



280,Shreeve Road, Canning Vale, 6155

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ਤਜਹੁ ਸਿਆਨਪ ਸੁਰਿ ਜਨਹੁ ਸਿਮਰਹੁ ਹਰਿ ਹਰਿ ਰਾਇ ॥

Tajahu siānap sur janhu simrahu har har rāe.

Give up your cleverness, good people - remember the Lord God, your King!

ਏਕ ਆਸ ਹਰਿ ਮਨਿ ਰਖਹੁ ਨਾਨਕ ਦੁਖੁ ਭਰਮੁ ਭਉ ਜਾਇ ॥੧॥

Èk ās har man rakḥahu Nānak dūkh bharam bhāo jāe. ||1||

Enshrine in your heart, your hopes in the One Lord. O Nanak, your pain, doubt and fear shall depart.||1||

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### **Message from the President Zorawar Singh Gill.**

Dear Sadh Sangatji,

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh.

*I wish you all a very prosperous New year and may all your dreams come true.*

*This special edition newsletter is an attempt to share some of my experiences of 2011 since I have started serving the sangat with my team. This edition will cover only 2 major issues – the chapatti machine and the car park.*

**Chapatti Machine** :- S. Arvinder Singh Manik and S. Ajmer Singh are working on the complete feasibility of the machine and working towards getting a compliance plate as soon as possible. Mr Manik has long experience of the gas industry. Incidentally, the future of the chapatti machine (worth more than \$40000) is still hanging in the balance. Nobody knows the end result of this purchase. I thank Ajmer Singhji for his tireless efforts on this project and other on-going projects as well.

**Car Park** – The feature survey of the whole block carried out by Mr Sarwan Singh Vagel for planning the new multipurpose building clearly shows that the whole car park is quite flat and all small variations in levels are due to construction tolerances.

- There is no clear cut slopes or grades purposely made to drain storm water towards the designated soak wells, vacant areas and flower beds that surround the car park.

A proper follow up of the council town planning by-laws would have not only saved SAWA executive committee from embarrassment but also the local Government levy of \$449,202.14 called 'Outline Development Plan Contribution'. The council is planning to take legal action to recover this amount from SAWA. These legal expenses will be additional to this ODP levy. The prior approval would have warned us of this charge and then SAWA could have decided whether to go ahead with this car park construction or not.

*The last letter submitted to the Gosnells council is shown below:-*

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Ian Cowie  
Chief Executive Officer  
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Dear Mr Cowie

**NON-COMPLIANCE WITH DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL CONDITIONS –  
280 (LOT 123) SHREEVE RD CANNING VALE**

1. The telephone discussions with Mr J McDermott and Cr Karen Jones on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2012 encouraged the President of the Sikh Association of WA (“SAWA”) to write this letter hoping that this approach will bring a quick and amicable solution to the saga of the so-called car park. SAWA is a self-funded, non-profit organisation run by volunteers. It provides a vital religious and cultural service to the local Sikh community.
2. Back in 2008/9 the management of Sikh Association of WA (SAWA) paved the existing gravel parking area by surfacing it with hot rolled asphalt to make it dust free and easy to mark parking bays. The irregular and haphazard parking was creating problems all the time. It was never meant to be a properly designed and constructed car park as a permanent structure.

It was during a site visit by the council officials in connection with SAWA application for the construction of a meeting and temporary storage building that this bitumen paved area was noticed and the council declared this construction work as unauthorised and asked SAWA either to restore this area to its original condition or apply for a retrospective approval from the council.

Unfortunately the management took a completely wrong and unsustainable approach of treating it as a permanent car park and started feeding the council with absolutely false information about the storm water drainage proposals hoping that the council will not verify it on site. The current SAWA management (year 2011/12) admits this so called car park cannot meet the council specifications required for a properly designed and built car park.

SAWA now sincerely requests the council to let SAWA withdraw its application submitted for a retrospective approval.

SAWA solemnly declares that this so called car park (paved area) will be used only as a temporary parking area. It will never be treated as a permanent car park.

3. At present SAWA is in the process of getting proposals from qualified architects for the construction of a new multi-purpose community hall to meet the pressing needs for cultural, social and sporting activities. One proposal has already been obtained and SAWA is quite willing to show it to the council if required. It is located in this paved area and SAWA is quite happy with it. Two more similar proposals are being sought for this project. The existing temple building will be wholly used for religious services only.

4. All the architects have been briefed by our planning committee chairman Mr S Vagel that the new building can be located anywhere on the block including this paved area. It must be commensurate with the existing temple building which will be kept as is forever. SAWA is very proud of it and always gets commendable comments from the general public. SAWA will definitely submit to the council for obtaining planning approval for the new building before the end of 2012.
  
5. **In short this letter is SAWA's request to council, that:**
  - a) SAWA be permitted to submit to the council a request for the withdrawal of our application for the retrospective approval of this paved area as a permanent car park;
  - b) SAWA undertakes that it will never be used or treated as a permanent car park;
  - c) The newly proposed community hall will be located in this area which will automatically render it totally unsuitable for parking vehicles;
  - d) An application for planning approval of the new community hall will be submitted to the council before the end of this year (2012);
  - e) The withdrawal of our application will automatically exempt SAWA from the ODP levy;
  - f) SAWA fully understands that new applications for any future development may be billed for ODP levy.
  
6. The sand deposit on the driveway in front of the Nicholson Road entrance gate is not the sediment from storm water flowing from the car park on Nicholson Road. It is in fact the sand that spilled there when the bobcat removed the infertile sand from the road verge and replaced it with garden mix. This operation of putting good quality soil is for landscaping the road verge for the full frontage on Nicholson Road.

This work has been done in consultation with your landscape architect Ms Andrea Whitwarn.

The sand has now been swept away and the driveway is clear. The surface of the car park near the gate is such that not a drop of water can flow through the gate towards the driveway and thus on to Nicholson Road.

Yours sincerely

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13<sup>th</sup> January 2012

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*Respected members all the statements above are based on facts. The committee is fully committed to enhance religious proceedings, improve the premises and fulfill the moral, social, financial and legal obligations. Few members have forced us to issue this letter and the committee is obliged to respond to their concerns.*

***Waheguru ji ka Khalsa  
Waheguru ji ki Fateh.***

May Waheguru shower his blessings on us all and bless us with the ability to Naam Jappo and Naam Japao.

Regards

Zorawar Singh Gill  
President  
SAWA

**Please don't forget to give your email address to the SAWA Secretary Tarun Preet Singh so that we could email you the newsletters promptly.**

***In conclusion, the SAWA Executive Committee would like to thank all the Sewadaars and the Sikh Community for their co-operation and support.***

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**Nishkaam Sewa : According to Encyclopedia of Sikhism: "True seva according to Sikh scriptures must be without desire (nishkam), guileless (nishkapat), in humility (nimarta), with purity of intention (hirda shuddh),with sincerity (chit-lae) and in utter selflessness (vichon ap gavae).**

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