

# Laneway housing

## Comments open on infill development

COLLIE Shire Council's draft policy to open up back laneways to infill housing is to go out for public comment.

It was agreed at Tuesday night's meeting to advertise the draft policy, and to hold a public meeting on a date yet to be decided to answer questions.

Councillors were anxious to reassure residents that the draft policy is not compulsory.

"Ignorance is your biggest enemy," Cr Joe Italiano said, noting that many residents assumed they would be forced to give up a metre-wide strip at the rear of their blocks.

He was supported by Cr Michelle Smith, who said, "It is not compulsory to cede the land - that is what is concerning people."

The plan is to widen back lanes to provide a road and footpath to access housing to be built at the rear of housing lots.

If no written objections to the policy are received during the period for comment, it will be proceeded with without modification.

Director of development services Matt Young reported to council that the policy would allow a higher density of housing, with laneways used as the sole access to one or more dwellings located at the rear of existing blocks.

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### TURN IT ON

Jeanne Thomas, Ian Ramsdale and Robert Ingram with their award-winning entries from the Woodturners Association of Western Australia June weekend workshop in Collie.

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#### New laws won't impact rates

THE Shire of Collie does not expect new Aboriginal cultural heritage laws to have an impact on rates. **Page 3.**

#### Quantum construction begins

CONSTRUCTION has officially started at Quantum Filtration Medium's new manufacturing plant. **Page 5.**

#### Free scam-fighting forum

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