

GUNDAROO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MARCH UPDATE



YASS VALLEY COUNCIL MEETING IN GUNDAROO

The GCA corresponded with Yass Valley Council in advance of the scheduled Council Meeting in the Gundaroo Soldier's Memorial Hall in late February. The Association thanked Council for visiting Gundaroo and for including an open community forum at the conclusion of the normal Council business.

The GCA was represented at the Meeting and thanked Council for the many good outcomes that have been jointly achieved in the last year. These included:

- Completion of stage 1 restoration at the WW1 & Clemenger Memorials;
- Rebating of YVC Rates on the Village Police Paddock;
- Initiation of concept planning for the Gundaroo Main Street Program;
- Ongoing financial support to the Gundaroo Bush Festival Event;
- Resolution of the David St Enclosure Permit with construction of a footpath;
- Signage at the Lot St Picnic Area to indicate private driveway access;
- Award of a Heritage Grant for restoration work at the Old Catholic Cemetery;
- Responding in detail to Community concerns re YVC rates increases;
- Upgrading of recycling facilities at the Gundaroo Tip;
- Commencement of urban sign renewal following signage audits;
- Funding assistance for the Soldier's Memorial Hall, and
- Transfer of Crown Rd reservations within the Village to YVC.

Issues Raised by the GCA at the Community Forum included:

1. **WW1 Monument Site Subdivision** from the privately owned block on the corner of Cork/Harp Streets. Council confirmed action will be finalised in FY05/06.
2. **Gundaroo Bridge Update** from the RTA. Council advised the RTA would make no detailed commitment until resources were allocated in the RTA budget.
3. **Lot St Swimming Hole** maintenance and safety. Council confirmed signage would be removed so as not to imply existence of a public swimming facility.
4. **Main Street Program** progress since public display of concepts. Council agreed to provide the Community the consultants 'Community Consultation Report' which summarises Village feedback. The GCA is seeking a soft copy for distribution.
5. **Village Walking Track** development incorporating unconstructed Crown Roads transferred to local Council. Council agreed to work with the Community on opening a first stage.
6. **Open Culverts near WW1 Memorial**. Council confirmed rectification of these culverts at the Harp/Lt Street intersection would be completed in FY05/06.

MAIN STREET PROGRAM

Gundaroo's Main Street Program figured prominently in the ABC 7pm News on 26 Feb 06. The GCA President was unable to accept a short-notice invitation for interview. Interestingly the story painted a slightly sensationalised view of undesired development, which threatened the character of our Main Street. This view contrasted significantly with the Community Consultation Report tabled at the Council Meeting, which stated in part:

"Overall the feedback was very positive. The community appeared impressed with the quality and content of the concept plans. The recommended modifications to the Draft Landscape Concept Plans as suggested in this report are relatively minor". SMEC Report dated Feb 06

The GCA remains satisfied with the integrity of the process with Council directly managing the interface between the project and the community. For example the Report clearly accepted the community did not support a traffic island in the Harp St / Cork St intersection. While the schematic plans include wide ranging concepts and ideas, the final outcomes are likely to be more modest and reflect the GCA endorsed focus of a rustic streetscape rather than an imposed heritage look. However, the solution should resolve outstanding parking, pedestrian, stormwater inundation and safety issues and these requirements may dictate the shape of final outcomes.

OLD CATHOLIC CEMETERY

Planning has commenced for improvements at Gundaroo's Old Catholic Cemetery south of the Gundaroo Bridge. These works will be financed by a \$3000 Council Heritage Grant awarded to the GCA.

VILLAGE MONUMENTS SUBCOMMITTEE (VMS)

The VMS is meeting on the first Wed in March to confirm details of Stage 2 works on the Village WW1 Memorial. These works involve addition of Gundaroo veterans from WW2 and later campaigns to freestanding blocks around the Monument cenotaph. It is hoped the substantial DVA grant recently won by the GCA, plus funds at bank, will suffice to complete these additions. Regardless of whether the works are finalised by ANZAC Day, the VMS will be conducting another Gundaroo ANZAC Dawn Service and associated activities. More to follow in the April Gazette.

POLICE PADDOCK SUBCOMMITTEE (PPS)

In the last month the Police Paddock gate security and signage requirements have been finished and insurance payments fully acquitted. Construction of a rustic horse shade structure has progressed. A further draft of the PPS Instrument of Appointment resulted from the Feb GCA Meeting and this is now awaiting confirmation.

GCA WEBSITE AND EMAIL ADDRESS

The GCA has web pages at <http://gundaroo.alphalink.com.au> (select Gundaroo Home Page and GCA link). There is also an email address for feedback to the GCA on any issue from community members. The address is gundaroo@gmail.com – please feel free to provide information, issues for GCA consideration and feedback as you wish.

NEXT GCA MEETING

The next meeting of the GCA Committee is to held **Wednesday 22 March 2006 at 7:30** in the Function Room at the Wine Bar. All members of the GCA are welcome to participate in the Meeting, which commences at 7.30pm (other local residents / property owners may attend and remit a \$5 membership on the night).

