



Shire of Denmark

MEDIA RELEASE

Denmark's New Local Planning Scheme No. 4

Following the endorsement of the Shire of Denmark's Local Planning Strategy (2011) by the Western Australian Planning Commission, the initial preparatory work associated with the preparation of a new Planning Scheme has been undertaken and the Shire is now in a position to commence engagement processes with the community on draft Local Planning Scheme No. 4 (LPS 4).

Cr Ross Thornton, Shire President said "Everyone is encouraged to have input and be informed about the Planning Scheme – particularly as a Planning Scheme sets out how land in the Shire can be used, thus it will affect/impact everyone in some way".

Councillor Thornton added "The Shire's Town Planning Scheme No. 3 was gazetted on 25 March 1994 and although there have been regular Scheme Amendments to Town Planning Scheme No. 3, the Shire is in need of a new Planning Scheme to provide the legal direction to the strategic provisions provided for in the Local Planning Strategy (2011)".

In preparing draft LPS 4, the Shire is required to have due regard to the Local Planning Strategy, the State Government's Model Scheme Text provisions, State Planning Policies and the Shire's Strategic Community Plan, as well as existing Town Planning Scheme No. 3 provisions. Council also recently undertook a study tour of several South-West towns that are experiencing permanent residential and tourist growth to ascertain how they are dealing with these matters from a land use planning perspective.

At this stage no formal dates have been sent for community based information sessions, however Councillors have determined that the sessions will take place in Denmark, Peaceful Bay & Nornalup. The purpose of the community based information sessions will be to educate the community about the role of a Planning Scheme, the associated processes and provide opportunities for feedback and further discussions. Once dates have been scheduled, extensive public advertising will occur.

Following the community based information sessions, Council is planning to hold several community and/or stakeholder themes workshops to progress discussions on particular topics including but not limited to:

- CBD/Commercial development
- Residential densities
- Rural land issues

For those members of the community that wish to know more about Local Planning Schemes, the WAPC has published a document titled "*Local Planning Manual: A Guide to the Preparation of Local Planning Strategies and Local Planning Schemes in Western Australia*". A copy of this document can be viewed at the Shire's Administration Office during business hours (9am – 4pm Monday to Friday) or alternatively can be downloaded free of charge from the Department of Planning's website - <http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/819.asp>.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Planning Services on telephone (08) 9848 0313 or via email to enquiries@denmark.wa.gov.au

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