

Council happenings . . .

with Mayor
Glenn Wall

Council Planning Reform

As detailed in previous Happenings, due to complications and delays that stemmed from addressing objections raised by Government agencies regarding land use issues, the NSW Department of Planning, notified Council that we needed to undertake additional strategic planning work in the Transition Zones 9 (a) and amend Local Area Plans accordingly.

Work has been undertaken to identify and map further constraints to development in these areas. A draft Local Environmental Plan to eliminate the 9(a) Transition Zone is currently on exhibition. Properties will be zoned Rural 1 (a) Zone and Environment 7(a), thereby removing subdivision potential or Rural Lifestyle 1(l) and Rural Enterprise 1(e) for future subdivision. There are a number of other proposed amendments including changes to the subdivision clause and the addition of Vacant Holdings in the LEP schedule.

Given the probable impact, I would urge all landholders, particularly those in the 9(a) Transition Zones of Gresford, Paterson, Martins Creek, Vacy and Clarence Town to attend one of the following workshops -:

- Monday 26 May, 2008 - Clarence Town School of Arts – 6.00 pm
- Tuesday 27 May, 2008 - Paterson School of Arts – 6.00 pm
- Wednesday 28 May, 2008 - Vacy School of Arts – 6.00 pm
- Thursday 29 May, 2008 - Gresford School of Arts – 6.00 pm

Community War Memorials Fund

The NSW Government has established the Community War Memorials Fund to help protect and restore War Memorials across NSW.

Grants will be considered by a State War Memorials Committee, which will assess applications and announce grant recipients twice a year – around ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day.

The inaugural round of applications will close on September 30, 2008.

For further information please visit www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/communities/memorials or contact Ms Maret Hegh on 9228 5370 or maret.hegh@dpc.nsw.gov.au

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