

GCA MEMBERSHIP

Have you lodged your membership application for this financial year? You can download your Application Form from www.gundaroo.info/gundaroo/gea or you can email the GCA at gundaroo@gmail.com

THE SEPTIC SAGA

The saga continues. The GCA has recently written to the Council to again urge them to establish and document a regime for the management of the septic systems in the village. It will be immensely helpful for all concerned if we have agreed procedures for ongoing communications, cost recovery protocols and the means for villagers to monitor the Council's program so there are no further surprises.

Continue to watch this space for the Council's response.

THE VILLAGE MONUMENTS SUBCOMMITTEE

Discussions are currently under way to arrange for the next stage of the village monuments restoration. There will be a working bee called shortly to work on the landscaping around both the War Memorial and the Clemenger Memorial.

The GCA would like to pass on a very heartfelt thank you to David and Eleanor Mallinson for their assistance and generosity in facilitating the subdivision of their block on the corner of Cork and Harp Streets. The War Memorial now officially stands on a Public Reserve.

OLD CATHOLIC CEMETERY

There will be another working bee to continue the clean up of the Old Catholic Cemetery. The clean up will include removing the old elm stumps to make it easier for ongoing grass cutting on the block.

Is anyone interested in taking up the ongoing responsibility for the Cemetery?

Maybe there are individuals in the village or surrounding area who have an historical bent and would like to form the Gundaroo Historical Association. There are many historical facts and tales just waiting to be collated and documented for the pleasure and education of all.

GCA JOINS THE GUNDAROO BUSH FESTIVAL (GBF) INCORPORATED

Two GCA Committee members attended the Special Meeting of the GBF INC in September to help progress planning for the 2008/09 village bush festival event. The GBF Committee has some exciting plans for the future directions of the event which will be disseminated to the Community through the GBF Committee. After several years of lobbying and strong community association involvement, the GBF Constitution was also formally amended to recognize the GCA as a full member of the GBF Incorporation. Like the village Trusts, fire brigades and school organizations, this allows the GCA to have permanent representation on the GBF Committee and to contribute decisions on event planning and disbursement of proceeds. The GCA and its Subcommittees should anticipate the opportunity to participate in and raise funds at the next GBF event.

NEW GCA PROJECT WHICH COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE

The GCA is very keen to acquire a defibrillator for the village. Sudden Cardiac Arrest kills over 30,000 people every year. One way of reducing this horrifying statistic is to have effective and immediate treatment. With the chances of survival of an attack decreasing at 7-10% every minute until professional help arrives, access to a semi automated external defibrillator could make all the difference.

Initial research indicates that we can purchase one, and receive appropriate training for a number of

“responders” from the Australian Red Cross for less than \$4,000.

Does anyone have any information on any appropriate government funding where we may be able to secure the \$\$ required. Or, is there an individual, or group of individuals, who may wish to donate some or all of the funds?

Please contact Gina Collins on 6236 8435 or at ginacollins@optusnet.com.au if you can help.

COMMUNITY BUS

A community bus operates through Gundaroo to Queanbeyan and return on the fourth Thursday of every month. It leaves in the morning and returns in the afternoon. The next date is Thursday 18th October 2007. Anyone wishing to use the bus should contact Richard Hammond on 4823 4499. There is a small charge for the service.

NEXT MEETING

The next GCA Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 17th October at 7.30pm at 35 Cork Street (The Old Caledonia Store). Please contact a GCA Committee Member if you are interested in raising any issues or attending the meeting.

WEBSITE

Details of GCA Committee members, minutes of meetings, past Gazette articles and the GCA Plan and Constitution are available on the GCA website at: <http://www.gundaroo.info/gundaroo/gca/index.htm>