

Murray's Beat

Local News & Views

A community Newsletter from Murray Cowper MLA,
Member for Murray



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Report on LPG Prices Released

Members of the North & South Yunderup community are affected by the very high cost of LPG. They are forced to use bottled gas as there is no reticulated gas in the area.

The Minister for Energy, Hon Francis Logan MLA, recently tabled a report in State Parliament in relation to the affordability of bottle LPG.

Members of the public are now being asked to comment on the report which can be obtained from the Office of Energy's website www.energy.gov.au or by contacting their office on 9420 5600.

Comments should be provided by 9 October 2007 to:

Office of Energy
Bottled LPG Inquiry
Level 9, Governor Stirling Tower
197 St George's Terrace
PERTH WA 6000
By email: lpginquiry@energy.wa.gov.au

I would encourage as many members of the public as



Reticulated Gas Headed for South Yunderup

I have been corresponding with Satterley Property Group about assisting the communities of North & South Yunderup in obtaining reticulation of gas in their area.

Satterley, together with the developers of Murray River Country Estate and Riverside Ramble, hope to make an approach to Alinta Gas for gas services to all 3 developments.

Satterley have confirmed to the Shire of Murray that they intend bringing gas along South Yunderup Road to their Stage 1 development area.

I understand from Satterley that they intend to ensure

that the gas main is of sufficient size to accommodate all the existing residents in South Yunderup.

It would then be a case of the South Yunderup residents banding together and making an approach to Alinta Gas to advance the reticulation of gas throughout the existing streets.

Satterley will advise me once they have advanced their discussions with the other developers and the Shire of Murray and had their inaugural meeting with Alinta Gas.

I hope to be able to bring you more good news about this matter soon.

Can I assist you? Do you want to discuss an issue of concern? If so, please contact me personally on 9583 3830.

Murray Cowper MLA

Yunderup Channel Dredging Delay

Unfortunately work on the Yunderup entrance channel has been delayed.

The contractor selected by the Shire of Murray to undertake the work was unable to start in the preferred time frame. The Shire then approached other contractors who had submitted tenders, however none of these contractors were able to undertake the dredging before the start of summer 2007 either.

As a result, the preferred tenderer, Hall Contracting, has agreed to hold the price it submitted until April/May 2008 and have assured the Shire that they will be able to start the works by May 2008.

The delay is obviously very disappointing for residents who live along the Yunderup canals.

The Shire of Murray are extremely frustrated by this but the situation is unavoidable. They have assured residents that the dredging will be done.

The Shire are however trying to get a weed harvester from the Department of Water so a program can be undertaken to minimise the weed infestation the approach channel. The Shire are hopeful that this will help to prevent the weed from flowing back into the channel.

Please Help Support K-9 Dog Rescue

I visited K9 Dog Rescue Shelter in Nambelup recently to congratulate the volunteers on their tireless efforts and to inform them that I had nominated them for a Community Service Award.

Animal shelters play an enormous role in the community by providing shelter for mistreated and abandoned animals, and giving them a chance to find new homes.

K9 Dog Rescue is a not-for-profit organisation run by volunteers, and exists entirely on donations, memberships and fundraising activities.

They do a great deal on educating the public about responsible dog ownership, and dog training, and re-home over 500 dogs per year, many who would have otherwise been put down at the dog pound.

I was saddened to hear how Kia (pictured) and her puppies were found – abandoned in a truck bay on the Brookton Highway.



I strongly urge all pet owners to sterilise their animals and seriously consider their long-term commitment to pet ownership before taking animals on.

I would also encourage people to become members by paying just \$20.00 a year to help K9 Rescue continue its excellent service to the community.

K9 can be contacted on 9581 9005 (10-3pm Mon to Fri/1-5pm Sat & Sun) or visit their website at www.k9dogrescue.com

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