

Dear YRA Members,

We hope you all had a wonderful Festive Season with family and friends and keep safe in 2012. Unfortunately we have not seen a wonderful start to our new year.

It is with sincere sadness that we must inform you all of the recent passing of Anne Dunstan. Anne was an active and very valuable member of our community and well respected in her position on the committee with AVCA over the years. Ann brought many issues to our attention and raised community, council and government participation and awareness of issues affecting all of us and continued working with government officials, developers and Yatala residents, organising local meetings and open discussions with all parties to help achieve the best outcome possible for everyone involved. Together we would all like to pass on our sincere condolences to Ann's family, relatives and friends at this very sad time. Anne will be dearly missed by all of us.

We have also regrettably had more break and enters occur recently, which are included further in this newsletter.

STATE MEMBERS RESPONSES

We recently emailed our State Government Candidates and Federal Members, asking for their response on the current issues affecting us in Yatala. These were separately emailed out to members as they were received. If you did not receive them, please email YRA and we will resend these to you electronically. At the time of issuing this newsletter, YRA had received responses from Labor / Greens / LNP.

A recent survey flyer from LNP Member for Forde, Mr Bert van Manen, was received by some residents, seeking our response to various issues and to gain insight for LNP Government. We hope that you all received these and have participated and return these before the 23rd March 2012 to help raise Government awareness of our many issues and concerns.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS (Changes & Updates)

Phoenix / Darlington - Subject: Request for update on Phoenix MCU2900869 and Peachey 62 lot MCU2600708/planning and environment appeal 2481/08

Phoenix MCU2900869 Application Update

On the 16th of Feb 2012, YRA's Investigation Officer checked this application online and noted that an additional document had been added at the end of the file. The document is "**Referral Agency response granted in full subject to attached conditions**" added **14/2/2012**. There are 11 pdf files provided detailing this response Part 1 to Part 11.

You will recall that on the 8th of Feb 2011, YRA provided all members with information on the Application by Phoenix and very detailed information on what was proposed by this company. That was the time that all submissions were to be made to the GCCC in regard to the application. YRA Members and others in the community responded accordingly. Due process then followed until finally DERM has made its

recommendations known in the document referred to above. IF YOU NEED ANOTHER COPY OF THAT EMAIL, PLEASE CONTACT yra@yatala.info FOR THOSE DETAILS.

The outcome is very disappointing and we ask that you take the opportunity to access this information, and familiarise yourselves with it. We also encourage you to provide your feedback to YRA and your local and state representatives. For those of you who are interested, there is ample information available about issues of concern, in the many objections submitted in this same file.

HOW TO ACCESS THE DERM RESPONSE:

Click on www.goldcoastcity.com.au/pdonline

- On the Planning & Development online page, click on Development Application Tracking (DA Tracking),
- On the Terms & Conditions page, click on agree button at bottom of page,
- On the Development Application Tracking (DAT) page, select Application Enquiry,
- On the Application Enquiry page, type 2900869 in the blank box on the right-hand side at the top of the page and hit enter key,
- On the Applications Found page which will show this correct MCU 2900869. Click on the magnifying glass at the button left. Application details will then appear.

As a follow up, a request was made for an information update from Donna Gates on the above applications. Her response is included below.

Phoenix MCU2900869

We noted from the GCCC online information document processed 16/2/2012 that the referral agency response was granted in full subject to conditions. We requested an update from Donna Gates on this outcome and why GCCC has made an extension to the decision making period. Donna's response is included below.

Peachey 62 lot proposed development MCU2600708-Planning and environment appeal 2481/08

We noted from Council's online information that the last document was processed 8/8/2008. We also noted from court's online information that a Planning and Environment Hearing Review was scheduled for the 1/3/2012 and as there has been no additional documentation for information added since and also requested an update from Donna which is included below.

From: DGATES@goldcoast.qld.gov.au
CC: Division1@goldcoast.qld.gov.au
Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2012 14:23:25 +1000

Subject: RE: Request for update on Phoenix MCU2900869 and Peachey 62 lot MCU2600708/planning and environment appeal 2481/08

The extension to the Decision time for the Phoenix Application was provided at the request of DERM who have had this application for 12 months assessing the environmental impact and deciding whether it was worthy of their recommendation for approval or refusal. In discussions with the Planning Officers - there is nothing in the current Planning Scheme which was adopted in 2003 which indicates an intent for chimney stacks only on the other side of the M1.

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I have not received any further advice regarding the application for 62 lots on Peachey Road and due to the Appeal will advise as soon as notification is provided.

regards
Donna.

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STANMORE MOTORCROSS & STANMORE ROAD UPDATES

You all would have received a letter from GCCC (12th March 2012) advising after their recent works carried out at the Motor Cross site, they would be conducting extensive noise testing on 17th March 2012. This matter was followed up with Donna Gates on the 13th of March plus other matters relative to Stanmore Road. One of our members noticed surveyor's pegs on the inside of the log fence on the residents bush side of the roundabout on Stanmore Road. An email was sent to Donna Gates requesting an update on the Stanmore Road and explanation of what these surveyor's pegs were in this location. Please refer to Donna Gates response below to both items.

From: Stuart Applegate
Sent: Wednesday, 14 March 2012 2:42 PM
To: GATES Donna
Cc: Division1
Subject: RE: Yatala - Pagan Rd Roundabout

Thanks Donna

RE: Stanmore Road

We are aiming to send out an YRA Newsletter next Wednesday (21st March), so if you could get me a progress report on Stanmore Road by this Sunday, we shall include the details and spread the news to the greater Yatala/Ormeau residents.

RE: SPM

I received the noise testing letter yesterday - thanks.
I would be interested to review those sound test results, because it was Anne and I who did all the leg work with the SPM committee in the early days.
Any chance you will be able to share the results?

I'll let you know how the noise tests appear at our place after Saturday! It certainly has been nice and quiet for the past few months !

Stuart Applegate

Resident & Stanmore Road Information officer

Call me anytime to ask about Stanmore Road issues !

From: GATES Donna [<mailto:DGATES@goldcoast.qld.gov.au>]

Sent: Wednesday, 14 March 2012 1:50 PM

To: Stuart Applegate

Cc: Division1

Subject: RE: Yatala - Pagan Rd Roundabout

Hi Stuart

Trying to get correct information for you and will be back asap. I guess you received the letter advising noise testing is being conducted at Stanmore Park on Saturday next. On Friday 9th, at 5pm, I was advised by Council officers that it was proposed to conduct noise testing at Stanmore last Saturday, without notification to residents. I managed to have the CEO intervene so that residents could be forewarned of the activity. Once the tests are conducted, Council will then make a determination of the level of use, so long as it meets the requirements. My understanding is that it is unlikely the track will reopen for competition until the Stage 2 works are completed which are associated with the Stanmore Road upgrade works where the resource dug up from the road will be utilised to provide sound attenuation mounding for the track. Stage 1 work is completed, hence the noise testing. This involved the lowering of the track by a couple of metres and the re-positioning of the start gate so that the noise at the start is channelled east rather than towards residential properties.

I am fighting for no competition or practice on Sundays to give residents respite if the noise is still problematic. I have my fingers crossed that the measures taken will assist - because in dealing with the late Anne Dunstan over many, many years, it was always evident that the issue was exacerbated by the change in location of the start gates.

It is regrettable that the blowout at Stapylton resulted in Council "backflipping" to Stanmore Park. I feel totally embarrassed to have given hope to the community that relocation was assured - and to the motorcycling community that they would have a new venue which would tick all the boxes and allow them to pursue their sport. An unpleasant lesson for me, that any Council Resolution is subject to change.

I'll come back to you as soon as I have additional information - but the only positive from this is that there is more of a will to complete the upgrade of Stanmore Road, given the motocross issue.

kind regards

Donna.

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From: Stuart Applegate

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Sent: Tuesday, 13 March 2012 8:52
To: yra@yatala.info
Cc: GATES Donna
Subject: RE: Yatala - Pagan Rd Roundabout
Importance: High

Hi Donna

Please refer to mail below from Yatala resident.

It may be timely for a quick update and progress report on the following topics?

- Stanmore Road plans and progress.
- Stanmore Park Motorcross plans.

Are you able to provide YRA a progress report on these topics in readiness for the next community newsletter?

Thanks

Stuart Applegate

Resident & Stanmore Road Information officer

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CRIMES (Break & Enters)

It also gives us regret to again inform you all that we have more break and enters occur, with the most recent one in Belair Drive on Monday 10th March 2012 in which they tore off a rear screen door and ransacked the house up-turning every draw and cupboard in which they too all electronic devices, equipment and jewellery. One vehicle that is under suspicion is an older model Green-Blue V8 Commodore Calais thanks to one observant resident who has reported this vehicle to the Police. This latest incident is not isolated – there have been recent break and enters also in Paterson Road, Sears Road and Hoopla Hannah Court, so it would appear that the Yatala area is a real target for this crime spree. If you hear noises from your neighbour's house that may be unusual or suspicious, or if you see any strange vehicles in your street, please report it to police in the first instance, then let YRA and Neighbourhood Watch know, so together we will help each other and hopefully prevent these thieves from doing this again in our neighbourhood..

QUARRIES

Hansons Wolffdene Quarry (one of the closest to Yatala residents) have advised they have a new Community Engagement Officer (Sarah Morgan) who you may have already met or received her letter of introductory in your letter box. We all will look forward to meeting her at our next Community Update later in the year.

The Ormeau Progress Association has given permission for the following letter to be circulated to YRA Members. Also if you are interested, you can join OPA's Facebook Page.

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NEWSLETTER

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Our NWT team contacts details are below for information.

Area Coordinator:	Neil Brown	3807 5283
Secretary:	Dianne Mols	3807 5745
Treasurer:	Barry Sewell	3807 0327

Also, our Neighbourhood Watch Team are temporarily without a dedicated Police Liaison Officer, so we again stress the need for all of us to be observant. We have included the below Police contacts also for information.

Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 000** if you suspect a crime is taking place.

Beenleigh Police on **3807 7770**

Policelink on **131444** for non-urgent property crime

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19/2/2012

Dear Mr West

Firstly, thank you for meeting with members of the Ormeau Progress Association recently to discuss issues concerning the residents.

At this meeting the issue of the plant upgrade scheduling was raised as it had previously been indicated that the upgrade would be completed prior to any increase in production. A perusal of the *Negotiated Decision Notice to Submitters PN134098/01/DA2* does not appear to confirm this fact and so the Association would like for Boral to provide confirmation and evidence detailing the scheduling of the upgrades.

As mentioned at the meeting the community is also disappointed in the decision by Boral to apply to start operations at 6.00 AM. Would it not be the case that with the promised plant upgrades production rates would be increased and therefore capacity could be achieved without increased disruption to local residents? As you will understand the residents are very concerned especially in light of recent breaches by Boral in respect of approved operating hours.

Your decision to appeal Council's approval conditions in respect of vehicle numbering and the provision of minor noise mitigation work to a few properties also undermines the relationship that has been established with the residents. While Boral has initiated a program to monitor and educate heavy vehicle operators accessing the site it is evident that a more stringent program needs to be implemented with harsher penalties and a serious recent incident only serves to reinforce this argument. It is long past time when we

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are going to sit by and have such potentially life threatening incidents occur repeatedly, only to be informed that yet again the driver has been warned. It is time for Boral to stand up and implement a 'one strike and you are out!' policy as a means of putting an end to this behaviour.

The Boral Ormeau Quarry Newsletter recently distributed through-out the community promotes Boral as a good corporate community citizen which I believe is inappropriate at this time given the affidavit by Peter Lehmann currently before the court provides evidence of breaches by Boral in relation to: quarrying the gullies and waterways on the property without extractive industry approval, the lack of approval by DERM for the disturbance of water courses on the property and encroachment of operations into the proper alignment of the Pimpama River.

Further research has revealed several other significant concerns in relation to the current quarry operations. These issues include: that the micro-vine forest along the Pimpama River will not provide suitable koala habitat; that the habitat planned to be destroyed by quarrying operations will not be replaced by a suitable offset and that Boral will not declare its intentions in relation to the environmentally significant former Wagner land. The Association requires undertakings from Boral so we can assure residents that Boral will continue to consider the best interests of the community and the environment.

While the Association understands that Boral does not wish to discuss details pertaining to the development application whilst the appeal is in progress we are anxious to ensure that any irregularities or discrepancies identified will be addressed via the appropriate channels and in accordance with all relevant regulations and policies.

We look forward to your detailed response to these important issues.

Regards
T. Gregg – President

