

GUNDAROO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

2006 ANNUAL REPORT



Introduction

In 2006, the Association consolidated efforts to become a widely recognised, representative organisation in the Village. The success of the three GCA subcommittees has been instrumental in this endeavor, with an exponential increase in the number of villagers engaged in GCA activities. Completion of the substantial extensions to the Gundaroo War Memorial has been one of the preeminent achievements of the year, not only because of the scale of the works but because of the extensive research which was necessary to deliver this project successfully. A GCA commitment to communication and transparency has also continued with extensive Gazette articles and an increased presence on the Gundaroo website (<http://gca.gundaroo.info>). Challenges with liability insurance, grant acquittals & committee time have been managed effectively.

Checklist of Stated Objectives (highlighted in last years Annual Report)

- 1. Overseeing commencement of main street program with Harp St drainage works.*
Completed with closure of open culverts and installation of stormwater drainage.
- 2. Working on realisation of the village-walking track.*
Progressed with funding confirmation & site visit by Council.
- 3. Advising YVC on utilisation of unconstructed ex-Crown Roads transferred to local Council.*
Progressed with some of these reservations forming part of the planned walking track.
- 4. Finalising compromise for track development for western end of Rosamel Street.*
Completed with DA approval of gravel track & avoidance of bitumen road to River.
- 5. Completing (more than \$15000 of) works on Old Catholic Cemetery and the War Memorial.*
Completed thanks to enthusiastic volunteers & Monuments Subcommittee.
- 6. Increasing the autonomy and sustainability of the GCA subcommittees.*
Completed with GCA support to subcommittee accounting and administration.
- 7. Lobbying YVC to maintain the high percentage capital works return on our rating base.*
Completed with representations to Council & public consultation meeting in Village.
- 8. Closing action with Council on subdivision of the War Memorial site as public land.*
Completed and awaiting title transfer documents in favour of Council.

Development Issues

The GCA grappled with numerous other development issues in 2006 including bridge replacement, road sealing, traffic calming, septic system inspections, river walk planning, tree removal and storm water drainage. Interface with stakeholders including Yass Valley Council and the NSW Roads & Traffic Authority continues to be compromised by Gundaroo's inability to present a unified position on many of these issues. Council in particular, is therefore often forced to make a best guess decision on what the community wants; a process that can lead to compromised outcomes.

Highlights

- Old Catholic Cemetery Clearing and Fencing was completed with a \$3000 heritage grant.
- Rectification of Open Culverts at the Cork / Harp St intersection was achieved with safety and health improvements for the Village.
- Conduct of 2006 Village EXPO including participation by Country Energy regarding frequency of power interruptions.
- Public Exhibition of the Concept Plans for upgrading of Cork Street with feedback collected by the landscape architects.
- Ratification of the Police Paddock & Social Soccer groups as subcommittees of the GCA.
- Conduct of ANZAC Day 2006 with a static display from the ADF, readings from our primary schoolchildren and a Gunfire Breakfast at Grazing.
- Gundaroo Bridge Photo Competition endorsed to raise interest in the historic and visual aspects of the Allan Truss Bridge.

Subcommittee Activities

- The Social Soccer Subcommittee conducted another outstandingly successful season of junior soccer with excellent participation and improved equipment and facilities. A major working bee renovated all sets of soccer posts and permanent sleeves were installed at the fields to assist in the positioning and removal of goals each season.
- The Police Paddock Subcommittee has maintained an effective horse agistment activity at the Paddock despite the extended drought. This has delivered a cost neutral outcome for the Village and allowed continuation of the GCA License over the Paddock. The horse agistment user group has constructed a rustic shade structure and other improvements on the Paddock and has plans for tree planting at the site.
- The Village Monuments Subcommittee finalised the Stage 2 work on the War Memorial with installation of a plinth recognising all veterans who served in WW2 & later campaigns. This was a major project involving expenditure of over \$8000 of funds raised through community resources and a DVA grant. Plans are well progressed for ANZAC Day 2007.

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