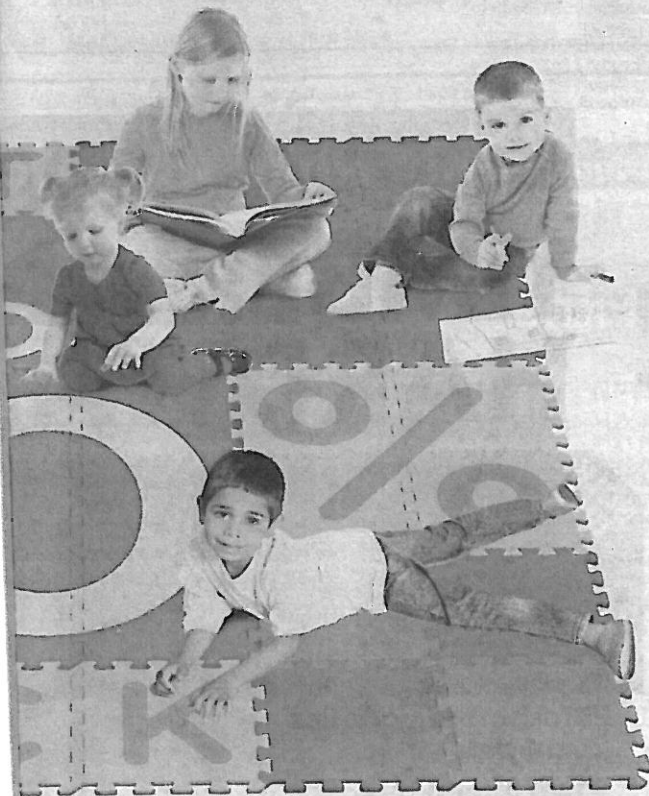


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Blocks a boost for town

Patricia Kelly

Subdivision approved

By JO CLYDESDALE

AN EXPANSION of a Smithton subdivision was approved by the Circular Head Council on Thursday night.

Councillors voted on the submission of a 47-block residential subdivision at a special council meeting.

Mayor Daryl Quilliam said the submission was welcomed by the council.

"A 47-block subdivision doesn't happen everyday at Smithton," Cr Quilliam said.

Construction began recently on the other 27 residential lots

"I was just up there yesterday (Thursday) and excavation has already started."

Cr Quilliam said these further blocks were great news for the municipality.

"I know a lot of real estate people have been saying for a while there were not enough blocks to build on, so this will give us enough scope for years to come.

"It gives us the impetus to expand and our local businesses make good."

In several council meetings this year, councillors have noted the lack of people taking up first home owners grants.

Cr Quilliam said he hoped the construction of homes would be attractive for young people looking to get into the market.

There were two representations made to

the council about the proposal.

In one letter an unnamed person wrote that they were concerned about the impact on traffic conditions, recreation areas and public spaces.

Another land owner said they would not agree to —

■ Any potential contamination of discharge water (storm water or otherwise) entering their property from the proposed subdivision;

■ Any "run off" of soil or water during the construction phase; or

■ Any entering of their property by council works vehicles relative to the subdivision.

"My property has cattle on it — and is sometimes cropped so any contamination entering the farmland has serious detrimental effects," the submission said.

Cr Quilliam said the council always received a few negative representations on developments of this size.

"People have issues — and they are real issues.

"The council put in some conditions to help them."

One of these conditions is to control run-off of contaminated liquid to adjoining land.

"Some people say the size of the blocks are too small but with our planning scheme their size is quite a bit bigger than the minimum size."