

Gidge Gossips September 2015

Lots going on in Gidge, the Show at the end of October, Picnic by the Lake 18<sup>th</sup> October, Footie Finals and Gidge will be there, fortnightly community get togethers at the Recreation Club – a real and positive place for meeting with others in your community.

Pelicans – crossing? Well we have all heard of Pelican Crossings but it appears that there is an extremely well mannered Pelican in the vicinity of the Red Hill Waste Facility. Reports of this intelligent bird crossing the road are coming in. So watch out for him/her (how do you tell the difference) and let him/her have precedence.

Targa West – this has come and gone and the car enthusiast interest in Gidge appears to be waning. There will, however, be the ninth Peter Brock Cruise on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2015. So be aware of extra traffic on the North Gidge roads and a raised police presence on Toodyay Road.

Accidents – one burnt out ute that collided with a tree on 21<sup>st</sup> August and one tree squashing a bus in Stoneville narrowly missing our Pharmacist thank goodness.

By the way many congratulations to Jana and Matt Wilson on the birth of their daughter.

The City now, finally, after so many years have actually signed a lease with the Recreation Club, as long as they appreciate the time, work, and money the Club have put in over the last thirty years, saving the City hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Having said the above, we also need to acknowledge the tremendous work the Agricultural Society has put in over nearly 70 years to develop and maintain our Showgrounds and they are still doing this.

We all take our clubs a bit for granted and don't realise how much they have done and are doing to provide us with a wonderfully diverse range of facilities and events.

Winter – and at last the rain is falling and we have only just got run off into our dams. The Wooroloo is now flowing well as is the Equitus but nowhere near the levels it has in the past. Here in Frosty Hollow rainfall has crept up to 475 mm for the year, this is below the 525 mm we experienced some years ago as our lowest ever. Let's hope it is a wet September.

Footie – dare I mention it? Probably not. I am even having civilised conversations with the Friendly Hills Plumber as we both wait with apprehension the last couple of weeks of the season. Then Finals and could we hope to have a Derby as the Final. More comment next month when I could well be grovelling in despair.

Thanks to Jan for this month's joke:

Airborne approximately thirty minutes on an outbound evening flight from the local airport, the lead flight attendant for the cabin crew nervously made the following painful announcement..:

"Ladies and gentlemen, I'm so very sorry but it appears that there has been a terrible mix up one minute prior to take off, by our airport catering service... I don't know how this has happened but we have 103 passengers on

board and, unfortunately, only 40 dinner meals... I truly apologise for this mistake and inconvenience."

When passengers' muttering had died down, she continued.. ,

"Anyone who is kind enough to give up their meal so that someone else can eat will receive free, unlimited drinks for the duration of our 5 hour flight."

Her next announcement came 90 minutes later...

"If anyone would like to change their minds, we still have 40 dinners available."

This is reported to be a true story!