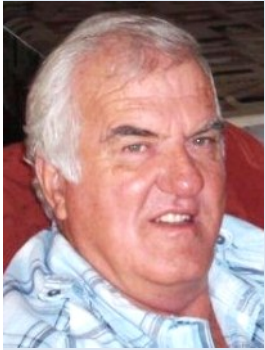




The Grapervine



I attended a meeting at Bullsbrook regarding the City of Swan commercial parking amendment number 40 to the Local Planning Scheme.

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the council staff were present. It was a 2 ¹/₂ hour meeting with very strong views put to council.

The meeting resolved and put to the Mayor that because of lack of consultation with the Bullsbrook residents that the group as a whole wanted him to go back to the councillors and withdraw the amendment. They have formed an action group.

We are continuing our lobbying on this important local matter.

Rod Henderson attended a meeting at the City of Swan with members of the Swan Valley Nyungah Community, councillors and officers. The SVPA was extended an invitation to attend with the Swan Valley Nyungah Community elders as we have been working to raise awareness with regard to the plight of homeless people in our region.

Discussions were about seeking advocacy support from the City of Swan to have the Lord Street camp reopened under a management plan. This was proposed by Ms Bella Bropho. I was unable to attend.

Regards,

Peter Enright, Chairman

Concert Venue - Amphitheatre Application

The SVPA received an overwhelming number of emails and calls opposing the Lancaster Wines development application.

A submission was prepared and sent to the City of Swan.

A petition has been prepared and is available for printing from the SVPA [website](http://www.svpa.com.au). Please ensure all signed petitions are returned to us by the 14 June for presentation to council at the 15 June meeting.

Reid Hwy and Lord St Traffic Lights

The SVPA has been actively lobbying for lights at this busy and dangerous intersection since before 2007.



By PAMELA MEDLEN

Swan Valley Progress Association chairman Rod Henderson says the intersection almost every day and said he regularly saw drivers taking risks.

"I think the biggest problem with the intersection is at the busiest time of the day," he said.

"It needs a slip lane for cars turning left from Lord Street on to Reid Highway, where the traffic queues up. People there run the stop sign. It's very dangerous."

He said it was clear the intersection needed traffic lights and the group had lobbied local and state governments on many occasions.

"We get the usual answers that they don't have the budget for it," he said.

"If they look at the reality, how many more people have to die at that intersection before the government does what has to be done."

At the November City of Swan elections meeting, the association lodged a motion for Black Spot funding for the intersection.

Mr Foley said the City of Swan would continue to monitor the situation and advocate on behalf of residents.

"Residents should be aware that as the intersection is not controlled by the city, queries and requests should be raised directly with Main Roads WA," Mr Foley said.

Main Roads project development manager Craig Woodriffs said the limit for Black Spot funding was \$5 million and the intersection upgrade would require up to \$6 million.

"The high cost is because of the large amount of fill required to widen Reid Highway to two lanes in each direction and the high cost of construction generally," Mr Woodriffs said.

Basenowen MLA Martin Whitley said he had also lobbied State Government to have the road widened.



Rod Henderson is calling for action at the intersection of Reid Highway and Lord Street. Picture: Swan Midland

Driver dies at junction

A 27-year-old man died when his car collided with another car near the intersection of Lord Street and Reid Highway in Middle Swan, on December 21.

East Metro Traffic Investigations senior consultant Archie Brook said the accident, which happened at 7.05pm, was being investigated.

The 27-year-old driver, from Kooberoona, died at the scene.

The 36-year-old Swan Vale man driving the other vehicle received leg injuries and was taken to Royal Perth Hospital.

Police, ambulances and fire and rescue officers took one hour to cut the injured man from his car.

Const. Brook said the man's leg was shattered between the knee and hipbone and he would need months of operations and rehabilitation.

Witnesses to the accident have come forward and police are still trying to determine the cause.

SVPA Secretary, Rod Henderson said that the announcement by transport minister Troy Buswell was welcome news to West Swan, Henley Brook, Aveley, Morgan Fields, Vines and Ellenbrook residents.

Rod said that most importantly it is the beginning of the Perth to Darwin highway, another key piece of infrastructure required for the region and the north west.

Perth Darwin Highway

Another welcomed announcement from the State government is the first stage of funding for road works design of the Perth to Darwin Highway with \$8 million being allocated. The road will carry high volume, rapid road transport into the north east corridor, to Muchea and onto the highways north.

Included in the road alignment is provision for public transport systems including rail and bus.

The sooner it starts the sooner traffic through the Swan Valley and Bullsbrook can be minimized.

More can be found on the **Roads** page of the SVPA website www.svpa.com.au and www.pdh1.com.au