



October 2006 Newsletter

GIDGE SHOW

Well it's nearly upon us, no not Christmas, the biggest event on the Gidgegannup calendar, the 60th annual Gidge Show. By now business owners and hobbyists should have received a letter regarding the EG marquee and the drop off time for their products and produce. If you have products, produce or information that you would like to sell/exhibit in the marquee and you have not received a letter you must contact Tania (0417 928 580) immediately to organise this. Your help is also vital, so those who have an allotted time to help man the marquee, please do not forget about this.

Kids, make sure that you visit the marquee, located in the car park outside the hall, to get your balloons. Mum and dad come along and try some wine and various local produce. Purchase anything from the marquee on the day and go in the draw to win an accommodation package including a basket of local goodies on arrival.

GIDGE FAMILIARISATION TOUR

As I am writing this we are in the final stage of planning for our next Gidge Familiarisation Tour with staff from the Swan Valley and Eastern Region Visitor Centre, tour company operators, and Gidge business owners. The last tour held back in July was a big eye opener for the City of Swan staff who attended and the hope is now, that we can run these at least twice a year.

CITY OF SWAN GRANT

A big thankyou must go to Sally Block for her hard work in securing for us a hefty grant from the City of Swan. This money is for us to have a tourism promotional trailer built to enable us to attend shows such as the Dowerin Fields days. In the past, these sort of shows have been difficult to attend due to the considerable amount of time it takes to load, set up, take down and pack up all the necessary equipment. The trailer will be a mobile display and be able to be set up by just one person. See it on display at the show.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership to EG is now available. Membership prices are very reasonable and all monies go towards helping us to promote Gidgegannup to the wider community. Business membership is only \$50 and includes a 12 month directory listing on the Gidgegannup Info website. Family membership is \$15 and single \$10. The membership form can be downloaded from the website (<http://www.gidgegannup.info/community/experiencegidge.htm>) or pick one up from the Forge Ahead Gallery.

Welcome to new members, Sue and Theo Lawrence (Talleringa Bed & Breakfast), Penny Morgan (Felicity's Garden), Cora Brown (Kwaba Maya Country Retreat), Jim Dawson, Janet Weir and Jeanette Ashworth.

A belated welcome must also go to Peter Land (Lakeview Retreat) who has joined the Experience Gidgegannup committee as our Accommodation Representative. Peter is full of enthusiasm and has been getting out and about to various meetings and events to spread the word about Gidgegannup.

COMING EVENTS

Coming events include the Swan Valley Midsummer Feast on the 16th – 18th February 2007. Again Gidgegannup businesses are invited to join up with one in the Swan Valley to promote their products or produce. Call Penny (9574 7211) before the end of October for more details and to book a place. No cost.

March 4th is Beats in the Bush. Kulcha on Swan and EG are teaming up to improve on last year's Kulcha on Swan concert by including local performers. Are you a singer /part of a band? If so, we need to speak with you. Contact Sally on 9574 7065.

CONTACT

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