

LOCALLY SPEAKING

The newsletter of the Lower King & Bayonet Head Progress Association

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Last Meeting: This was our first meeting in the refurbished Gomm Park Hall. Gee, it's a lot bigger. From the road the view of the building hasn't changed much because the extensions are at the back. It's a lot bigger inside. Well done to the Lower King Community Association (the body in charge of the hall), they have done a great job.

Now, to business. We started our push for footpaths. We have approved a decision to pursue the City for pathways on Francis and Elizabeth Streets in Lower King, Allwood Parade in Bayonet Head and a pathway between the bridges. That is between the Lower King and the Kalgan bridge.

We have written to the Dept of Transport seeking maintenance for the finger jetty at the lower King Boat Ramp and whilst in this area also to have the car park graded with a slope so water can run off instead of lying in a massive puddle covering nearly the whole area.



Safety House Programme: The local co-ordinator of this programme has been in touch seeking more households to be included. A Safety House is one where a child who may feel threatened can seek refuge. This means at the time of day when school is out, certain houses suitably signed, can offer refuge. We have invited Graham Benporath, the co-ordinator, to speak about the programme at our next meeting. I'm sure there are many of you who could participate. Come along and hear what he has to say.

Petition: The Great Southern Grammar School P&F Association has two petitions running. They are seeking a bridge to bridge pathway, not just for their students to use but for the community generally. The current pathway system from town finishes at the Lower King Bridge. There are two petitions, one for the state government and one for the City. They are presented together and when you sign one please sign the other. In our area they are located at the Lower King and Oyster Harbour stores. Please, please call in and put your name on them.

AGM: The next meeting will be our Annual General meeting. This means all office bearer positions will be vacated and elections held for new people to fill these roles. The positions are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and some committee members. None of the jobs are time consuming as we only meet every 2 months, but without people in these positions, we don't have an association. We don't have a local voice. We can't pursue the causes that matter to us. So please come along and support the association. Even if you don't take a position you can show support to those who do.

Next meeting
Monday September 16th 7.00pm
Gomm Park Hall

Annual Rates: At about the time you receive this newsletter, your council rates will be due for payment. In the package you received there is a pamphlet titled "Your Rates Explained". Some highlights for expenditure are listed and include:

Airport Upgrade	\$3.71m	Pathway Works	\$1.89m
Bridge Works	\$3.39m	Recreation & Culture Projects	\$18.73m
Drainage	\$2.46m	Road Works	\$4.85m
Waste	\$950k		

These are big expenditure items. But there is no detail. What is being done at the airport? What bridges are being worked on? Which pathways are being constructed?

We usually have a councilor at our meetings. He might be able to shed light on these items. Come and ask!

Local Government Elections: These are coming up on Saturday October 19th. Those folk living north of Elizabeth Street are in the Kalgan ward, currently represented by Chris Holden and Yvonne Attwell.

Those south of Elizabeth Street are in the Yakamia ward and represented by Alan Hortin and Robert Sutton.

You can find out who is running for the elections by referring to the 'The Advertiser' or 'The Weekender' after Sept 12th when nominations close.

New Dog Laws: These have been introduced into parliament and will most likely pass through.

The new laws will include compulsory micro chipping for all dogs; tighter controls on dangerous breeds and their sale. There will also be extra provisions for guide dogs. Full copies of the act will be available at our next meeting. You can also check out the information on the City website. Speaking of which, the website for the City has been revamped and is much easier to use and has a wealth of information available for us to see. Check it out.



Rubbish:

Where: Lower King Road

When: Sat. 12.30 – 12.45pm

This was collected in just 15 minutes over a 300 metre stretch on one side of the road. Over half of the bag was glass, aluminium cans and other recyclables. We need a container deposit scheme. What do you think!

Quote: "I believe how I act today will affect the way I am tomorrow" Katherine Hepburn.

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Make cheques payable to the Association. Drop in to our next meeting on the 16th September at 7.00pm.

Please note: Current members will receive a renewal notice when membership expires.