

## **Gidge Gossips - April 2018**

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So much happening in Gidge and worth checking out the Community facebook page to keep up to date. A great source of information and advice as well.

Footy season starting as well and we will all be barracking for the mighty Bulldogs but spare a thought for the AFL. My tipping is not going so well at the moment, but Round 1 is early days. Needless to say I have not tipped the West Coast teams – but surprises do happen.

End of March and Easter approaching, this is where we get to the depths of feeding the livestock. Summer feed has gone and it is flat out. My cows and there are only 28 lowlines get through a 5 ft roll overnight, when according to units of protein that should last 3 days. Do you think that lot have heard of units of protein? Horses are much more civilised. Half a bale a day plus their hard feed. It is difficult to get feeding right but really it is looking at their condition score.

Bad year for weeds with summer rain and they really need to be kept under control or there is a real problem. The City has been really helpful on this but their resources only go so far. Report really bad infestations, and this year we are targeting cotton bush. If you have this on your property, pull it up, use gloves – a bit late now but can always be sprayed with glyphosate, do yourself and your neighbour a good turn.

Easter is approaching and hopefully the break in the season. We used to have a wonderful character living in Gidge called Charlie Miles and he was always game to predict this with a close challenge from John Cory.

Speaking of which look forward to the opening of the Medical Centre in Gidge.

Toodyay Road is progressing at the rate of knots, let's hope it continues. The GPA is in there pushing roads and telecommunications, what would we do without them!

Now for the Joke:

A city guy Donovan was driving his Mercedes down a country road when his car broke down next to a field filled with cows. Donovan got out and

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although he knows nothing about cars, started poking around under the hood.

One of the cows walked over to the fence, leaned over, looked at the engine and said, "I think the problem's in your valve rocker shaft." Donovan nearly jumped out of his skin, and ran off to the nearest farmhouse. When he got there he banged with fear on the door.

The farmer opened the door, and Donovan screamed "A cow just told me how to fix my car!" as he pointed towards the field.

The farmer looked over to the field and asked, "Was it a big yellow cow?" "Yes! Yes!" said Donovan.

The farmer asked, "Did she have a big black spot next to her ear?" Donovan yelled, "Yes! Yes! That's the one!"

The farmer sighed in exasperation. "That damn fool Betty," he said. "Don't listen to her. She knows nothing about cars."

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Don't eat too many Easter Eggs, but have a great time.