

# LOCALLY SPEAKING

The newsletter of the Lower King & Bayonet Head Progress Association  
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The aim of our association is to provide a united voice for the betterment of our area; to foster and maintain a sense of community in our area; and to liaise with the city on behalf of our residents . We now have a full team to pursue these aims.

Our office bearers are:

John Guidera – President

Lyn Edwards – Secretary

Naomi Robinson – Treasurer

Tom Reed, Gail Parker, Frank Ruggera, John O'Dea – Committee members

Thanks to these folk for giving up there time to work for us.

**Bus Pull-in Bay:** After lobbying the city for some time we are finally getting a pull-in bay for buses that stop next to Mc Gonnell Park on Bayonet Head Road. This should alleviate the stopped bus blocking the lane of traffic going into Bayonet Head at the busiest times of the day.

**Lobbying:** On the books at present are three pieces of infrastructure that we must keep pursuing with the city.

First, next financial year Norwood Road is up for major overhaul. I can hear you saying “ about time too”.

Secondly, Elizabeth Street is up for reconstruction in the '16 – '17 financial year. I say “it's well overdue”.

Thirdly and finally, we have the footpath on Allwood Parade. So far the city refused to do anything about this. We need to keep on about this.

**Lower King Boat Ramp Reserve:** Is it really necessary for cars and trailers to park on the lawn? The picture at left may not be clear but where these cars and trailers are parked is on the lawn area. There is a huge area of gravel for vehicle parking.

Perhaps it's time to ask the city to bollard a section of this lawn area so it is reserved for pedestrian use. It would also be lovely to have some trees and a seat or two at this end of the park. What do you think?



**Cash For Containers:** This is a case of the little guy having a win. South Australia has had this in place for 30 years. The Northern Territory brought it in last year and now New South Wales is introducing the scheme. This, after a lot of lobbying and a court action. It means you get 10cents for every bottle or can you return. This has shown to increase recycling rates to 73% which is about double existing rates. It also reduces litter by about the same amount. This just has to be a good thing.

**Next Meeting**  
**Monday March 16<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm**  
Gomm Park Hall

**Proposed Sand and Gravel Pit:** You may be aware of a petition that is circulating about a proposed gravel/sand pit on Bonacord Road. At this time the Association is neutral as no proposal has been brought to it for consideration.

**The City** has been contacted and the information from them is listed below.

Area of proposal is 56 hectares. Area for development is 42 hectares. Development will be in 1 hectare lots with rehabilitation to take place as each one is closed and the next opened.

Distance to closest residence is about 330 metres.

The proposal is for up to 100 truck movements per day, that's 50 return trips.

City has not granted approval and has raised various issues with the proponents but at the time of writing this, there has been no reply.

**The petitioners** claim there is already a sand/gravel pit operating on Bonacord Road. Do we need another within 1 kilometre?

The extra traffic, especially up to 100 movements will make this road dangerous for all other road users, vehicular and pedestrian. The current state of the road although good, will deteriorate quickly. We already know how difficult it is to get roads repaired.

Finally there are noise and dust issues.

Whether you agree or disagree to this proposal, now is the time to comment and make your views heard before the council votes on the development.

**Burglar – Beware:** Since November last year our area has been the target of a dramatic increase in burglaries. So much so that we have gone from a green risk area to orange.

Residents that have been burgled are of the opinion that it is opportunistic burglary rather than targeted. This means we all need to take up "neighbourhood watch". Keep our eyes open for any person loitering in the street. Keep your eyes on your neighbor's property. Communicate with your neighbor. Lock up your house when away. I know that we have had some very warm minima and as a result we tend to open up the house at night, but just for a while, just be more aware.



**Quote:** *We don't stop playing because we grow old,  
We grow old because we stop playing.* George Bernard Shaw.

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