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Next Meetings: 16th August, 20th September, 18th October, 2010 (AGM) at 7.30 pm at the Agricultural Society Hall, Toodyay Road, Gidgegannup.

AGM: Committee for 2010-2011:

Chairperson	Sally Block
Vice Chairperson	John Mangini
Treasurer	Peter Jensen
Committee:	Vicki Hamersley, Janette Huston, Bill Karoll, Don Robertson, Michelle Zimmel

As you can see we do not have a Secretary, any member who would like to nominate is more than welcome. We would like to thank Michelle for acting as Secretary over the past three years and are glad that she is staying on the Committee as her input has been invaluable. We would also like to thank Len Baxter, who has been a long serving Committee member and our Treasurer for many years.

The Committee of the GPA works extremely hard to serve the community and this can mean, at times, quite a lot of work. With all the commitments we have this makes it difficult for people to fit this extra work into their already busy lives.

Gidgegannup would not be the community it is or be so special to us all without these volunteers, on so many committees. If you have, even a couple of hours to spare, please consider volunteering for the Community Groups who make our community what it is. Details of all groups can be found on the community website www.gidgegannup.info. Don't take our very special community for granted become part of it.

Whilst on this subject, I would like to thank our hard working Councillors, who are also volunteers, Cr. Charlie Zannino and Cr. Darryl Trease. They put in many hours of work in our interests. Also a big thank you to Frank Alban our MLA and Judi Moylan our MP, both hard working and supportive of Gidgegannup.

Rates: That awful time of year when the Rate Notices come in and a thank you to Colin Cameron from the City of Swan for venturing up to Gidgegannup in egg throwing time. Colin gave a most informative and interesting talk to the GPA, and the GPA, our Councillors, both of whom were in attendance, will be looking at ways to move forward towards equitable rating. This is an emotive subject and we need the community's views. The GPA will be making a submission to Council on rating for the 2011-12 financial year in December this year, so your views are needed and important.

Rural Numbering: The City is investigating the development process to determine if provision of Rural Street Numbers could be made a requirement of subdivision

In the meantime we are asked to urge residents to follow the use of these numbering plates, applying the City issued street address number.

Refuse/Recycling Survey: The City will be issuing a Survey to households on this subject and we would urge residents to complete this survey.

Illegal Clearing of Native Vegetation: Once again a property appears to have undertaken extensive clearing of the verge without prior approval. We are requesting the City and the Department of Environment and Conservation to investigate and stop any illegal clearing and impose revegetation compliance on the landowner. Please before any clearing of native vegetation check out the guide lines on the DEC website or call the City. Clearing regulations are complex and need to be verified. The destruction of vegetation that has been in existence for decades can be done in as many minutes and it is irreplaceable.

Development: So quiet – but wait. Directions 2031 Sub Regional document for the North Eastern Region will be out for public comment early in August. It is important for the community to have their say on this document. It is highly likely that the townsite will now be zoned urban, refer to the City of Swan's recommendation to the WAPC at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 17th March, 2010. This will allow for commercial zoning and support our businesses. Any Structure Plan will be facilitated by the City of Swan with full community consultation and input.

EMRC Resource Recovery Facility: Expressions of interest have been called by the EMRC for Membership of the Community Task Force. The GPA is hoping to nominate a designated member. It is particularly important for those residents living within a kilometer of the Red Hill Refuse Facility to nominate.

If you wish for more information please attend our meetings and if you wish, become a member.