

WYEE WEST NEWSLETTER

April 2020

What's been happening

COVID-19 Response

In response to the evolving situation with COVID-19, Council is continuing to follow all advice provided by Federal and State health authorities, taking measured precautions to ensure we do everything we can to keep our staff and community safe.

Essential services are continuing for our community such as waste collections, roadworks and maintenance. A full list of available support and information on services and facilities is available online at lakemac.com.au/COVID-19.

We want to keep our City moving and we are continuing to progress project work, such as the Wyee West Paper Subdivision Development Plan, as much as possible under these new and challenging conditions.

Short delays are anticipated, social distancing restrictions has withdrawn opportunities to undertake building inspections and meet with landowners to discuss the detailed designs and personal circumstances and preferences.

We are monitoring the situation carefully to ensure any delays and impacts are as minimal as possible.

We are continuing to monitor the area with a view to preventing new unauthorised development.

Progress on the draft Development Plan

We are reviewing a set of draft detailed engineering designs received in late March, following the initial engineering concepts reviewed by the Wyee West Paper Subdivision Reference Group in February. We expect to engage quantity surveyors in May, to prepare detailed cost estimates based on the engineering designs for roads and infrastructure.

We would like to meet with landowners to discuss the detailed engineering designs and cost estimates once the social distancing measures have been lifted. We will be in contact during June to discuss preferred communication channels and options for these meetings.

Snapshot of the planning process

We're continuing to work with landowners to...

Phase A - Complete



- Begin discussions with Landowners
- Undertake landowner survey and engagement
- Begin background investigations for geotechnical, ecological, bushfire and archaeological assessments
- Establish Reference Group
- Legitimise paper roads

Phase B - Complete



- Undertake background investigations
- Establish roads for domestic waste services
- Appoint consultant for detailed engineering design

Phase C

We are here



- Review investigation reports
- Review detailed engineering designs
- Appoint quantity surveyor to prepare cost estimates
- Undertake inspections of existing dwellings

Phase D



- Engage landowners on draft designs and cost estimates
- Investigate funding models
- Draft Development Plan

Phase E



- Hold landowner ballot



The engineering designs are under review and will be used by quantity surveyors to prepare detailed cost estimates for roads and infrastructure.

Inspection program

Last year, Council began an inspection program for unapproved dwellings within the paper subdivision. The purpose of the inspections is to determine what improvements may be required to bring structures up to an acceptable standard to ensure people’s health and safety. This activity has been placed on hold in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to prioritise community safety.

The program is now under review, so that when the social distancing restrictions are lifted, we ensure we have the resources required to carry out the inspections effectively and efficiently.

When the inspections and reports are complete, there will be a significant amount of time allowed to complete any required changes.

Keeping you safe

Under the current “stay at home” conditions, Australians must only leave home for essential reasons. Removal of structures and bulk waste should only be undertaken where there is an immediate risk to personal safety during this time.

We are developing a series of fact sheets to support landowners, including information on practicable actions that could reduce bushfire risks for properties. If you would like to suggest a topic or would like more information on an issue please contact the team at shape.lakemac.com.au/wyee-paper.

Regular updates

Providing information and updates to the Wyee community is important to us. Council will provide quarterly project updates and continue to share Reference Group meeting highlights and keep you informed of any milestones achieved via email and the project website.

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