

GUNDAROO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MARCH UPDATE

Village EXPO and GCA AGM

The third annual Gundaroo Community Association EXPO is to be held in the Soldiers' Memorial Hall on Tuesday 3rd April 2007 starting at 6.30pm. This is a great night to find out about the wide range of Gundaroo activities and village interest groups, with displays and representatives from most village organisations. The EXPO will be catered for by the GCA, with complimentary drinks, cappuccinos and supper. Villagers can renew or initiate membership of the Gundaroo Community Association for the princely sum of \$5 and are encouraged to stay for the AGM at 800pm.

Gundaroo Main Street Program

The next stage of the Main Street Program was completed late in 2006, with the installation of stormwater drainage at the Harp St / Cork St intersection. These works by Yass Valley Council were important to allow closure of the two open culverts on this corner. These have been physical hazards to vehicles, pedestrians and bicycles as well as an eyesore in the centre of the village. The GCA recently met Council staff on site to discuss problems with the alignment of one stormwater drain and the positioning of the tail-out drain in Harp St. Council conceded these problems require rectification and have undertaken to resolve these in the near future. The next stage of the Main Street Program is the public exhibition of the tree re-planting strategy and Council advises this is to occur in March.

Gundaroo Tip Opening Arrangements

The Association was recently advised that the tip was not opening in accordance with publicised timings due to the tip attendant being unavailable. The GCA has proposed alternative staffing arrangements be developed by Yass Valley Council and it is understood these have already been initiated for the benefit of the village.

Gundaroo Old Catholic Cemetery

The next program of work at the Old Catholic Cemetery is expected to be undertaken in the first weeks of March. This will involve the use of heavy earthmoving machinery to clear the infestation of elm suckers around the cemetery perimeter. The non-street frontage fences will then be replaced as necessary. The intention is to clear and secure the Cemetery to allow regular grass-cutting maintenance by YVC contractors.

GCA Police Paddock Subcommittee

The public liability insurance for the Gundaroo Police Paddock has recently been renewed for 2007 and the subcommittee continues to administer the GCA licence over this site as a cost neutral benefit for the village. Horse agistment opportunities remain limited due to the protracted drought conditions. Further detail on the Police Paddock administration and points of contact are available on the GCA web link or at the Village EXPO.

**GUNDAROO SOCIAL SOCCER SEASON STARTS 28th APRIL.
DOWNLOAD A REGISTRATION FORM FROM THE GCA WEB-LINK
AND START TRAINING!**

<http://www.gundaroo.info/gundaroo/gca>

GCA Social Soccer Subcommittee

The Gundaroo Social Soccer season will kick off on Saturday 28th April with exciting plans for another busy and successful season. The Subcommittee met last Friday to formalise arrangements and further details will be promulgated via the April *Gazette* and school newsletters as soon as available. Cost will be capped at \$20 per player with a maximum of \$40 per family. The GCA has secured public liability cover for this intra-village activity in 2007 and thanks are extended to the Gundaroo Park Trust for supporting soccer activities. The oval is in particularly bad condition after the long dry conditions and villagers are asked to respond in force to both Social Soccer and Park Trust working bees in the coming months.

Breaking News - Women's Social Soccer The Social Soccer Subcommittee has also agreed to investigate the inclusion of a women's social soccer activity as an addition to the intra-village soccer scene. Expressions of interest can be lodged with Lyndell Le Bas on 6236 8835.

GCA Village Monuments Subcommittee

An outstanding effort by the Village Monuments Subcommittee has resulted in completion of major works on the Cork Street war memorial. Additional information can be read below.

Gundaroo ANZAC Day

Gundaroo will continue the excellent recent tradition of ANZAC Dawn Services and activities this 25th April. The GCA will host a dawn service at the village memorial commencing at 0525hrs, immediately followed by a Gunfire Breakfast at Grazing. A fully-catered breakfast will also be available at Grazing to recover from the early morning start and one or more games of Two Up are planned at establishments throughout the village.

Land Title and Access to the Yass River in Gundaroo The GCA has received numerous comments from villagers concerned about denial of access to the Yass River bed and river bank between Rosamel and Lot Streets. The GCA has discussed the issue with the new landowners of this part of "Bairnsdale" who emphasise their desire for quiet enjoyment of their block. Recent 'No Trespassing' signs erected along the riverbank are also intended to mitigate the owners' public liability risks. The Community Association has sought legal advice, surveyor advice and Council guidance and believes the situation can be summed up by the following points:

1. This land was originally surveyed in around 1832 and as such enjoys the benefits of Old Systems Title where private ownership extends to the middle thread of the river with no public right of way. More recent title transfers/subdivisions have converted the title to Torrens Title, however the private ownership of the riverbed has not been extinguished. Hence, as the new landowners have title to land on both sides of the Yass River in this area, the River corridor adjacent to the village boundary is, and always has been, private property
(The GCA acknowledges Richard Webb for assisting with this information).

2. The NSW Fishing Management Act of 1994 provides for public access to waterways in NSW. specifically for fishing, even when the bed of the river is not Crown Land. This part of the Act (Section 38) may be the only exception to the access constraints of the land title and Yass Valley Council has provided preliminary guidance affirming that this Section of the Act applies to the Yass River.

Gundaroo Sewer Inspections

The Association has written to Yass Valley Council regarding the conduct and purpose of recent sewer system inspections and is awaiting a response. The GCA has also discussed this issue with local Councillor Cecil Burgess and Council's Assistant General Manager Operations to ensure the community's concerns are known. More advice will be provided in coming *Gazettes* and at Council's public consultation meeting advertised separately in this *Gazette*.

Phil Langworthy

GUNDAROO MEMORIAL UPGRADE

The new addition to the Gundaroo Cork Street memorial has been completed. An extensive list of additional names have now been added to include those participants in WWI, WWII, the Boer War and post 1945 conflicts. In addition to this, space has been provided for veterans whose names are put forward in future years.

The work is a result of over two years research by the GCA Memorial Sub-committee, research by years 5 and 6 children of Gundaroo School and confirmation of names submitted by members of the community.

The new plaques read:

*On these Plaques are the names of those born or resident in Gundaroo and District
who served their country in time of war.*

LEST WE FORGET

A Gundaroo Community Project 2005-2006

Over the two year period. approximately \$8000 has been raised through a Council Grant, DVA Grant, work in kind and donations by members of our community and our local business.

A special thank you to Clive Mitchell-Taylor. President of the GCA Village Memorials Subcommittee, and:

Gundaroo Community Association (Phil Langworthy)

Gundaroo Bush Races

Grazing

Malt Crowe's Wine Bar and Crowe's Restaurant

Lou Jenal Bob Cat & Truck Hire

Danny Apps

Red Sock Masonry

Out on a Limb Tree Surgery

Sutton Automotive & Engineering,

Old Saint Luke's Studio Pottery & Gallery

Cork Street Café

Mrs Davis' Store

Gundaroo Cricket

Park Trust

Without this community support, both financially and in kind, so many would not have been recognised. This is a great addition to the existing WWI Soldiers Memorial Hall and School WWII Airman's crash memorials acknowledging the service and dedication by our men and women in time of war.

I hope to see more of our community members support our local business as they have been a continuous support to many local community groups.

Rod Morrison

Co-ordinator

GCA Village Memorial Subcommittee