the agenda this month:

- Structure Plan 77 - Various Lots - Lion Street, Bernard Street, Dean Street, Johnston Street, Hummerson Street Mount Helena.
- Annual Electors' Meeting Motions - Bushfire Planning
- New Policy - Community Leases

The meeting will be held at the Shire Administration Building, 7000 Great Eastern Hwy, Mundaring. View the agenda at the Administration Building, Shire libraries or website.



Local ANZAC Day services

ANZAC Day services will once again be held on 25 April at locations throughout the shire including Chidlow, Mundaring, Greenmount and Bellevue.

Details of services, including times and locations, will be advertised in next weekend's Echo newspaper and on the Shire website. Stay up to date at www.mundaring.wa.gov.au.



From Councillor Tony Brennan



WITH tourism a key priority on a national level, WA has developed its own Tourism in Western Australian Strategy 2020. It addresses current challenges and future goals.

In order for WA to align to the overall national direction towards boosting tourism, a collaborative approach across government agencies is required. This extends to local government. I'm pleased to say that within our shire, we're spoilt for choice in terms of having a variety of tourist destinations to promote to the broader community.

There's a variety of trails within the shire offering a range of activities such as bushwalking, cycling and horse riding. For example, all three are available on the Railway Reserves Heritage Trail.

The trail spans 59km of the old Eastern Railway, which in the late 1880s, linked Fremantle to York. The Railway Reserves Heritage Trail is popular with local residents

and visitors. People can either walk, cycle or ride their horse along the trail.

If you enjoy bushwalking, then the Eagle View Walk Trail is worth a visit. The 15km loop trail, located within John Forrest National Park, incorporates a variety of pristine habitats, spectacular views and wildflowers.

Also located within the shire is the CYO O'Connor Trail which offers a 4.7km walk through a picturesque jarrah forest. Starting at the Perth Hills Discovery Centre, the trail features a lookout which offers a fantastic view of Mundaring Weir.

For people who prefer swimming to walking, we are very fortunate to have Lake Leschenaultia in our shire. In fact, our lake was recently included in the RAC Horizon's magazine's 'Top 10 Best Inland Swimming Spots in WA'.

Lake Leschenaultia is one of the most popular locations among residents and

day trippers. It's great to see that event organisers throughout WA are also recognising the many benefits associated with choosing the lake as a venue.

For example, in 2018, we partnered with the Perth running group, Perth Trail Series, by offering them the lake as a venue to host their first ever ladies' only running event, known as Lake Lash Dash.

Of the 200 or so participants, almost 90% had either never been to the lake or hadn't visited in more than a decade! They were accompanied by dozens of family and friends on the day which led to a significant increase in clientele for local businesses.

The Lake Lash Dash is now scheduled to be a regular event on the shire's calendar. It's important to note that events such as this – and by encouraging more people to experience the many unique attractions our shire has to offer - have a positive flow-on effect for the local economy.

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