

# Agenda



*The Mt Helena Residents & Ratepayers' Association acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of the land we are meeting on, the Whadjuk Noongar people. We recognize their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their culture; and to the elders past, present, and emerging and acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded – this always was, and always will be, Aboriginal land.*

## General Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**Time:** 6:30pm

**Location:** Elsie Austin Pavilion

**Meeting called by:** Joan Quinn

**Guests:** Jessica Shaw (MLA), Owen Briffa (St Mark's) and prospective local councillors will be in attendance.

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<b>Time</b>	<b>Event Heading</b>
18:30	Meeting Opening, Apologies & Acknowledgement of Country
18:40	Delivery of Whim Progress Report
18:55	Review of Previous Minutes – see <a href="#">Appendix 1</a>
19:00	Delivery of Roadwise Report
19:05	Truck Noise Bulletin
19:10	Address from Jessica Shaw – see <a href="#">Appendix 3</a>
19:20	Address from Owen Briffa on St Mark's – see <a href="#">Appendix 2</a>
19:30	Address from Prospective Local Councillors
19:40	Miscellany & Question Time
20:00	Meeting Closing

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## Additional Information:

Please contact [mthelenaratepayers@yahoo.com](mailto:mthelenaratepayers@yahoo.com) for any enquiries or requests related to this agenda.

If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to be included in the meeting apologies, please notify us prior to 28/09/2021.

## **Appendix 1 – Previous AGM and GM Minutes**

Please see full copies linked below or attached to your meeting notification email:

- [Annual General Meeting 2021-22 Mt Helena RandR.pdf](#)
- [General Meeting 27-07-21 Mt Helena RandR.pdf](#)

Copies of meeting minutes are also available on [the website](#) under the meetings tab:

- <https://www.mthelenarandr.com.au/meetings>

## **Appendix 2 – St Mark's Report**

A formal written report is still in progress however an informal quote of \$45,000 (plus GST) for the relocation of the church from its current location to Pioneer Park has been provided by Darren from Countrywide House Transporters.

This quote is inclusive of:

- Bracing
- Jacking
- Loading
- Relocation
- Supply and organise of necessary MRD permits
- Police escort
- Western power high load escort
- Positioning of the church
- Restumping on H5 treated pine stumps

It does not include:

- Shire approvals
- Tree pruning/removal
- Service disconnections/reconnections
- Earthworks

## Appendix 3 – Safe Water for Bullsbrook

Document available [here](#).



**Jessica Shaw** MLA  
WA LABOR MEMBER FOR SWAN HILLS



### Local Member repeats calls for safe water for Bullsbrook

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- Swan Hills MLA Jessica Shaw repeats calls for Morrison Government to support PFAS affected residents in West Bullsbrook
- West Bullsbrook residents left abandoned by stopgap solutions
- Quarantine facility provides opportunity to fix underlying problem

Member for Swan Hills Jessica Shaw MLA has repeated her call for a federally-funded, reticulated water solution for PFAS affected residents, to accompany the quarantine facility slated for construction in Bullsbrook.

The Department of Defence has admitted it has contaminated drinking water sources for properties in the area surrounding the RAAF Base Pearce with the toxic chemical solution per- and poly-fluoroalkyl (PFAS). In 2019, a bipartisan Senate Committee determined that the Commonwealth should take financial responsibility to rectify the situation.

Ms Shaw has been working with community representatives to demand that the Federal Government rectifies the harm it has caused. As far back as 2019, the State Government has supported a solution for a Commonwealth-funded scheme water connection.

The Federal Government has ignored community pleas for a permanent, safe water supply solution, instead relying on stop gap solutions, including providing boxed water to residents.

The Federal Government has now slated the Bullsbrook Training Area as the preferred site for a 1000 bed WA Centre for National Resilience and has indicated that the quarantine facility would not use groundwater, presenting the Morrison Government with an opportunity to deliver safe drinking water for West Bullsbrook.

Ms Shaw said “After years of fighting, we are still waiting for the Federal Government to fix the problem they created. Scott Morrison should stop avoiding responsibility and instead take this opportunity to rectify the harm caused to the people of West Bullsbrook.

“The Department of Defence is responsible for the PFAS pollution in West Bullsbrook and under the polluter pays framework, justice demands that the Commonwealth resolves this issue.

“All Western Australians have a right to safe drinking water. For years now, I have advocated that the best solution would be to extend the scheme water system to West Bullsbrook.

I continue to urge the Morrison Government and the Department of Defence to do the right thing.”

The State Government has committed to providing help and assistance to the Department of Defence to facilitate the extension of scheme water to West Bullsbrook. Representatives from the Water Corporation met with personnel from the Department of Defence in August 2020 to provide input into a conceptual plan to connect properties in West Bullsbrook to scheme water.

The project has already been costed as part of these conceptual plans, and expected costs are in the order of \$7 million to \$9 million – a drop in the ocean for the Commonwealth Government.

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