



TOWN OF VINCENT

PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGE
to include East Glendalough in the Town of Vincent

“Enhancing and celebrating our diverse community”



Our youth



Our seniors



Our parks



Our built environment



Our facilities



Our heritage



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Nick Catania, B.Ec., JP



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I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Glendalough residents that have contacted the Town to lend their support to the Town's proposed boundary change. The feedback has been overwhelmingly in favour of having Glendalough transferred to the Town and the calls in support of Vincent have been gratifying.

By way of a little background information on the proposal: the Town was approached by a number of residents keen to have a portion of Glendalough transferred into the Town of Vincent, as they felt that the area had more in common with Mt Hawthorn than other parts of Stirling. As part of the Local Government Advisory Board's (LGAB) inquiry into Structural and Electoral Reform in Western Australia, the Town of Vincent submitted a proposal to the LGAB to transfer parts of Glendalough into the Town. The request for the realignment of boundaries follows natural/physical borders and will benefit ratepayers and residents.

I am pleased to let you know that the Local Government Advisory Board (LGAB) is now commencing their deliberations on the proposed boundary changes initiated by the Town of Vincent. The LGAB will soon be seeking the opinions and views of residents and ratepayers and undertaking extensive community consultation.

I hope you will take the time to get involved with this process and let your opinions be known as the local government authority that manages your area will make a difference to you, your neighbours and the services and facilities available to you to utilise and enjoy.

The Town appreciates that many people do not have the time to become fully involved in the official processes but would like to have their preferences noted, so we have included a petition in this brochure which you can sign and return to the Town (reply paid) advising of your desire to have Glendalough transferred to Vincent. It would be appreciated if you could return the petition at your earliest convenience.

I trust you will take the time to read through this brochure, which highlights some of the advantages of the Town of Vincent, and base your decisions on the facts and your observations about the Town and its operations. We are looking forward to the outcome of the LGAB enquiry and hope to welcome you and your neighbours into our Town.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Nick Catania'.

NICK CATANIA, JP
MAYOR
12 June 2006



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Why Vincent?

The Town of Vincent – enhancing and celebrating our diverse community



Please consider the following benefits:

- The area in Glendalough physically forms part of Mt Hawthorn.
- Glendalough residents currently use many of the Town's facilities (such as the Library, Beatty Park Leisure Centre, Loftus Community Centre and Mt Hawthorn shopping precinct).
- Being included in the Town will encourage the creation of an even greater sense of identity and community of interest with the Town and the Mt Hawthorn Centre.
- **Vincent's rates are lower than those of the City of Stirling – your rates will be reduced.**
- The area will benefit from the attention of the Town in promoting the revitalisation of the area and creating development opportunities (which in turn will benefit the local business proprietors and the broader community).
- A significant number of local residents (over 200) have already signed a petition indicating their preference to be part of the Town.
- **The Town will support the re-naming of the area to Mount Hawthorn – a process which will be easier to achieve if Glendalough is in Vincent.**
- **Mt Hawthorn property values are increasing at a substantial rate and exceed the prices of adjoining suburbs (Mt Hawthorn median price is \$486,000 whilst Glendalough is \$397,000. REIWA: March 2006).**



Ratepayer and Elector Benefits:

- directly electing your own Mayor;
- greater access to your Councillors – Vincent offers you 4 councillors as opposed to Stirling's 2 councillors;
- being able to address the full Council at meetings (as well as being able to ask questions);
- **greater community consultation;**
- promotion and protection of heritage;
- high levels of maintenance and improvement to existing infrastructure;
- a calendar of events that encompasses a diverse range of activities, competitions and involvement in the community; and
- the many advantages of being part of a smaller, unified and focussed local council (including immediate responses to your requests).





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A few points to consider:

1. Vincent is **financially sustainable** with over **\$9 million** in Reserve Funds and a responsible and prudent financial program.
2. Vincent has been recognised for its **financial management and fiscal responsibility** and is well able to continue its future, exciting and beneficial programs and projects.
3. Vincent funds services for the greater community in cost-effective and efficient ways by financially **supporting service providers** instead of providing the services ourselves, therefore saving our ratepayers money and delivering needed services to a greater number of people. These services include Meals on Wheels, Volunteer Taskforce, People Who Care, out-of-school care services, taxi vouchers and refuges.
4. Vincent is renowned for its **Community Consultation**. *Vincent Vision 2024* which involves community consultation won three planning awards in the Awards for Planning Excellence – Award for Excellence in Community Based Planning, WA President’s Award and WA Planning Minister’s Award (this award is the overall winner of the State Awards). It also won a community-based planning merit award at the National Awards for Planning Excellence which speaks for itself!
5. A commitment to **Customer Service and access to information**. Vincent residents voted the Town’s provision of efficient and effective services at **87% satisfaction** and satisfaction with the accessibility to Council information at **85%**.

Customer Satisfaction Survey

Results of a 2004 survey of Town of Vincent ratepayers

KEY AREA	SATISFACTION RATING
• Weekly rubbish collections	93%
• Maintaining streetscapes, parks and sportsgrounds	91%
• Maintaining Beatty Park Leisure Centre	90%
• Provision of efficient and effective services	87%
• Accessibility of information about Council services	85%
• Graffiti, vandalism and anti-social behaviour control	84%
• Maintaining footpaths and cycle ways	82%
• Consulting the community about local issues	76%
• Building and planning approvals	75%

Please feel free to contact the Town of Vincent if you have any queries or would like to comment on the proposal.

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Reminder: Please sign and return the petition (reply paid).



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