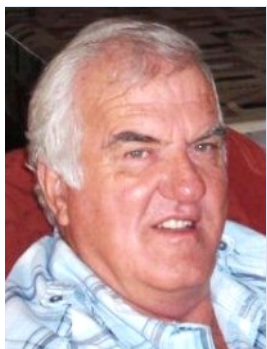




The Grapervine



Welcome to another SVPA news update, again another busy month on social issues. The committee facilitated a meeting with the WA Pony Club and the State Equestrian Centre CEO, Hamish Johnston to discuss various outstanding issues. A good outcome was achieved and we thanked Hamish for his assistance and for attending.

We have had three meetings with the Swan Valley Nyungah Community (SVNC) women regarding homeless & health issues. Also the lack of Government help in addressing the problem and reopening Lord St Camp which is not being used.

Rod and I attended a meeting with City of Swan (CoS) Mayor Charlie Zannino, Cr Mick Wainwright, CEO Mike Foley and Planner Steven Tan, regarding SVNC homeless and health. CoS told us that it is not their problem and we should talk to the State Government. How do you solve a problem or any others with that attitude, we expect better from the CoS.

The Committee had a meeting with WA Planning to discuss the commercial vehicle policy amendment that CoS approved. We want a Grandfather clause written into this amendment (use to be allowed until discontinued by the current owner). Another meeting with Minister for Planning John Day is to be organised before the amendment is gazetted.

Discussions were held with MRD Safety Auditor Bruce King regarding Lord St Extension between Benara Rd and Reid Highway. We are concerned that money will be wasted on West Swan Rd changes. The SVPA position is to direct urban traffic towards Lord St rather than significant increase in traffic being funnelled down the tourist route on West Swan Road and through Guildford.

Regards,

Peter Enright, Chairman

Caversham Airbase

At the end of last year the SVPA presented motions at the City of Swan Annual Electors Meeting. One of these motions was to ask for repairs to the fence surrounding the Caversham Airbase:-

That the City of Swan works with the Swan Valley Progress Association Inc. to:

- Review and remove exotic species that are and have invaded the Bush Forever Caversham Airbase area and develop an eradication program in conjunction with the responsible State government agency.
- Seek grants to repair or upgrade the fencing to ensure that kangaroo's are safely bound inside the airbase.

With the long dry summer, many kangaroo's were getting through the fence and crossing Harrow St looking for food. Many had been killed and significant damage done to cars as a result.

It's good to see that repairs to the fence has been effective limiting the number of roo's on the road.

There have however been numerous vandal acts with the fence being cut by trail bike riders so that they can access the area for their recreation. Residents are encouraged to contact City of Swan rangers on 9267 9267 should they see or hear riders in the airbase. Photographs would be useful.



City of Swan 2030 Planning

14 April, SVPA committee members attended the City of Swan planning session at Caversham Hall. Significant interest was shown from rural residents with more than fifty people in attendance compared to one meeting where less than ten people turned out in an urban locality. Clearly the rural community is much more focused on our future.