

## **Gidge Gossips June 2017**

At last, it has started raining, be a while until the grass gets going and we need some warm days but the break of the season is definitely with us. Just hope it doesn't spoil the Small Farm Field Day. Putting on events such as the Field Day and the Show take an enormous amount of planning and work and money. These events exist on volunteer labour and generous sponsorship. The Show is the next big event in Gidge and if you can help in any way it would be much appreciated by the hard working committee.

Much angst with the continuing road works but we did have a wet summer and that delayed work. Hopefully it will be finished by the end of June or soon after. Interesting though, that the survey work for the Reen/Stoneville/Toodyay Roads junction has started and also for the Roland/O'Brien/Toodyay Roads junction. Another "Summer of Discontent"!!!

Just be aware that livestock are getting adventurous and there have been some reports of them out on the road. Also still some dog attacks on livestock. Make sure you know where your dogs at all times.

Dangerous times on local roads with Motorbikes out in force. One fatality just a couple of weeks ago. These local roads are lethal with honky nuts, loose gravel, very solid trees, limited visibility and challenging bends. Don't blame the roads though, driven carefully within advertised speed limits, no problem.

Soon we will have the lead up to Targa West again, thankfully no longer held in Gidgegannup. We still get visiting car processions paying homage at the Peter Brock car park. This year's Targa Rally dates are Quit Targa West 10th - 13th August 2017 Thursday - Perth, Wanneroo, Malaga Friday - Whiteman Park, Kalamunda, Mundaring, Northbridge Saturday - Toodyay, Chittering, Bullsbrook Sunday - Malaga, Perth. Just be aware that around that time you will meet high speed convoys of cars on our local roads our legacy from a nasty accident ten or so years ago, which should have been avoided.

So much going on in Gidge - check out the Gidgegannup Community page on facebook.

I was sent a really good joke about the ATO, but, given the circumstances, they appear to be doing a good job themselves.

So we are back to cows:

A man staggers into the emergency room with a concussion, multiple bruises, and a five iron wrapped around his neck.

Naturally the doctor asks him what happened.

"Well, it was like this" said the man. "I was having a quiet round of golf with my wife, when at a difficult hole, we both sliced our balls into a pasture of cows. We went to look for them, and while I was rooting around I noticed that one of the cows had something white in it's rear end. I walked over and lifted up the tail, and sure enough, there was a golf ball with my wife's monogram on it stuck right in the middle of the cow's butt. Thats when I made my mistake."

"What did you do?", asked the doctor.

"Well, I lifted the tail, pointed, and yelled to my wife, "Hey! This looks like yours