



# Shire of Victoria Plains

## April 2020 mid month update

Join in the fun, a growing number of people are placing bears in their windows as part of a “bear hunt” to entertain children during the coronavirus pandemic lockdowns. Parents can take children for walks in their neighbourhood while maintaining adequate physical distance from others and kids search for the bears while getting exercise and time outdoors.



*We're Going on a Bear Hunt*  
Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury



Positive idea for the kids, every time they wish they could do something put it in a jar and when this is all over work your way through your isolation wish list!



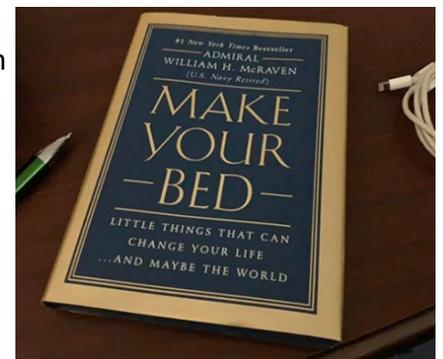
Kondinin Group and ABC Rural announce nominations for the 2020 Australian Farmer of the Year Awards open on 1 April. Nominations can be completed online



at [www.farmeroftheyear.com.au](http://www.farmeroftheyear.com.au) and close 24 May 2020.



Finding it hard to get motivated? Former US Navy Admiral, William H. McRaven conquers his day by first completing one small task. His book is pictured here on our Shire President's coffee table. Watch his inspiring speech at <https://youtu.be/3sK3wJAxGfs>



The Mogumber Progress Association are developing a local support group to help those at risk during the pandemic. Services such as shopping deliveries to the vulnerable provided by local volunteers. Contact the MPA committee for more details.

The local Cocking Family have added a RAINBOW at their front gate to provide positive hope during social isolation . Adam & Megan have also drawn a big ANZAC DAY poppy in preparation for their own private Dawn Service. Show us your examples of 'community connection' within the Shire.



Anyone else have their dogs working from home?



## **Shire of Victoria Plains Communications**

During the current State of Emergency, joint messages from the Shire President & CEO are released. If you have recently received an email from the Shire President, your email address is already on the Shire's communication database. If you would like to join the email database, please send your email address & location to [reception@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au](mailto:reception@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au) or text President Bantock on 0416131837

The Local Recovery Coordination Group have recommended an additional mid-month newsletter drop during the COVID19 State of Emergency period.

## **Proposed Omnibus Amendment to Local Planning Scheme No.5**

In Sep 2019, Council resolved to undertake an omnibus amendment of the Shire's Local Planning Scheme No.5. This followed the July 2019 decision where Council rejected a full review of the local planning scheme, as the cost was outside the Shire's budget position.

The Omnibus is a smaller review of selected items which have immediate concern to the Shire, either by regulatory obligation or they're items where recent issues have brought their attention to the Shire. The entire process takes 12-15months and has been underway for 7 months to date.

Once the proposed amendments are made available for public inspection, they must be open for public comment for a period of 42 days (regulatory obligation). The Shire of Victoria Plains has given 64 days for this process. Submissions are due by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

The Shire originally planned a public meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> April, to allow the community to ask questions to the Shire's Planner. Given the restrictions of COVID19 on public meetings, the Shire's Planner Mr Joe Douglas, has provided his mobile phone number & email address, to which the community has the same opportunity to ask those questions.

Joe Douglas, Shire of Victoria Plains Town Planner - 0429 303 100 or [joe@urp.com.au](mailto:joe@urp.com.au)

Submissions may only be submitted in writing to the CEO. Verbal submissions or opinion cannot be provided, even at a public meeting. Therefore the COVID19 restrictions have only changed the method of asking questions to the Shire's Planner.

The Omnibus document is available on the Shires website, under the public notices section.

You can see each of the items proposed for amendment.

<https://www.victoriaplains.wa.gov.au/publicnotices/local-planning-scheme-no-5-amendments-submissions/20>

Further information has been prepared by the Shire's Planner, 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. Available at;

<https://www.victoriaplains.wa.gov.au/publicnotices/local-planning-scheme-no-5-amendments-information/28>

The original Council resolution from Sep 2019, which allowed the initiation of the omnibus amendment of the town planning scheme is available at;

<https://www.victoriaplains.wa.gov.au/council-meetings/ordinary-council-meeting/25-september-2019-ocm/331/documents/ocm-25-september-2019-confirmed-minutes.pdf>

The Shire encourages the community to read the items proposed for amendment. If you have questions or concerns, give the Shire's Planner a call or email to discuss. Then submit your submission to the Shire by the 15<sup>th</sup> May. The Shire accepts both for & against submissions. They must be submitted to the Shire's Chief Executive Officer (not Councillors) via email at [reception@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au](mailto:reception@victoriaplains.wa.gov.au) or posted to 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.