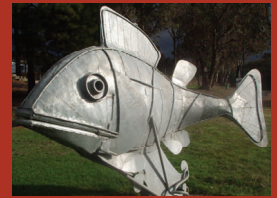




# Beautiful Boddington



## And the adjoining Shires of Murray and Wandering

### Wandering – The Attractive Alternative

One of the effects of the BGM expansion is the increasing pressure on services from the Shire of Wandering whose administration is centred in a building substantially unchanged since the late 1960's.

Increasing inquiry from prospective and new residents to the town and the Shire generally has meant an increase in the number of staff employed by Council. As well as providing vehicle licensing, postal and banking facilities, a library and all the usual Council administration functions, the additional staff to deal with the increasing workload has meant that the Council offices will need to be extended.

With assistance from the Boddington Social Infrastructure Package of \$100,000 Council has budgeted \$650,000 to extend its offices to accommodate additional staff as well as increasing the floor area of the library, provide for more efficient customer service, particularly postal services, and new Council chambers.

Council has approved a concept plan for the project and expects to call tenders before the end of 2008. It is estimated that the project will take 12 months to complete.

Wandering is proving to be a popular alternative to larger towns and with its location in close proximity to the metropolitan area, its relaxed lifestyle and its scenery, it is expected that the growth will continue. This growth will be met by planned new subdivisions and driven by the permanent workforce at the Boddington Gold Mine and the expansion of Worsley Alumina as well as people seeking a tree change.

**Greg Powell**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Shire of Wandering



### Government Funding

State Government agencies have so far spent and/or committed in excess of \$38.5 million to priority infrastructure works in Boddington and surrounds to support Boddington Gold Mine's local employment attraction strategy.

### Boddington and Surrounding Shires Marketing Strategy

The Peel Development Commission, Department of Industry and Resources, local governments, BGM and Worsley are working together to deliver the Boddington Community Infrastructure Project.

One recent development is the creation of a **Marketing Strategy** to promote the area as a great place to live. This will help give current and potential BGM workers up-to-date information about land and housing and all of the other benefits of the area, and support BGM in its target of employing locally.

The Strategy is led by a group comprising representatives of the Commission, Shire of Boddington, Boddington gold and bauxite mines and the two largest developers in the area. The group has drafted a generic strategy and agreed to finance its development. An external consultant has been approached to advise on appropriate marketing materials. The final package will be made available to the wider community for promotion of the district's many attributes.

### Boddington Web Portal

The Boddington Community Infrastructure Project Committee endorsed contracting a suitably qualified web developer to develop, deploy and manage the Boddington web portal project as directed by the Project Officer – Boddington projects. This will also be integrated as part of the **Marketing Strategy** for the area as well.

The successful company was Wirefly, locally owned and operated by Matt Beamish. This is a critical project and will provide a much needed "touch point" for those seeking investment/ business/ housing opportunities in the area.

## New Growth for Boddington Townsite

Demand for accommodation in Boddington in response to the substantial increase in employment opportunities at the Boddington Gold Mine and Worsley Bauxite Mine has seen a raft of initiatives by planning authorities to provide suitable land for residential development.

The Shire of Boddington has reviewed its Strategic Planning for residential growth providing long term planning for residential demand. Landowners, such as Barenco Pty Ltd, are undertaking detailed subdivision planning and design to enable the construction of future residential development.

Some of this development has been completed with about 80 residential lots currently available in subdivisions on George St and Hill St.

Of significance is the Shire's eastern town site Structure Plan. Landowner, Barenco Pty

Ltd, has been working with the Shire of Boddington and the Department of Planning and Infrastructure over the past 18 months to complete the formal planning processes. The Structure Plan for the future growth areas of Boddington has now been approved by the State Government and the Shire.

This planned residential and rural subdivision area will cater for the growth of Boddington over the long term. Approximately 600 residential lots and 300 rural and special residential lots are proposed by the structure plan. Initial stages are anticipated in 2009 which will facilitate upgrading of water and sewerage services into the town.

The subdivision east of the Boddington townsite will provide for a range of lot sizes and lifestyle opportunities. Residential lot sizes range from 250m<sup>2</sup> to over 1000m<sup>2</sup>, with Special Residential lots

around 2000m<sup>2</sup> and rural residential lots starting at 1 hectare.

The subdivision layout adopts contemporary planning initiatives, ensuring excellent connectivity with the town centre and public open spaces. Lot configurations are suitable for a wide range of housing style and type. The development offers panoramic views.

The proposed extension of Forrest Street will connect the town's centre with the rural areas to the east, making the town more accessible to new rural residential areas east of River Road.

Details of planning for the area east of the existing town site can be viewed at the Shire of Boddington offices.

Chris West, Devx



## Dwellingup Road Work On Schedule

The parking bay work is being undertaken by Main Roads contractor SRS at a cost of \$190,000 and includes three parking bays and the sealing of the westbound uphill shoulder closer to Dwellingup where trucks currently move onto the gravel shoulder to allow vehicles to pass. Works commenced in mid October and will only take a few weeks to complete.

Two of the parking bays are located around 3km east of Dwellingup (one in each direction) and one parking bay around 25km east of Dwellingup

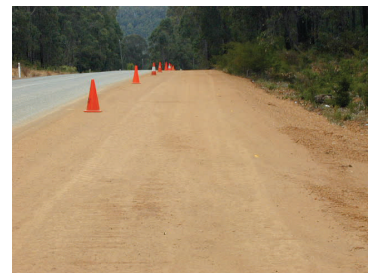
(westbound). The parking bays will be sealed and should be largely completed by the end of October. The bays are all located near the top of hills to encourage use by trucks (as trucks are generally travelling more slowly at these points and have a downhill run to re-enter the roadway). Trucks can therefore also use these as pull over bays to allow passing if required.

The other component of the work is to seal a short section of shoulder on a westbound uphill section around 4km east of Dwellingup where trucks

currently move onto an existing wider gravel shoulder to allow vehicles to pass. This creates a safety issue with the amount of dust in dry conditions. Main Roads is sealing this shoulder to provide safer use of this passing opportunity and work is expected to be completed by the end of October.

The photos show the two bays closest to Dwellingup (left photo westbound and centre photo eastbound) and the photo bottom right shows the shoulder work on the uphill section.

Brett Belstead, Main Roads WA



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