



APRIL 2020



SHIRE OF VICTORIA PLAINS

YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



ANZAC DAY
Lest We Forget

COVID-19

March 31st 2020



SHIRE OFFICE

- Open to the public by appointment only.
- Telephone ahead for private time slot.
- DOT Licensing via appointments Tue & Fri **9.00am-12.00pm**
- Phone & email



BENDIGO BANK AGENCY

- Appointment only
Tue & Fri
9.30am-12.30pm.
- Increased sanitising of ATM.



LIBRARY

- Closed until further notice.

PUBLIC FACILITIES

- Increased cleaning
- Reduced number of open Public Toilets.
- Halls, Gym & Rec. Centre closed until further notice.
- Playgrounds & skate ramp closed until further notice.
- Ovals & outdoor areas remain open only to small gatherings less than 2 people.



CARAVAN & CAMPING

- Caravan Parks closed to non-essential visitors until further notice.
- Overnight rest areas closed



TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

- Enforced by the State from midnight Tue 31st Mar. Visit State Gov Website for

Further Information via the Covid19 Links @

State Gov www.wa.gov.au **Commonwealth** www.australia.gov.au

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reception@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au

Shire Presidents Report ...

Our Shire has faced several disruptions & heartache over the last few months. Fire, storms and the loss of much-loved members of our community. You should be proud of the resilience you have shown. You've helped those in need and banded together to get the job done. COVID-19 will be no different. It will require temporary measures and a whole community approach. Rest assure, your Shire Staff & Council are working together with you, to minimise the disruption & impact. We will get through this time.



The Government of Western Australia has declared a State of Emergency and a Public Health Emergency in response to the Coronavirus. The State Pandemic Plan sets out the role Local Government plays.

The Shire's Local Recovery Co-ordination Group (LRCG) has been activated and are meeting several times a week to plan & measure our response. The Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) is also in activation, allowing the Shire to co-ordinate with external agencies such as police, ambulance etc.

The CEO activated the Business Continuity Plan to ensure essential business continues during the emergency. Ms Teede gathers advice from the LRCG, LEMC, State Government & the Commonwealth before formulating the staff directives. Several State & Federal directives have impacted facilities & services provided by the Shire and our response is communicated to the community in our COVID-19 updates.

The West Australian Local Government Association, through their State Council, is encouraging Local Governments to consider a suite of actions in response to COVID-19, if they have the capacity to do so. Setting the 20-21 financial budget with a 0% rate rise is just one of the items they're encouraging Councils to consider. The Shire's CEO will work with the Financial Consultant on budget models that Council can consider during the 20-21 budget preparation.

I encourage our community to follow reliable sources of information during this time. Please refer to the COVID-19 links on the following pages.

State Government www.wa.gov.au

Federal Government www.australia.gov.au

The Shire of Victoria Plains is your 3rd level of government and will operate in a safe & responsible manner during this time. We continue to monitor & adjust to the situation as time progresses.

During times of emergency we realise how important accurate information really is. In the early stages of COVID-19 the Shire undertook a public mail drop to ensure information reached individuals. I encourage you to join the shire's email database, to ensure you have access to future information in a timely manner. If you have received that message via email, you are already on the Presidents communication list. If you would like to join communication list, please send your email, name & location to reception@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au or phone/text me directly on 0416131837

Other sources of Shire information.

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/VictoriaPlainsShire/>

Website <https://www.victoriaplains.wa.gov.au/>

Newsletter Distributed the first week of each month

Mail drop - As required through COVID-19 period

Let's be sensible during this time, look after each other and focus on the positives.

Cr. Pauline Bantock

Shire President

From the Chambers...

Council undertook its Statutory Budget Review at the March Ordinary Council Meeting. The outcome of the review forecast a deficit at \$541,790 as at the 30 June 2020. Several factors had effect on the original budget proposed by Council. A \$66,667 contribution to the wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network (WSFN) Project, the delay in start of the Ag-Lime Project Route 2 which proposed surplus funds of \$250,000 in the 19-20 financial year, projected increases in legal fees of \$70,000 and a change in the opening position deficit to \$155,123.

To account for the changed forecast, Council accepted a number of adjustments to the remainder of the 19-20 budget, including;

- deferring the gravel re-sheeting of Duggan Rd to the next financial year,
- increasing road grading maintenance by \$50,000 while deferring \$50,000 of bitumen maintenance and \$45,000 of tree lopping until the next financial year.
- Several other allocations could be reduced due to minimal need for expenditure throughout the year, for example staff housing maintenance & depot maintenance.
- A \$70,000 loan will be applied for, to allow for the Shire's contribution to the WSFN. Council viewed the expenditure on this road network as a long-term capital asset.

The review allowed Council to project a balanced budget as resolved in resolution 2003-04

Since the March Council Ordinary Meeting, COVID-19 has impacted Australia to a greater extent. Council can adjust their budget at any point, through a formal vote of Council. The Shire's CEO will continue to work with the executive on the impacts of the emergency and present information to Council for voting when required.

Item 8.5 saw Council accept the Shire's 2019 Annual Report and set the Annual Electors Meeting. Part 3 of Resolution 2003-06, observed the requirements of COVID-19 on the Annual Electors meeting and asked the CEO to develop an appropriate plan for holding the general meeting of electors, should it proceed. The CEO is awaiting advice from the Minister & Department of Local Government before further announcements are made.

April Ordinary Council Meeting - Tuesday 21st 2pm **Calingiri Council Chamber**

The Shire President, In consultation with the CEO [Admin. Reg. 14D(3) & (4)] determines the April Ordinary Council meeting on the 21st April 2020 be conducted under eMeeting platform (combination of in person and participating via telephone/video conferencing) and;

In accordance with Admin. Regulation 14E(3) determines the eMeeting will be considered as being open to the public through making the unconfirmed Minutes publicly available in accordance with Admin. Regulation 13.

Recent changes have been made to the Local Government Administration Regulations and these determinations are in response to the declaration of a Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency made on the 15th March 2020. They allow Councillors to participate in the meeting by telephone / video conferencing. It allows the Shire to conform to social gathering restrictions and provide opportunity for the public to ask their public questions without attending the meeting. This should be in writing to the President by 4pm the day prior to the meeting

CEO Report ...

This time last month, the Shire, Western Australia and indeed the world looked a very different place.

Between what at times seems like hourly updates regarding COVID-19, and the seriousness of the situation, we are all adapting to our new reality.

I ask residents to work with the Shire and show all businesses and organisations that remain open during this difficult time, respect, patience and support.

A number of official sources of information for WA residents include:

✓WA Gov - www.wa.gov.au/covid19

✓WA Department of Health information site and hotline – www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/coronavirus
1800 020 080

✓Aust Gov Coronavirus App

✓COVID-19 enquiries line 13COVID (132 68 43)

On another note, our mental health is of significant importance particularly at this time and there are many options for reaching out to access help. A number of options include:

✓Beyond Blue - 1300 22 4636

✓Crisis Line -13 11 14

✓Men's Line Australia – 1300 78 9978

✓Kids Help Line – 180055 1800

✓Happiness Co - <https://www.facebook.com/happinesco.org/>

✓Australia Red Cross – <https://www.redcross.org.au/get-help/emergencies>

There are going to be new ways moving forward to conduct Council Meetings, including the Ordinary Council Meeting.

Electronic means of meetings has been raised as a matter of urgency for all levels of Government including Local Government. It is a good time to note that regarding the District's proposed Omnibus Amendment, the following statement was made:

"The Dept of Planning, Lands and Heritage are supportive of the Omnibus Amendment proposal and made comment that our Shire Planner is "doing a good job trying to get that through with the view this has been a long time coming".

These are historic times and we look forward to working with our residents to seek assistance when required, exercise discretion, particularly in regard to travel and as we do so well as a community, continue looking out for each other.

#StayHomeStaySafe #WeAreAllInThisTogether#

Glenda Teede

Chief Executive Officer

Shire of Victoria Plains



Image Supplied: Australian Red Cross

Works Report ...

March was busy for the Works Department, with much of our workforce progressing roadworks on the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network Project. The results are starting to have a visual impact. However, in consultation with the WSN Committee, it was announced the project would need to be delayed due to the impact of COVID-19. Something unfortunately outside the Shire's control. The project will recommence as soon as practical.

The 19-20 bitumen road sealing program is part way through, with a small section completed on Gillingarra-Glentromie Rd, the 3.65km section on New Norcia-Gillingarra Rd has commenced and the 12km / 7.5m wide sealing on Bolgart East Road will be underway shortly.

Our works crews will be carrying out bitumen patching on the Ag-Lime Route from Gingin through to Goomalling boundary, then moving onto the Toodyay-Bindi Bindi Rd from Toodyay to Moora Boundary. Wongan-Waddington East & West Rd, Glentromie-Yerecoin Rd and Yerecoin SE Rd will be next.

The Shire's Grader is carrying out maintenance on various roads, noting there is no school bus activity at present. Other items of Shire plant will be undertaking private works, which aids the budget's bottom line.

The Bolgart & Calingiri tip continue to be manned by Shire Staff. The Shire will be accepting clean empty chemical containers at the Bolgart & Calingiri tip sites during opening times. An appointment will be necessary. Please ring Phil on 96287232 during normal business hours.

With no sporting fixtures, the ovals will have time to flourish with cooler temps and ample water. Our Staff will continue to mow & level the surface.

The kitchen ceiling at the Calingiri Hall has been replaced through insurance after damage occurred during the recent hailstorm. Many other storm damage items have been attended to, including windows at the Mogumber Hall & Library.

The Mogumber public toilets have been closed to the public during the period of COVID-19 and the Shire is installing hygiene methods in other locations. The community BBQ's will be out of service during this time.

A video conference system has been installed at the Council Chamber to cater for the COVID-19 State of Emergency, with technical aspects completed by the Shire's own Community Emergency Services Manager Nic Parry, saving installation cost & delays.

The Works Department are following the guidelines put in place for this period of COVID-19. Happy to be providing the essential services of Local Government and providing employment.

Robert Edwards

Works Manager

Shire of Victoria Plains





media statement

Time of issue: 12:21 PM
Date of issue: 31 March 2020

New restricted burning periods in place for April

Land owners in the southern half of the State who plan to burn on their properties in April will need to obtain a permit from their Local Government.

As of tomorrow, 1 April 2020, new Restricted Burning Times will come into effect for all 129 Local Governments from the Midwest Gascoyne through to the Great Southern.

The new timeframe extends through to 30 April 2020.

Residents in Local Government areas that planned to cease their Prohibited Burning Time on 30 April 2020 are unaffected by the changes.

Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner Darren Klemm AFSM said in these uncertain times the new timeframe would help reduce the potential of out of control burns for volunteer firefighters.

"We are still in the grips of an active bushfire season, and this risk is not likely to ease for a number of weeks," Commissioner Klemm said.

"Over the past two years fire crews have faced significant bushfires across southern WA at this time of year, many of which were caused by private burns that got out of control."

Commissioner Klemm said by obtaining a permit, and therefore registering burning intentions with Local Government, land owners would be helping their communities easily and quickly identify fire activities in their area.

"These restrictions mean Local Governments can ensure land owners who need to undertake burns, such as those in the agricultural sector for primary production purposes, can continue to do so while not putting unnecessary pressure on our firefighters," he said.

Dependent on the circumstances of the offence, land owners who undertake burning without the required permit can face fines of up to \$10,000.

For more information about obtaining a permit, contact your Local Government.

Media Contact: DFES Media and Corporate Communications 9395 9543



Ordinary Council Meeting

Will be held
Tuesday,
21st April 2020
commencing at 2:00pm in
Calingiri

Confidential Matters

When sending confidential matters to the Shire CEO; Please ensure emails are forwarded to

ceo@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au

Labelled 'Private and Confidential'

Restricted burning season extended until 30 April 2020 on instruction from the fire and emergency services commissioner.

Permits are Required

1 meter square piles of garden refuse can be burnt after 6pm and fully extinguished by 11pm without a permit.

Responsible Pet Ownership



Being a responsible pet owner isn't only rewarding for you, it's also rewarding for your beloved pet.

Being a responsible pet owner you should have your pet:

- Microchipped
- Sterilised
- Registered with the Shire

Registering your pet with the Shire helps us get them home if they have been found. No pet wants to be abandoned or feel lost.

As of the 1st November all Dog and Cat registrations are due.

If you haven't registered your pet yet, contact the Shire on 9628 7004



NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION CUTOFF

Newsletter submissions are due by
1.00pm on 24th April 2020

All submissions to be emailed to
reception@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au

Late submissions may not be
accepted

DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

Did you know the Shire offers digital copies of the Newsletter?

Simply email reception@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au to register for a digital copy.



Shire of Victoria Plains Libraries Closed

Further to the Premier's Announcement on 23 March 2020, the Calingiri, Mogumber and Bolgart Libraries will be closed until further notice.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.



Rubbish Tip Hours

Calingiri

Wednesday 9:00am - 11.30am

Saturday 12:00pm - 3.30pm

Sunday 9:00am - 1:00pm

Bolgart

Wednesday 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Saturday 9.00am - 11.30am

Sunday 1.30pm - 3:30pm

(Rubbish tip now run by part time shire employee)



SOLOMONS BROOK PORK

Pork Sides (approx. 30 kg) home delivered.

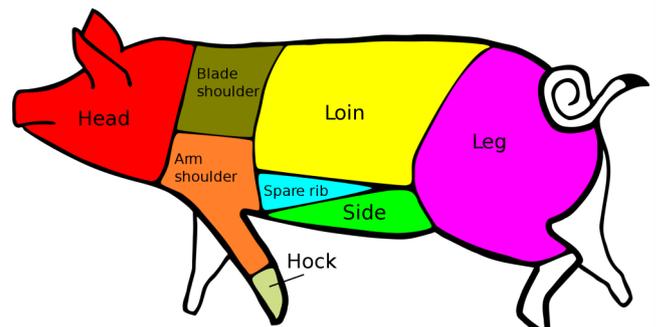
These are home grown pigs processed at Linley Valley.

Fresh sides for the home butcher \$6 / kg.

Order now for April deliveries.

Phone: David or Valerie on 96275248

(until 9pm and weekends).



ANZAC BISCUITS

We make ANZAC biscuits to help us celebrate ANZAC Day.

During World War 1 wives, relatives and friends sent ANZAC biscuits to soldiers serving overseas. This recipe was chosen because the biscuits kept well for quite a while and did not easily spoil while travelling to the soldiers.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup rolled oats
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 cup desiccated coconut
- 1 cup plain flour (sifted)
- 1 level teaspoon bicarb soda
- 2 tablespoons golden syrup
- 125gr butter
- 2 tablespoons water



Method:

1. Preheat oven to 150 degrees C
2. Grease the oven/ biscuit tray you are going to cook the biscuits on
or
line the tray with baking paper
3. Put the rolled oats, sugar, coconut and sifted flour into a basin and mix well
4. Put the butter, water and golden syrup into a small saucepan and stir over a low heat until the butter is fully melted
5. Remove from the heat and stir in the bicarb soda
6. Mix well
7. Pour into the dry ingredients and mix well until fully combined
8. Using a teaspoon, drop small pieces of mixture onto the oven/biscuit tray
9. Press down slightly with a fork
10. Bake in a moderate oven (150 degrees C) until golden brown.





ANZAC DAY

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ANZAC Day 2020

As per advice from the RSLWA the ANZAC Day service in the Shire of Victoria Plains has been cancelled due to the concerns of coronavirus.

Dawn services have also been cancelled.

The Australian War Memorial in Canberra will conduct a private, nationally televised ANZAC Day Commemorative Service on the 25th April 2020.

The Shire of Victoria Plains War Memorial Warden and Chair of the Shire's ANZAC Day Commemorative Advisory Group, Mr Gary McGill, will raise the Australian and New Zealand national flags to half-mast from morning to sundown as advised by RSLWA. He will also lay a wreath at the foot of the obelisk on behalf of the people of Victoria Plains.

We respectfully asked there be no congregations at the War Memorial, as per the present Commonwealth & State Government advice.



Shire of Victoria Plains – Staff changes

Saoirse Kelly

(Pronounced - Searsha)

Customer Service Officer- Administration.

As the new Customer Service Officer – Administration, I have the responsibility for publishing the monthly newsletter, Bendigo bank duties, general office duties including attending to Customer queries, directing queries to the correct department, liaising with agencies and local businesses whilst providing efficient service to the residents of the Shire of Victoria Plains. My short-term goal is to attend Department of Transport training to provide a range of services to our Residents with their licensing queries. On a personal note, I have been living in Australia for five years, emigrating from Ireland, and residing in the Shire of Victoria plains for over three of those years in Glentromie. I received permanent residency in June 2019 and hope to eventually apply and receive Australian Citizenship. I very much look forward to working with the residents of the Shire of Victoria Plains.



Brianna Wilson

Customer Service Officer – Library

As the new Customer Service Officer – Library, I very much look forward to working with the community in this role assisting with both Customer Service and with any library queries you may have. I currently live in the Town of Toodyay, south of the Shire of Victoria Plains. I relocated from metropolitan Perth and have lived in the wheatbelt for the past four years. My role will consist of administrative and customer service duties mostly. However, I also work in the library to restock and source specially requested literature, assist with library events such as liaising with schools for Library week, maintain the library area and assist with other librarian duties when required. I am still training but will soon upskill in the areas of banking and licensing to assist my colleagues.



We would both like to thank Glenda and the team at the Shire of Victoria Plains for this learning and working opportunity and we look forward to serving the residents of the Shire of Victoria Plains.

Indeed, as both staff are learning their new roles, your patience and understanding at this time is certainly appreciated!



Shire of Victoria Plains

Updated changes due to COVID-19

For Bendigo Bank and Department of transport



Bendigo Bank – Tuesdays and Fridays 9.30am-12.30pm please phone for an appointment.



Department of
Transport

Department of Transport Calingiri open *Tuesday's and Fridays 9am-12pm* by appointment only please phone 96287004 or email – reception@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au

Department of Transport Wongan Hills at the Community Resource Centre (CRC) open ***Monday-Friday 9am-1.30pm*** by appointment only please phone 96711691 or email crc@wongan.wa.gov.au

Please phone ahead for your private appointment for essential Shire business to be conducted.



MANAGING YOUR PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH DURING COVID19

Lifeline WA understands that Coronavirus might leave some people feeling anxious. We want to remind everyone that the Lifeline WA crisis support service – 13 11 14 - is available 24 hours a day for anyone feeling overwhelmed during this period. Please reach out and encourage your friends, family and community to ask for help if they are struggling. Now more than ever, it is important that we all stay connected. Like every other business now, Lifeline WA must review events and activities, but we are determined to continue with our mission of putting a stop to suicide in Western Australia.

Lifeline WA wants our communities to stay safe and calm. We have created a list of techniques and powerful tools that may help.

In recent weeks, our communities have received a large amount of information about the Coronavirus that has left many feeling anxious, confused and helpless. We know that keeping up to date with the right information is an important part of reacting to the disease safely and supporting our community. How can we do this without becoming overwhelmed by stories and statistics?

Lifeline WA want our communities to stay safe and calm. Here are some techniques and tools that may help you during this period.

- Look for up to date information on credible websites such as <https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert> rather than news channels and social media that create an environment of fear to gain the highest viewing figures.
- Anxiety can come from a sense of being 'out of control' so try to focus on elements that you can control. Wash your hands, clean your house or plan healthy meals from what you have in your cupboards.
- Remember we have recovered from previous international health concerns before e.g. Measles, SARS, Ebola. Things will return to normal given time.
- Check in on each other and remember that social distancing does not mean shutting off from the rest of the world. Social media, telephone communication and video



telecommunications such as Skype is even more essential during this period so check in on your family and friends on a regular basis. Catch up with that friend you've been meaning to call for ages! Social connectedness helps us to stay mentally well. If you do find yourself getting tired or drained after supporting others, remember to take time to recharge your batteries and do something nice for yourself.

- Remember your values. Most people are good, kind and considerate of others. Fear can make people react in an angry manner that is out of character for them. Check in *with how* you are feeling and try not to judge others.
- Limit your consumption of media and social media by stepping away from your electronic devices and reading a book or listening to music. Get active! Play games, do a puzzle.
- If you find yourself frequently worrying about the future, practice mindfulness to focus your attention and calm your mind. Sit quietly and take three slow deep breaths, being conscious of feeling the air come into your body and slowly exhale. Ensure that your feet are flat on the floor and your hands are relaxed.
- The psychological benefits of walking in the outdoors are well known so if you do not need to self-isolate, take a Do remember to maintain social distancing and recommended hygiene practices. If you do have to self-isolate but you have outside space, march on the or take a walk around your garden.
- If you are self-isolating and not working, set yourself some daily challenges with a friend or group so that you still have sense of routine and achievement. This could be something healthy, creative or mindful and be sure to check in daily and encourage everyone to stay motivated.

It is important that we come together as a community and support each other through the next few months. Please remember that Lifeline WA's 13 11 14 crisis support service is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and we exist to support you in times of crisis. Please reach out to us or encourage your friends, family and community to reach out if they are struggling.





The Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources is now accepting Expressions of Interest (EOIs) for Round One of the Boosting Female Founders (BFF) Initiative.

The BFF Initiative (or program) aims to help female founders to access early stage capital to grow their start-ups in national and international markets.

The program will provide grants between \$25,000 and \$400,000 on a co-contribution basis to successful applicants. It will run over three years from 2020–21 to 2022–23, with \$6 million available for Round One.

Eligible EOIs will be accepted until 14 April 2020 5pm AEST.

Who can apply?

Eligible female founded (majority owned and led by women) start-ups can apply.

The startup must be at least 50 per cent women owned (equity or shares) and at least 50 per cent of the founding team or senior managers must be women.

A startup is an early stage, innovative or disruptive business that is working on a new or novel product, service or has a different business model. The startup must be scalable — able to grow quickly and has the potential to address large national and international markets.

The full eligibility criteria can be found at business.gov.au/BFF

Inform your community

You can tell people about this opportunity via your social media channels by sharing information from twitter.com/business_gov_au or facebook.com/business.gov.au or linkedin.com/company/business.gov.au

You can also link to business.gov.au/BFF to provide your community with more information about the application process, including how to submit an EOI.

All eligible female startup founders are encouraged to apply, including those from underrepresented groups, such as founders:

in regional or remote areas of Australia
who have a disability
of Indigenous businesses
who are first generation migrants and/or refugees.

What happens after an EOI is submitted?

The department will assess all EOIs submitted against the eligibility criteria and eligible EOIs will be considered by an Independent Assessment Committee.

Successful EOI applicants will then be invited to submit a Stage Two grant application.

Need more info?

Visit business.gov.au/BFF.

If you have any questions, please contact us at BFF@industry.gov.au



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2005

LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

**SHIRE OF VICTORIA PLAINS LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME NO.5
AMENDMENT NO.2 (OMNIBUS PROPOSAL)**

Notice is hereby given that the Victoria Plains Shire Council has resolved, pursuant to Section 75 of the *Planning and Development Act 2005*, to amend the above Local Planning Scheme to address a number of issues that have arisen and changes that have occurred since the Scheme was first approved and gazetted in March 2012 and subsequently amended in September 2017 (i.e. Amendment No.1) to align it with the requirements of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*.

Documents and plans setting out and explaining the scheme amendment proposal are available for inspection at the Shire Administration Centre, 28 Cavell Street, Calingiri and in the Public Notices section of the Shire's website (www.victoriaplains.wa.gov.au).

Comments on the proposal are now invited and can be emailed to reception@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au or posted to the Shire's Chief Executive Officer at PO Box 21 CALINGIRI WA 6569. All submissions must include the following information:

- Your name, address and contact telephone number;
- How your interests are affected whether as a private citizen, on behalf of a company or other organisation, or as an owner or occupier of property;
- Address of property affected (if applicable); and
- Whether your submission is in support of or objecting to the proposal, either in part or in whole, and any reasons supporting your comments.

Comments on the scheme amendment proposal may be submitted to the local government on or before **Friday 15 May 2020**.

All submissions received may be made public at a Council meeting and included in a Council Agenda, which will be available on the Shire's website in due course, unless a submission specifically requests otherwise.

**GLENDA TEEDE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SHIRE OF VICTORIA PLAINS**



Shire of Victoria Plains

Community Information Session – Proposed Omnibus Amendment to Local Planning Scheme No.5

Further to the Premier's recent announcements regarding Public Meetings, the Community Information Session - Omnibus Amendment, which was scheduled to be held on 16 April 2020 at the Calingiri Community Centre, has now been cancelled.

However, should you have any queries regarding the Omnibus Proposal, please telephone or email the Shire's Town Planner Mr Joe Douglas on 0429 303 100 or joe@urp.com.au who will be pleased to assist with any queries you may have.



**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
PROPOSED OMNIBUS AMENDMENT
SHIRE OF VICTORIA PLAINS LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME NO.5**

The Shire of Victoria Plains has prepared some additional information to clarify the purpose, intent and potential implications of various elements of the abovementioned scheme amendment proposal.

The information has been prepared in response to a two page document currently being circulated throughout the Shire by an unknown source encouraging people to object to the proposal in its entirety for reasons the Shire considers are false and misleading.

The additional information, is in small print onto the following pages or available on the Shire's website (<https://www.victoriaplains.wa.gov.au/publicnotices/local-planning-scheme-no-5-amendments-submissions/20>) on Friday 3 April, responds to and addresses the various assertions made to ensure:

the local community has a clear and more accurate understanding of what is proposed and why; and
people do not rely on the information contained in the aforementioned two page document if they choose to prepare and lodge a formal submission during public advertising which is scheduled to finish on Friday 15 May 2020.

If you do not have internet access, please contact the shire office 96287004 to arrange alternate options for view the extra information.

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The following comments are provided in direct response to the various assertions made to ensure the local community has a clear, more accurate understanding of what is proposed and why. It is therefore hoped that people do not rely upon the information contained in the aforementioned two page document if they choose to prepare and lodge a formal submission during public advertising which is scheduled to finish on Friday 15 May 2020. If they do it's highly likely their comments will be dismissed on the basis they are unfounded and/or technically incorrect.

1. *Cancellation of home businesses will occur, even if approval has been granted. This can be based on reports from the neighbourhood, and Council can revoke your approval.*

Comment:

A new provision is proposed to be incorporated in Local Planning Scheme No.5 giving Council the express power to withdraw a development approval granted for a Home Occupation, Home Business, Home Store or Rural Home Business if it forms the view any such use is causing a nuisance or annoyance to other owners or occupiers of land in the neighbourhood. Any view formed in this regard is required to be based upon clear, unequivocal evidence.

Before a final decision is made to withdraw development approval, every effort will be made to discuss the issues of concern with the business operator and those affected to find a workable solution for all parties. Such decisions are never taken lightly by Council as it is recognised they often have far-reaching implications for the affected business operator.

Withdrawal of development approval is a final option that would only occur in circumstances where the issues are unable to be resolved in a constructive and timely manner. The provision also makes allowance for the affected business operator to obtain a further approval from Council for the same use, if they so choose, and can demonstrate how it will be managed to minimise any further negative impacts on the local neighbourhood.

2. *No home businesses (or businesses with residences attached) allowed, unless extensive council approval (DA) is granted and this is only for 12months operation ONLY.*

Comment:

With the introduction of the Shire's previous Town Planning Scheme No.4 on 9 April 1999, all landowners were required to seek and obtain Council's development approval for the establishment of any new home based business from that date forward. Such use was listed as being 'discretionary' in the Residential, Commercial, Rural and Rural Residential zones meaning it was not permitted without Council's formal approval. The requirement for Council's development approval for any new home based business was carried over into the Shire's current Local Planning Scheme No.5 and still applies today (i.e. the proposed Omnibus Amendment hasn't introduced anything new in this regard).

A development application for a home based business cannot reasonably be considered as being complex or difficult and expensive to prepare. In all cases landowners are simply required to:

- i) complete a development application form;
- ii) prepare a covering letter explaining their proposal;
- iii) provide a recent aerial photograph of the land (e.g. Google Maps, Google Earth, Landgate etc.) showing where vehicles associated with the proposed use will be parked; and
- iv) prepare a simple floor plan of the dwelling showing the location and dimensions of the room/s within which the use will be conducted.

A new provision is proposed to be incorporated in Local Planning Scheme No.5 limiting the term of an approval for a home based business to 12 months with a requirement for business operators to seek approval for a further 12 month term. This provision is proposed as a safeguard to ensure home based businesses continue to operate safely and with minimal impact on other owners or occupiers of land in the neighbourhood. It should however be noted Council has significant discretion to extend the term of any development approval issued for a longer period if it so chooses having regard for the circumstances of each case.

Lastly, it's important to note that if any landowner established a home based business on their property prior to 9 April 1999 and has continually operated such use since that time, they are not required to seek and obtain Council's development approval to continue doing so (i.e. yearly renewals are not required).

Furthermore, if any landowner wishes to establish and operate a home office directly associated with any authorised business activity on their land (e.g. a broadacre farm), they too are not required to seek and obtain Council's development approval to do so (i.e. such use is considered incidental to the predominant approved use of the land and is therefore classified as being permitted).

3. *Home businesses face financial ruin every 12 months. Onerous re- application and re- assessment to council, to run all home operations regardless, will occur every 12months, and may not be approved.*

Comment:

The application fee payable to the Shire on a yearly basis for approval to continue operating a home based business is \$73.00 with GST not applicable. Aside from completing the Shire's development application form, no other information is required to

be provided by landowners if there are no changes to what was originally approved by Council. As such any suggestion the approval process is financially ruinous, onerous and complex is considered misleading and incorrect.

Should a home business operator face extenuating financial circumstances, Council also has significant discretion to waive the application fee payable if it so chooses as a measure of support and encouragement.

4. *Investors not able to buy Victoria Plains businesses. Business buyer confidence will be destroyed because approvals to operate will not be transferable. The new owner would need to submit a DA through council prior to operating the business; this may be rejected, but at best will only be for 12 months before resubmission will be required.*

Comment:

Home based businesses are discretionary in nature and only permitted where Council is satisfied they are small in scale, incidental to the predominant approved use of land for residential purposes, will be operated by an occupant of the dwelling and unlikely to cause any nuisance or annoyance to other owners or occupiers of land in the neighbourhood.

Such businesses are not meant to be scalable in a residential environment given the significant potential for negative impacts and should not therefore be transferable to:

- i) other persons not residing in the dwelling whose business intentions and methods are unknown; or
- ii) any other property where the impacts could be unacceptable and give rise to complaints.

Some new provisions are therefore proposed to be included in Local Planning Scheme No.5 to include some general conditions applicable to all approvals that:

- a) limit the ability to transfer or assign an approval for a home based business to any other person;
- b) allow Council to cancel an approval for a home based business if there is a change in the occupier of the land in respect of which the approval was issued; and
- c) ensure the person to whom the original development approval was granted does not carry on those activities at any other premises within the Shire without Council's formal development approval.

5. *No advertising on signs or on buildings unless you submit full planning, consultancy and preparation to gain Council approval via the DA process.*

Comment:

Schedule 5 in Local Planning Scheme No.5 provides details of all advertising signs currently permitted to be erected without the need for Council's development approval. The list of uses in Schedule 5 for which signage is permitted as-of-right is intentionally broad to minimise the need for people to seek and obtain Council's development approval (i.e. the majority of advertising signs do not require Council's formal approval).

Whilst the purpose and intent of Schedule 5 is understood by town planning professionals and others in the property development industry, no clear reference is made in the 'General Development Requirements' section of Local Planning Scheme No.5 (i.e. Part 4) explaining the circumstances under which Council's development approval is and isn't required for advertising signage. The inclusion of a new clause in the Scheme that gives meaning and purpose to Schedule 5 is therefore proposed for both clarity and certainty.

Lastly, it should be noted the application process for advertising signage is not complex or expensive and can typically be completed by landowners on their own with the assistance of professional signage contractors if and when required.

6. *Only 1 single house allowed on farming properties. Any proposed additional house will need strong evidence substantiated against the demands and financials of the farming enterprise. Full DA required.*

Comment:

The development of more than one (1) single house on any Rural zoned land in the Shire has not been permitted as-of-right since the introduction of the Shire's previous Town Planning Scheme No.4 on 9 April 1999 and is still restricted by the Shire's current Local Planning Scheme No.5 (i.e. only one single house is currently permitted on any Rural zoned lot). This reflects guidance provided at State level to ensure additional dwellings on rural land do not undermine its productive capacity for agricultural purposes and/or create pressure for further subdivision development.

Council recognises that in certain circumstances there may be significant benefits of allowing for the development of more than one (1) single house on Rural zoned land in the Shire, particularly where additional housing is required for agricultural production or tourist development purposes. As such, it is seeking to amend Local Planning Scheme No.5 to provide greater flexibility in this regard subject to compliance with a range of criterion and standards.

It should be noted the provision of financial information by landowners to justify their case for approval for additional housing on their Rural zoned property is not a relevant planning consideration and will not therefore be required. To suggest otherwise is factually incorrect and misleading.

7. *Stock removal or reduction will be ordered by council. Officers and council will determine overgrazing, land/scape degradation, and soil erosion and in accordance with their 'opinion' make an order to have you remove your stock from your rural zoned (farming) property.*

Comment:

A new provision is proposed to be incorporated in Local Planning Scheme No.5 giving Council the express power to issue an order to any owner of Rural zoned land in the Shire requiring a reduction in the number, or total removal, of livestock if, in Council's opinion, over-grazing by livestock is causing degradation to the landscape or land degradation that may lead to soil erosion.

Any view formed in this regard is again required to be based upon clear, unequivocal evidence as well as advice from the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development and the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.

Before a final decision is made to issue an order requiring the removal of livestock, every effort will be made to discuss the issues of concern with the relevant landowner and find a workable solution to minimise any further negative impacts. Any decision requiring the total removal of livestock from a property will not be taken lightly by Council and is a final option that would only occur in circumstances where the issues are unable to be resolved in a constructive and timely manner.

8. *No access granted from your property to local (Shire), State or Commonwealth roads. The Shire, regardless of their actual power or jurisdiction, will assume the role of other government departments in limiting your access to roads. If your property has no access, this disables use of your land for any purpose.*

Comment:

A new provision is proposed to be incorporated in Local Planning Scheme No.5 to establish clear parameters for dealing with and determining development applications involving land abutting an unconstructed road or a lot which does not have frontage to a constructed road.

The current lack of guidance and controls governing the future development and use of land without dedicated and constructed road access is highly problematic and can often lead to disputes and complaints in circumstances where people need to cross other privately owned land to access the public road network. Invariably local government authorities are asked to get involved and help resolve such disputes which leads to additional unnecessary administrative and cost burdens.

It should be noted the proposed amendment to Local Planning Scheme No.5 will not have any effect whatsoever on landowners whose property already has direct frontage and access to a dedicated and constructed roadway irrespective if it's a local road controlled by the Shire or a State Road controlled by Main Roads WA. Any suggestion otherwise is factually incorrect and unfounded.

9. *Compulsory connection to Watercorp reticulated sewerage required regardless of your location or the location of any current Watercorp infrastructure. If the "opinion" of a council officer, is that your lot/site/land is unsuitable for wastewater disposal they can demand you connect to Watercorp infrastructure. As reticulated sewerage does not exist in most of regional WA, including most of VP shire, this attractive blocker can be employed by shire staff primarily to halt use of your land.*

Comment:

New provisions are proposed to be incorporated in Local Planning Scheme No.5 to reflect the guidance provided in the recently introduced Government Sewerage Policy (2019). It's important to note Council is legally obliged to have due regard for the requirements of this policy when considering new development proposals to ensure suitable arrangements are made with respect to effluent disposal.

In the Calingiri and Yerecoin townships where reticulated sewerage disposal infrastructure is currently available, Council will generally require connection to this infrastructure for any new residential and other developments on lots comprising a total area less than 2,000m². Council may however permit further development on such lots without the need to connect to reticulated sewerage if it can be demonstrated that reticulated sewerage cannot be provided at reasonable cost and an alternative means of effluent disposal can be provided to the satisfaction of Council and the Department of Health (i.e. connection to reticulated sewerage is not compulsory).

In considering development applications for unsewered development for any industrial, commercial and residential purposes outside the Calingiri and Yerecoin townships and within other unsewered towns and settlements within the Shire, Council is again required to have due regard for the provisions of the Government Sewerage Policy. Unless minimum lot sizes, site suitability for on-site wastewater disposal and density of developments are acceptable, Council may specify that such development is not permitted without connection to reticulated sewerage. This is consistent with the guidance and requirements of the Government Sewerage Policy which seeks to protect public health and amenity, the natural environment and the State's water and land resources, promote the efficient use of infrastructure and land, minimise costs to the broader community by ensuring an appropriate level and form of sewerage servicing is provided and apply the precautionary principle to on-site effluent disposal.

10. *No use of relocated, second hand or repurposed buildings on any land within the shire, without approval, conditions, and costly renovations dictated by the opinions of individual staff members and individual councillors, through an extensive DA process.*

Comment:

New provisions are proposed to be incorporated in Local Planning Scheme No.5 to ensure suitable controls are put in place with respect to the placement and use of a relocated second-hand or repurposed dwellings or buildings to protect the safety of future occupants as well as the visual amenity of local neighbourhoods and streetscapes.

Council has previously prepared and adopted a local planning policy that remains in force and is applied specifically to the placement and use of a relocated second-hand or repurposed dwellings or buildings throughout the Shire. The current policy expressly states that "without the appropriate controls the Shire of Victoria Plains could become a 'dumping ground' for such structures".

The policy is now slightly outdated and was recently challenged by a landowner in the Shire who argued the policy is no longer applicable and therefore enforceable. To address any future concerns and/or disputes in this regard, new provisions are proposed to be incorporated in Local Planning Scheme No.5 to ensure Council's stated objectives for any future development of this type are suitably addressed and satisfied as may be required in each particular case.

11. *Your land may soon be rendered useless by the Shire of Victoria Plains Council IF they introduce the proposed planning changes. This will allow individual councillors, and shire officers to implement in many cases subjective, and personal views over your land activities, uses and developments, and for council staff to make judgement on the suitability, in their view, of your projects.*

Comment:

The proposed Omnibus Amendment to Local Planning Scheme No.5 is seeking to improve and expand upon current development controls throughout the Shire, create greater clarity and certainty regarding Council's expectations, standards and requirements for the development and/or use of land generally, increase flexibility for landowners in certain circumstances and help streamline the development approval process where possible. It is not intended to, and will not therefore, render any land as being 'useless' as suggested by the above assertion.

Furthermore, it's important to note that when considering any development application both Council and the Shire Administration have a legal obligation to set aside any personal views or opinions and must instead have due regard for the following matters which are clearly prescribed in Schedule 2 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*:

- a) the aims and provisions of Local Planning Scheme No.5;
- b) the requirements of orderly and proper planning including any proposed new local planning scheme or amendment to Local Planning Scheme No.5 that has been advertised for public comment or any other proposed planning instrument that Council is seriously considering adopting or approving;
- c) any approved State planning policy;
- d) any environmental protection policy approved under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* section 31(d);
- e) any policy of the Western Australian Planning Commission;
- f) any State Government policy;
- g) any local planning policy adopted by Council;
- h) any structure plan, activity centre plan or local development plan that relates to any proposed new development;
- i) any report of the review of Local Planning Scheme No.5 that has been published under the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*;
- j) in the case of land reserved under Local Planning Scheme No.5, the objectives for the reserve and the additional and permitted uses identified in the Scheme for the reserve;
- k) the built heritage conservation of any place that is of cultural significance;
- l) the effect of the proposal on the cultural heritage significance of the area in which the development is located;
- m) the compatibility of any proposed development with its setting including the relationship of the development to development on adjoining land or on other land in the locality including, but not limited to, the likely effect of the height, bulk, scale, orientation and appearance of the development;
- n) the amenity of the locality including the following:
 - i) environmental impacts of the development;
 - ii) the character of the locality; and
 - iii) social impacts of the development;
- o) the likely effect of the development on the natural environment or water resources and any means that are proposed to protect or to mitigate impacts on the natural environment or the water resource;
- p) whether adequate provision has been made for the landscaping of the land to which the application relates and whether any trees or other vegetation on the land should be preserved;
- q) the suitability of the land for the development taking into account the possible risk of flooding, tidal inundation, subsidence, landslip, bush fire, soil erosion, land degradation or any other risk;
- r) the suitability of the land for the development taking into account the possible risk to human health or safety;
- s) the adequacy of:
 - i) the proposed means of access to and egress from the site; and
 - ii) arrangements for the loading, unloading, manoeuvring and parking of vehicles;
- t) the amount of traffic likely to be generated by the development, particularly in relation to the capacity of the road system in the locality and the probable effect on traffic flow and safety;
- u) the availability and adequacy for the development of the following:
 - i) public transport services;
 - ii) public utility services;
 - iii) storage, management and collection of waste;
 - iv) access for pedestrians and cyclists (including end of trip storage, toilet and shower facilities);
 - v) access by older people and people with disability;
- v) the potential loss of any community service or benefit resulting from the development other than potential loss that may result from economic competition between new and existing businesses;
- w) the history of the site where the development is to be located;
- x) the impact of the development on the community as a whole notwithstanding the impact of the development on particular individuals;
- y) any public submissions received on a development application;
- za) the comments or submissions received from any authority consulted as part of any assessment of a development application;
- zb) any other planning consideration Council considers appropriate.

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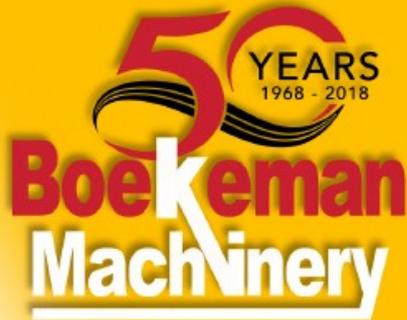
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Allan Ramsay

Environmental Health Officer & Building Surveyor

10 March 2020

THE NATIONALS WA ELECT SHANE LOVE AS NEW DEPUTY LEADER

Restoring the integrity of a Royalty for Regions program ravaged by the Labor Government will be a key focus for Member for Moore Shane Love following his election to deputy leadership of The Nationals WA.

Mr Love was elected to the position during a meeting of the Parliamentary National Party this morning.

Leader of The Nationals Mia Davies congratulated Mr Love, who will play a pivotal role in the party's preparations for next year's State election. Mr Love has served two terms as the Member for Moore and was recently The Nationals' whip.

He attended high school in Albany and completed a Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Western Australia. Between 2004-2013 Mr Love was Shire President of Dandaragan, capping 12 years as a local government councillor.

"No one knows more about how much regional West Australians are hurting under Labor than Shane and he will be an asset to our fight to get a fairer deal for small businesses, workers and families across the State," Ms Davies said.

"As Deputy Leader and Member for Moore Mr Love will be a strong voice for all regional West Australians."

Mr Love thanked his Nationals colleagues for their vote of confidence and vowed to support Ms Davies in the campaign to get a fairer deal for the regions at next year's election.

"I've been in Parliament since 2013 and I saw how under the Nationals' stewardship Royalties for Regions projects transformed regional communities across the State," he said.

"Under Labor, the program has been ripped apart with \$1.6 billion cost-shifted to pay for Water Corporation and TAFE subsidies, school buses and other essential regional services so they have the money to pay for their pet Perth projects."

Ms Davies also recognised Member for Mining and Pastoral Jacqui Boydell for her service as Deputy Leader over the past three years.

"Jacqui has been an outspoken advocate for regional WA, working hard as an MP and behind the scenes with The Nationals WA for 15 years to ensure regional families and local issues are on the agenda in State Parliament," Ms Davies said. "She has been a warrior both on the frontline as an MP, and behind the scenes in our organisation.

"I have been proud to have her standing by me as my Deputy Leader and she is to be congratulated for her service to regional WA."



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THE NATIONALS *for Regional WA*

March 19, 2020

Farm working dogs and responsible owners need consideration in puppy laws

The Nationals WA will seek to amend the Labor Government's proposed puppy farming laws to minimise impacts for farm working dogs and responsible dog owners.

Deputy Leader Shane Love said the Nationals WA were committed to stamping out intensive dog breeding.

"The Nationals WA find the practice of puppy farming to be unacceptable and we support improved welfare for all animals," Mr Love said.

"However, following consultation with the agricultural sector, the WA Local Government Association and Dogs West, it is clear the State Government has not done their due diligence with this legislation.

"Our amendments will be aimed at minimising the impacts of this Bill, if it passes, for owners of farm working dogs and responsible dog owners and breeders who are members of Dogs West."

The Nationals WA amendments will include:

- Defining farm working dogs within the legislation;
- Exempting farm working dogs from mandatory sterilisation after two years of age;
- Exempting farm working dog owners from needing to become registered breeders;
- Exempting Dogs West members from needing to become registered breeders.

"These exemptions are important in recognising the vital role that farm working dogs play in our agricultural sector, and are in line with exemptions offered by other States when introducing puppy farming legislation," Mr Love said.

"Over their lifetime, a working dog provides about \$40,000 worth of value to a farm business and important breeding stock could be restricted if farm working dogs are not exempted." Mr Love said Dogs West members should also be granted an exemption.

"Dogs West owners and breeders represent the gold standard of dog ownership in Western Australia," he said.

"They already have rigorous processes in place to ensure their membership has the highest standards of animal welfare in place, including restrictions on the number of dogs a person can own and the number of litters a dog can safely have.

"None of these animal welfare standards exist within the Labor Party's proposed legislation," he said.

"We all support stamping out the abhorrent practice of intensive dog breeding under inadequate conditions, however the proposed legislation fails to do this."



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27 March 2020

The **Corona Virus** (COVID-19) pandemic has given rise to an unprecedented situation that is unfolding rapidly. We need everyone to take government warnings seriously. Please avoid all non-essential travel and stay home and follow Government guidelines. Visit : https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus for the latest advice and news. If you are out of work and need Jobseeker help, call 132850. If you are a small business and need assistance, call 133140 or visit: <https://treasury.gov.au/coronavirus> or <https://www.smallbusiness.wa.gov.au/coronavirus>

In recent weeks, The Nationals WA have worked hard, both in parliament and via direct communication to the Premier, to highlight the unique challenges this pandemic poses for small regional communities. With limited medical services and limited supplies in supermarkets and pharmacies, our regional communities are vulnerable. The government have introduced travel restrictions on non-essential travel between WA regions from midnight on 31 March. Exemptions include travel to work, to medical appointments, transport of goods, compassionate grounds and those living near to regional boundaries. **For travel related questions call 1326843.** A state government directive ordering the immediate closure of all retailers selling guns and ammunition on 27 March has subsequently been amended following representation by The Nationals WA. Retailers who carry on a mixed business such as hardware with some ammunition sales can now continue trading so long as they close their guns and ammunition section.

Please consider the needs of the elderly and more vulnerable in your community and look out for others. Contact my office with queries on Tel: 99 272333 or Email: MooreElectorate@mp.wa.gov.au **#PleaseStayHome** and take care.

It was a great honour to be elected as **Deputy Leader of The Nationals WA** on 10 March and I look forward to serving with Leader, Mia Davies and the Nationals team with a key focus of giving voice to regional people. First and foremost, we will be fighting to restore the integrity of the Royalties for Regions program.

My Nationals colleagues and I do not for one moment support **puppy farming**, but briefings with groups representing owners of livestock working dogs and representatives from DogsWest have reinforced gaping holes in Labor's *Dog Amendment (Stop Puppy Farming) Bill 2020* legislation. Consultation with companion and working dog interest groups has been disregarded in drafting the legislation. Realising the administrative burden, the WA Local Government Association state council has requested that the Local Government Minister withdraw the puppy farming bill or remove any reference to Local Government. This is yet another example of ratepayers footing the bill for a state government initiative. On 19 March in Parliament I proposed a number of amendments that will minimise the impact of the Bill, if it passes, on owners of farm working dogs and breeders who are members of DogsWest.



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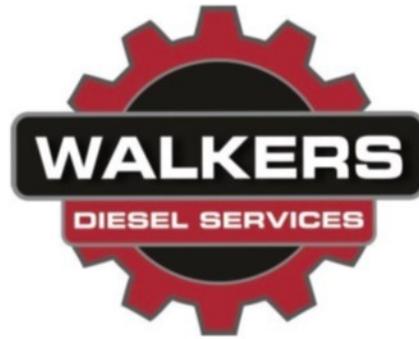
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