

LOCALLY SPEAKING

The newsletter of the Lower King & Bayonet Head Progress Association

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Last Meeting: Darren Leslie representing the agents in charge of the Oyster Harbour development came along and gave a well prepared presentation on what is happening and what is planned for the area. We had a good turnout of 40 people or so and they left with a clearer understanding of what is taking place up there "on the hill". Here is a summary.

Proposed planning includes 1500 future home sites on blocks generally larger than in the earlier stages. Included are areas set aside for a childcare centre, medical centre, shopping centre, primary school and service station. Street names in the next development stage will be of ANZAC ships that sailed from Albany.

Currently the population makeup of the area is 30% families, 30% retirees, 30% couples and 10% singles. Alison parade looks as though it will stay as a no through road. The likely link between Bayonet Head and this development and hence Lower King will be Sibbald Road. Finally, Flynn Way is still scheduled for closure. The Progress Association has been asked to clarify this with the City and to seek immediate action on its intention. If they are planning to close it then do so now, if not then improve the safety of the access. Yes, there is a large strip of 45 hectares of conservation bushland to be preserved. It stretches from Lower King Road through to Alison Parade and the foreshore. Yes it will have Sibbald Road running through it.

Other Business.



Old road to the left

New road to the right

New is a good 1 metre wider each side.



Norwood Road: The first stage of the upgrade for Norwood Road has been completed. This was a serious effort. The road is much wider and the base has been properly done. We should see no more flooding on this section.

The whole of Norwood Road will be done, but in sections. Andrew Greenwood, the City engineering officer says, "We are looking at upgrading the next section from the end of the current work through to just past King River Drive during the 2016/17 financial year." The famous S-bend section. "The section from King River Drive through to Lower King Road is being looked at for construction during the 2017/18 financial year."

As users of the road will know, the first 500 metres of road from the Lower King Road end is a lovely avenue of trees. We have been assured, "Design work for this length will take this into account to minimize any clearing."

Take note, dear reader, of the quotation marks in this passage. Quoted from an email.

P&C Support: At our next meeting on the 16th May, we have a motion on the books to support the Flinder's Park Primary School P & C with a donation of \$700 to assist with the purchase of a stop watch with a built in printer. This is a valuable and time saving piece of equipment for sports carnivals, swimming carnivals and the like.

Verge Collection: It has been over 18 months since we had the last one. We have been informed by the city that it will take place this year commencing in May. By the time you receive this newsletter you may have received notification from the City.



Friends Of The Albany Flag

We salute the flag, we stand under the flag,
we ceremonially raise and lower the flag, we
fly it at half mast.
Flags are a symbol of us.

So is it time for an "Albany Flag"?



Friends of the Albany Flag believe it is and have been working for 5 years to see us have our very own flag. The pictures above try to show what they have come up with but the limit of printing does not allow us to show colours. I'll try to talk you through it. The symbol of dog rock is white and represents the Menang Noongar people who camped near "Boondie Yokine", this 2.4 billion year old piece of granite. The banner that flows across the flag and diminishes in the lower right corner is red white and blue. This represents the British settlement of Albany whose influence was initially large but has diminished over the years. Finally, the remaining area is a turquoise colour representing the oceans along our beautiful coast.

Brian Russell will be at our next meeting on May 16th to show the flag and to talk on the background to its development and why there is a need for a flag. Put this date in your diary.

Next Meeting
Monday 16th May 6.30pm
Gomm Park Hall

Help: We require some help with folding and collating the newsletters. The job requires about 2 hours every second month. You will fold the newsletters using a folding machine and then count them into bundles for distribution. John Guidera does the job but his offsider is leaving and so assistance is required. If you can help contact Frank Ruggera on 0437 152 595. We'll invite you along to see the operation before you commit.

Flynn Way: This issue came up at the last meeting. Flynn Way was always a temporary entrance in to the Oyster Harbour Estate. Once Stanmore Boulevard was completed the intention was to close Flynn Way. Well, the time has come to close Flynn Way, but ah!!! Yes there are second thoughts. Some people want it left open, some want it closed and many don't care.

The issue is though, that in its current state where it crosses the dual use path it's dangerous. Cars turning off Lower King Road do not seem to be aware of the path and some near misses have been reported. If Flynn Way is left open then we want to see some work done on the whole area including upgrading the turn off Lower King Road and the pathway intersection. Also to make a definite decision now and whatever the decision get on with it.

At the last council meeting a motion was put to have a 3 month consultation period with the residents and then make the decision.

What do you think? Have a look at the issue. Decide. Then be sure you let council know.

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