

GUNDAROO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MAY UPDATE



April has been a very busy month for the community association with the ANZAC Dawn Service, a successful representation to Council on Rosamel Street, confirmation of our \$4000 DVA grants, appointment of the GCA Police Paddock Subcommittee members, a new website address and an initial publication of the Village Walking Trail (using Crown Roads transferred to YVC). For full details see the articles below.

NEW GCA WEBSITE

The GCA web pages have moved to <http://gca.gundaroo.info>. The new GCA web-link provides all recent GCA Gazette articles, GCA Minutes, Committee contacts, the GCA Objective and Plans and the Association's constitution.

SUPER GCA ANZAC DAY

The GCA Village Monuments Subcommittee hosted a second traditional Dawn Service at the WW1 Memorial on ANZAC Day at 5.30am. The village turnout was exceptional and others travelled from Canberra greatly valuing the opportunity to attend a small, colloquial service. Highlights this year included some outstanding readings of poetry, written by our primary school children to express their thoughts on the experiences of Gundaroo veterans. The GCA will work with the school to make this an annual project for the senior class. The military hospital at Duntroon also provided a field ambulance as an interesting static display for the service and the GCA thanks Mr. John Hill for transporting the vehicle to Gundaroo. Grazing again supported the occasion with a Gunfire Breakfast as well as a fully catered breakfast for those who desired more than rum and coffee. Funds raised from the breakfast will be used to maintain the village memorials. Some Two Up followed in the Village as well as screening of some classic war films prior to lunch in the Soldiers' Memorial Hall.

FINALISATION OF GCA POLICE PADDOCK SUBCOMMITTEE

Following the establishment of the Police Paddock Subcommittee (PPSC) in Mar 06, the GCA has now confirmed the appointment of Peter McGlade, Virginia Edwards, Krystein French and Sue Burns as the inaugural members of the PPSC. The 'Instrument of Appointment' for this subcommittee is publicly available on the GCA weblink. The subcommittee has already finished work on the rustic shade structure for horse agistment and will manage the GCA's Police Paddock licence on behalf of the Gundaroo Community.

\$4000 DVA GRANT FOR GCA VILLAGE MONUMENTS

The GCA signed acceptance documentation this week for a \$4000 grant from DVA to complete engraving of additional Gundaroo veteran's names on the WW1 Monument. This is an excellent funding outcome for the Village and if you have interest in these planned additions to the cenotaph please contact the GCA or the Subcommittee Chair, Clive Mitchell-Taylor. Other future works may include fencing upgrades, stone boundaries and installation of subtle lighting. The Council is still working on subdivision on the small monument site from the corner block.

SUCCESSFUL GCA ACTION ON ROSAMEL STREET RESERVATION

Last months Gazette reported on YVC requirements for a 5.5m wide sealed bitumen road to a new development on the SW corner of Cork and Rosamel St. Following critical community comment as well as this unconstructed section of Rosamel Street being part of the envisaged GCA Village Trail, the GCA Committee resolved to correspond with YVC seeking a compromise solution. The GCA and Councillor Burgess agreed with the owner and neighbours to support a narrower compacted gravel access road to the site with an even narrower gravel track meandering down to the river. Feedback from Council's deliberation on this issue is copied below:

Hi Phil, you have probably heard that the council approved the road as suggested by the GCA. Many thanks for your support. Without the GCA and Cecil we may have had to build a freeway to the river. Cheers Wolfgang

THE GUNDAROO VILLAGE TRAIL – INITIAL CONCEPT

The GCA has previously reported the transfer of all former Crown Roads within the Village to YVC and Council has asked the GCA to initiate a community consultation process to determine how best to utilise these roads for community use. A preliminary concept has been developed which is based on the long held vision of a Village Trail extending from Lot St to Rosamel St. A sketch map is included in this edition of the Gazette and your comments are very welcome to the GCA or the Council. The primary trail would encompass sections of Lot St, Cork St, Harp St, Gundaroo Tce and Rosamel St. Secondary routes (or 'greenways') may be possible through David St and Lind St. The ultimate outcome may be limited track development, along with improved access and signage to facilitate community use.

GUNDAROO MAIN STREET PROGRAM

Planning continues by YVC and the consultants. The 'Community Consultation Report' compiled from Gundaroo resident's comments is on display at Mrs Davis Store.

OLD CATHOLIC CEMETERY WORKS

Planning has progressed for expenditure of the \$3000 Heritage Grant awarded to the GCA for improvements at the Old Catholic Cemetery south of the Bridge. Initial works may involve clearing of overgrown vegetation, installation of fencing and signage and drafting of a Land Care Management Plan.

NEXT GCA MEETING

The next meeting of the GCA Committee is to be held **Wednesday 17 May 2006 at 7:30** in the Function Room at the Wine Bar. All welcome. The AGM of the GCA will be held on Mon 19 June and is advertised in a separate flyer in this edition of the Gazette. Next month the final resolution of the GCA role in furthering Gundaroo Social Soccer's future will be promulgated.