

GIDGEGANNUP PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

Next Meeting dates: 16th October (community meeting on planning), 20th November, 2006 – 7.30 pm at the Agricultural Society Hall, Gidgegannup.

BMX Track: After an enthusiastic response from our younger generation a meeting has been arranged with the City on 9th October to select a site and move this project on into serious planning. Gidgegannup's youth will have a big say in this and we hope to indentify future projects for the community. There is a lot of funding in the form of grants which can be utilized for projects like this – so let us have your ideas and thoughts at gpa@gidgenet.com.au

Grading of Road Edges: One of our committee members has been giving a lot of his time to investigating the state of our local roads and meeting and liaising with representatives from Local and State Government. We are also liaising with police to crack down on hoons using our roads putting lives at risk – if you have any reports on road damage or hooning email the Gpa on gpa@gidgenet.com.au

Targa West Rally: Following the unfortunate accident on the rally there is increased traffic in the O'Brien Road/Clenton Road area. This is a situation residents and the GPA raised with Rally organizers last year. If our roads are used safely they are not dangerous and calls to remove trees and straighten bends are both impractical and unnecessary. We have been liaising with authorities re. improved signage. We have not asked for a debriefing meeting with Targa West this year (as happened last) but various points have arisen which we will raise with them – one being the closure of the road for nine hours, barring residents from their homes. Even in an accident situation this is unacceptable. If anyone has other points arising from the rally let us know. The lunch and other arrangements at the Percy Cullen Oval went well and the business brought to the townsite was welcome.

Mobile Phone/Broadband Coverage: The just announced 3G rollout is welcome as mobile coverage will be within the radius of 200 km from a mast. This new technology is the best in the world and hopefully worth the wait. This will also give wireless broadband coverage. Our information is that Telstra will be the only carrier using this technology.

The GPA have heard from Judi Moylan who informs us that the Minister for Communications is preparing a Broadband Connection and Mobile Coverage Plan for the Pearce Electorate, as part of the Government's \$3 billion Broadband Connect and telecommunications program. This scheme is enabling regional, rural and outer metropolitan communities across the nation to connect to Broadband ADSL and improve their mobile coverage.

Rates: The City have confirmed to us that they will be having talks with the Valuer General to see if UV rated properties can be treated the same as GRV and valued triennially – this, if achieved, will make for a more equitable rating system.

Outline Development Plans Round Townsite: The next meeting of the GPA on Monday, 16th October, at 7.30 pm at the Agricultural Society Hall, will be a public information evening regarding these proposed Plans. Questions will be answered and taken on notice on the evening. No decisions will be taken that evening as to whether this will eventually progress. A lot of agencies will be involved if these proposed ODPs are to go any further and a lot more community consultation would have to be undertaken. If you are at all interested in the future of Gidgegannup and how it grows, or doesn't grow come and have input.

Postal Services to Gidgegannup: Australia Post are diverting more and more services away from our local Postal Agency. This entails time consuming, expensive journeys for people collecting mail. If this affects you – complain to Australia Post, as the GPA will do.

Membership: Join the GPA and make it a strong voice for Gidgegannup – membership \$10 per year.