

Dear Members

Local Government Elections



In a few days, local councils will be sending out ballot papers so residents and property owners can vote in the upcoming Local Government Council Elections. Our complacency is obvious, with only 27.5% of metropolitan Perth voting in the last Council elections.

It is important to have Councillors at Local Government level who represent the community as we wish. There's not much point in complaining about an issue, especially regarding heritage protection, maintaining our streetscape and improving our tree canopy if you didn't vote in the first place.

So, whatever Council you're in, do your research and vote for the person that you think will represent both you and your community best. For more information on voting, go to <https://www.elections.wa.gov.au/enrol/local-government-enrolment>.

For members who aren't aware, the Society's President, Paul Collins, is standing for the Lawley Ward in the City of Stirling elections.

As a long-term member of the Society and as President, he has helped many of our members who have had concerns or issues. Paul is a strong advocate for heritage protection and passionate about the Lawley Ward. We wish him well.



Yours sincerely
Sheila Robinson
Secretary

Mount Lawley Society Deputation at Planning Commission

The Beaufort Street Scheme Amendment was considered on 12 September 2017 by the Western Australian Planning Commission's Statutory Planning Committee.

Our Society President, Paul Collins and Patron Barrie Baker (*pictured right*), were there to give a deputation in support of the Scheme Amendment on behalf of the Mount Lawley Society.



An important aspect of the Scheme Amendment is the feature of four pre-1960 architectural styles acceptable for new development. There may be other pre-1960 styles which developers can propose.

Further, an exact copy is not essential. A new development could for instance focus on an art deco style and provide a hint of modern interpretation by focussing on horizontal masonry lines.

Beaufort Street is the central spine to one of the most intact examples of Federation and Californian Bungalow architecture of any city in Australia. The architectural styles supported in the Scheme Amendment provide a link to that era and will prevent unsightly horrors that exist elsewhere in Perth, such as this new development on Cambridge St, Wembley (*see image right*) which would destroy the character of Beaufort St in Inglewood and Mount Lawley.



The Beaufort Street Scheme Amendment has been in waiting now before three Ministers for Planning over a period totalling nearly 18 months. We have long expressed concern about the delay but the end is nigh and we wait in anticipation of a favourable outcome.

Events Coming Up

Sundowner: Monday 4 December 2017 6.00pm Invitation coming soon.

AGM: Monday 4 December 2017 7.30pm Notice of Meeting and Proxy Voting Forms being sent out soon.

Mount Lawley Short Film Festival: Sunday 8 April 2018 Astor Lounge Submissions opening soon.

Facebook and Instagram

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