



June 2006 Newsletter

COMMUNITY FAIR ON THE 6TH AND 7TH OF MAY

The Saturday morning greeted us with what felt like near freezing conditions. Some very keen stall holders arrived well before 5am, with some 25-30 others rolling in before the 9am start. An initial flurry of about 300 people, slowed in the afternoon to a handful. I think everyone else must have been more interested in watching the derby! The cakes and sausage sizzle provide by the Gidge Primary school, went down well and they managed to raise a substantial amount of money towards the year 7's graduation.

Attendance was up on the Sunday with about 1000 people passing by to take a look. Unfortunately for the stallholders this was all most of them did! All in all, most people seemed reasonably happy with the event and most commented on the wonderful surroundings and fresh country air.

One thing that became very evident to the committee, after this event, was that we really lack the manpower (or should I say peoplepower!) to hold an event of this magnitude. I personally know that it took me about a week to recover from the lack of sleep that I had over those few days. Even longer to get back in the good books with the hubby!

NEW COMMITTEE

After our recent incorporation, the next step for the EG group was to vote and elect committee members. Anne Kumar, proprietor of the Forge Ahead Gallery, very eagerly took on the role of Treasurer. Nominations were sought for the remaining positions of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary.

After counting of the nominations, The position of Secretary was offered to Penny Morgan (Felicity's Garden) who accepted as we all gasped a sigh of relief. As anyone who has ever filled this role before will know, this is a huge job. Kindly, Sally Block who accepted the position of Vice Chairperson, has offered to help out and Penny and Sally will work together on many of the day to day things which need to be dealt with.

At this stage I think that I have faired quite well being elected as the Chairperson. All members are looking forward to the year ahead, as we start another chapter for the EG group.

STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN

Nyssa Searles from the City of Swan, along with the committee and a consultant have been working for the past few months on a draft of the Strategy and Action Plan for Experience Gidgegannup. This draft is nearing completion and will soon be available

for public comment. The document will be on the Gidge website www.gidgegannup.info and copies will also be available at Gidge News or the Gallery.

GIDGE SHOW – 60TH ANNIVERSARY

This year is the 60th Anniversary of the Gidge Show and all that are involved in it are hoping to make it bigger and better than ever!

The Gidge Ag Society have been very supportive of Experience Gidgegannup and have made available a large portion of the carpark outside the hall, for us to have our stall. The plan for us is also bigger and better! 12m x 6m is what we have to work with, and now we are counting on your help to fill it. Local produce, craft, or anything, we are interested. Give us a call to discuss, Tania 0417 928 580 or Sally 9574 7065 or email us at experiencegidge@gidgegannup.info

Last years stall generated a lot of interest from locals and others and this year we want to make it better again.

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