

## **Gidge Gossips – June 2018**

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Rain, glorious rain at last. Bad timing for the Small Farm Field Day but fortunately Sunday looks pretty clear until the late afternoon evening. So fantastic to hear the rain on the roof and it will certainly lay the dust. Just under an inch overnight. Welcome relief for us all and it looks as though June will have some lovely rainy days, which should get the grass growing as it is not too cold yet.

So with this gorgeous rain we will get some hay – it has been a long haul feeding the stock and round bales were running very short around the place. The cattle are so stately as they file through to have their feed. Not sure how hungry they are but as the paddocks are bare as, they have to be.

Horses looking as fat as, though that doesn't stop them fossicking on the little green there is, so all getting precautionary oilings to avoid colic. Luke the "race horse" – please note the inverted commas, is continuing on his cranky way. Has had a couple of trials, the first he didn't leave the barriers, just stood there very calmly watching the field gallop away. The second he seemed to have got the message and led the whole way by 3 or 4 lengths, slowing down at the line to win comfortably. The big question is – what will he do next time???

Quite a lot going on in Gidge over the last month. The School held their Anzac Ceremony, which was extremely moving and all organised by the children – an absolute credit to their parents and the teaching staff. If you get the chance attend one of these Ceremonies – you will feel very proud of Gidge.

Then we had the official opening of the Medical Centre, which went off well with about 40 or 50 of the community attending. Welcome to Dr. Ade and Dr. Joseph and their team. Great to see the Pharmacy in their new home as well.

The Mobile Black spot funded tower in Reen Road came on line and after nearly 30 years it is so fantastic to actually be able to receive calls in the house. Mobile coverage is a huge benefit and we really need to work together to ensure that everyone in Gidge gets that service.

Having said the above there appears to be a small group of people spreading misinformation about towers to try and alarm the community. Most of the information is years out of date and let us say cherry picked to present the worst scenario. If an NBN tower is proposed near you please take the time to read up on the present day information on electronic magnetic emissions. Also if you have concerns about the

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visibility of these towers affecting you, have a talk to NBN and don't forget there will be a Development Application with a comment period. Mobile phone towers are a bit like air ports, everyone uses them but nobody wants one nearby. Just remember to treat your neighbours with respect on this one as people do have different points of view. In the end it will come down to whether the tower meets the planning criteria. **A FAQ is available re. the provision of Wireless NBN in Bailup and Gidgegannup. If you require the pdf to be sent to you please let me know at [gpa@gidgenet.com.au](mailto:gpa@gidgenet.com.au)**

Australia Post, well that was the next drama. The parcel post round was changed so that people in North West Gidge were going to face an up to 60km round trip to collect their parcels from Stoneville. This changed arrangement was brought about as the report to Australia Post said that Gidgegannup was only 3kms from the Stoneville Post Office – fortunately Australia Post managers came up and looked at the situation on the ground and found that this was not the case generally. Back to normal now – until the next time!!!

Now the joke – just remember I was pretty short on time!

A blonde and a redhead have a ranch. They have just lost their bull. The women need to buy another, but only have \$500. The redhead tells the blonde, "I will go to the market and see if I can find one for under that amount. If I can, I will send you a telegram." She goes to the market and finds one for \$499. Having only one dollar left, she goes to the telegraph office and finds out that it costs one dollar per word. She is stumped on how to tell the blonde to bring the truck and trailer. Finally, she tells the telegraph operator to send the word "comfortable." Sceptical, the operator asks, "How will she know to come with the trailer from just that word?" The redhead replies, "She's a blonde so she reads slow: 'Come for ta bull.'"

Apologies to all blondes