

GUNDAROO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER UPDATE



OLD CATHOLIC CEMETERY WORKS

Stage 1 / 2006 works are scheduled for Saturday 16 Sep 06. Please consider getting involved and full details are contained in the flyer in this Gazette.

NEXT GCA MEETING

The next GCA Meeting is planned for 7.30pm Tuesday 19 Sep 06 in the Meeting Room at the Wine Bar. Everyone is welcome.

GCA MONUMENTS SUBCOMMITTEE

The work to extend the WW1 Monument to reflect additional veterans details has stalled while the subcommittee ensures the accuracy of planned inscriptions. This is critical to avoid errors, which would be difficult to correct once castings have been manufactured. The GCA has several months left to acquit this DVA Grant.

GCA POLICE PADDOCK SUBCOMMITTEE

Activities continue successfully and new subcommittee publications will be added to the weblink during September. These will include a statement of objectives of the Subcommittee and abbreviated rules of agistment for the Police Paddock.

GCA SOCIAL SOCCER SUBCOMMITTEE

Village Soccer wrapped up in August with an outstanding final series of matches and presentation function. A social event at the Wine Bar was held also held on the evening of 19 September to thank the many generous contributors to the 2006 season. The GCA thanks Mike Darby and his subcommittee for managing such a successful season.

UPDATE FROM YVC

The GCA periodically engages with senior managers at YVC to seek updates on council activities affecting Gundaroo and to positively influence the delivery of council services in and around the Village. The following summarises a discussion between the GCA President and the YVC Operations Manager held on 30 Aug 06.

GCA: *Main Street Program works were scheduled to commence in Aug 06 after delivery of materiel on site in July. What is happening with the rectification of open culverts and stormwater works at the Cork St/Harp St intersection”*

YVC: These Cork Street Drainage works are now programmed for the end of Sep 06.

GCA: *Some community residents were disturbed by removal of trees along Cork Street recently; what is the plan to re-plant these trees?*

YVC: The Cork Street Planting Strategy is covered in a proposal, which is to be placed on public exhibition in October and which will call for submissions, (the removal of additional trees deferred initiation of this consultation process).

GCA: *YVC agreed to progress subdivision of the WWI Monument site from the corner residential block after the GCA extracted in principle agreement from the landowner last year. How close is the subdivision to delivering this site into public ownership?*

YVC: All plans and site diagrams have been completed and Council is awaiting final survey details. The owner has been highly cooperative with the process and the subdivision then just needs to be lodged with the NSW Land Titles Office.

GCA: *The community is aware of proposals to rename Gundaroo Rd (the route to Gungahlin) so that the main route to Sutton and the Federal Highway can utilise the name Gundaroo Rd. Has this been ratified or what further action is intended?*

YVC: The proposal to use 'Mulligans Flat Rd' as the new name for the route to Gungahlin was not popular with residents. To date the Council has not been able to get the ACT Government to agree to the alternative new name of Ginninderra Drive. YVC intends to correspond again with the ACT Government on this issue.

GCA: *The Gundaroo Gazette has been reporting on correspondence from villagers regarding delays in processing DAs and recently published a response from YVC General Manager. What is the latest update on this issue?*

YVC: Staffing in the planning department of Council continues to be very difficult with numerous ongoing vacancies unable to be filled. Otherwise YVC has no new comment to add and the improved progress towards resolving DAs continues.

GCA: *The community association has not yet resolved a recommendation to Council on usage of unformed ex-Crown Roads, which were transferred, to YVC in 2005. Is the Council still waiting on community engagement on this issue?*

YVC: Council wishes to meet with GCA representatives to progress this issue and determine expenditure plans for the financial grant allocated through the previous Gunning Shire Council for walking track development.

GCA: *What other capital works projects or council activities are programmed for the Gundaroo area in coming months?*

YVC: Work to finish sealing of Lute Street will occur during September after relocation of a Telstra cable (this project was held up due to location of cable). The next stage of sealing the YVC portion of Gundaroo Road (the existing Gundaroo Rd to Gungahlin) is programmed for February 07 with sealing of the next one kilometre.

GCA: *The GCA was recently contacted by WIN News regarding RTA pre-construction processes for a possible new bridge. What updates does the Council have regarding RTA plans and budgets?*

YVC: The Council understands the RTA is undertaking assessment and planning activities this FY with a view to possibly securing funds for a new bridge in FY2007/08.

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