

GUNDAROO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
AUGUST 2006 UPDATE

July was been a quieter month for the community association with the introduction of a substantially new committee and the interruptions of school holidays.

MAIN STREET PROGRAM TREE REMOVAL

Many residents were surprised and disappointed to witness the removal of trees along the western verge of Cork Street last month. The trees in the immediate vicinity of Harp Street were removed to allow installation of storm water pipes and the elimination of open culverts on both sides of the Harp Street intersection. This work is to commence in August 2006. Some trees further north and south were removed as they were under the wires and are to be replaced by alternative plantings as part of the Main Street Program.

Residents who have contacted YVC regarding the tree removal have in some cases received acknowledgement that consultation with the community could have been improved. While council had flagged eventual replacement of the trees in Main Street Program plans on public display, the timetable of these works was not well understood by the community. The GCA understands that Country Energy had also scheduled extensive pruning of the same trees in July 2006 and hence there may have been an agenda to avoid unnecessary double-tasking of public utilities.

While the GCA had been sent email notification several days previously, it neither had the means nor was aware of a need to effect immediate community consultation.

VILLAGE MONUMENTS SUBCOMMITTEE

The second stage of works on the village war memorial has progressed considerably with plans for the postWWI additions close to being finalised. Funding sources have now been confirmed and designs, layouts and quotes have been presented to the subcommittee for approval.

The subcommittee met last week to review and confirm the eligibility criteria for retrospective and prospective listing on the monument. These criteria will be summarised and permanently displayed on the GCA website for community information.

SOCIAL SOCCER SUBCOMMITTEE

The Gundaroo Social Soccer season is nearing a close with the final match scheduled for 12th August 2006. The subcommittee met during July to plan presentation and function details to mark the end of the season (see below). 2006 has proven to be another outstanding event with high participation rates, good community support and relatively mild weather. The players have benefited from excellent new equipment, regularly maintained fields and refurbished goal posts. It is important that all parents confirm their children's registration details in coming weeks to ensure trophies cater for all registered participants.

GUNDAROO OLD CATHOLIC CEMETERY

A committed group of stakeholders met onsite at the Old Catholic Cemetery south of the village in late July 2006. The informal meeting was the first opportunity to gather all perspectives on how to proceed with expenditure of the \$3000 YVC Heritage Grant for 2006. A revised plan to improve access and future maintenance at the cemetery is to be submitted to Council and will be reported in further detail in the September Gazette.

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