

Gumeracha Community Association Inc.
Committee Meeting held on
Monday, 14th July, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. @ Gumeracha Take-Away

1. **Present:** Dorothy & Joe Evans, Rae & Derek Evans, Jim & Pam Hale, Bob & Marilyn Hillier, Lydia Mik, Don Westlake
2. **Apologies:** Dave & Lynne Garwood
3. **Minutes from the Previous Meeting:**
Moved: Bob Hillier Seconded: Don Westlake All in favour.
4. **Business Arising from Previous Meeting:** (See also Sub-Committee Reports below –Item 6)
- 4.1 **Torrens Valley Community Centre:** Pam advised she has informed Val Hall that she will represent GCA on the new Community Advisory Committee. Marilyn volunteered to work with Pam.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Tabled for June and July meetings.
Moved: Rae Evans Seconded: Marilyn Hillier Accepted
- 5.1 **Payment Claim Slips:** Pam tabled a draft of a Payment Claim Slip for members to consider. Don suggested we accept, trial and review after three months. Accepted.
Pam will send a copy to all members for use on a needs basis.
- 5.2 **New Auditor:** Lydia will obtain and send to Rae and Pam the contact details of a local accountant.
6. **Sub-Committee Reports:**
- 6.1 **Fund-Raising:**
 - **Catering Programme:**
 - **Equipment Inventory:** Work in progress.
 - **Policy and Procedures:** Work in Progress.
 - **Swap-Meet:** Still awaiting response from AHC for use of Federation Park car-parking area. Rae was concerned that the area proposed would be too small. Jim presented the map that was sent to AHC to explain the area to be used. Pam will contact Council to get a decision, as time is of the essence. If permission given, it was decided to trial the new venue this year, and review for next year. Rae requested for a volunteer to handle the site bookings – Marilyn volunteered. Pam distributed a draft of **Annual Swap Meet Procedures**, requesting members to peruse, edit, and return to her as soon as possible.
 - **Other:** Nothing to present.
- 6.2 **Tourist Information:**
 - **History Walk:**
 - **Site Boards** - Pam reported that she was required to lodge a development application to AHC for **each** of the sites. This has, of course, delayed the process even further. She has a meeting with Emma Barnes of the Planning Department in the next couple of weeks to finalise the applications, and Emma has assured Pam that she will process these as quickly as possible.
 - **Brochure:** Pam has received information from Graeme McVitty on possible assistance for funding and printing the new brochure.
 - **Flora & Fauna Boards:** Pam reported that we were unsuccessful in obtaining the Country Arts SA grant to cover the cost of a professional photographer. Plan 'B' is now being implemented. She and Don have a meeting with the School Principal and Project Officers from 'Waterwatch' and the Upper River Torrens Landcare Group on Wednesday, 23rd July to formulate the final school program. There could be the option to bring in the photographer for the final lay-out work, but this would be at GCA's cost. Alternatively, we could use images produced by the students combined with images supplied by the project officers and from the image library of the Dept. of Environment and Heritage, and the Project Officers have offered to assist in the lay-out work. She recommended that we go with this latter option and forgo the use of the professional photographer. Accepted.
 - **Coming Events Board:** No action at this state.

- **TIB Maintenance:**
 - **Red Gum Seat:** Don, Jim and Joe yet to action.
 - **Township map:** Work in progress, in conjunction with the History Walk Brochure.

6.3 Federation Park: A letter was sent to Bob Brooksby, suggesting an approach be made to the Medieval Fair committee re donation of furniture. However, Jim and Pam gave information about Michel Grey's plans to fund the building of a pavilion in the park, which could be an alternative contribution to the community.

- **New 'Dogs on Leash' Signs:** Queries have been made in relation to these signs, and what community consultation Council provided prior to their installation. It was agreed that there was a need to approach Council and obtain details on the new regulations, and this information provided through the newsletter. Jim will contact council.

Following Lydia's request at the last meeting, Pam hasn't been able to contact Kathy Bawden in relation to Council's long-term plans for Gumeracha. She will continue to pursue the matter.

6.4 Marketing/Publicity:

- **Newsletter:** Next issue's deadline was 11th July 2008 but, due to issues raised at this meeting, this has been re-set to Friday, 18th July. Don will provide information on the possible Health Department changes affecting Gumeracha Hospital. Jim raised an issue of danger to women drivers. This will also be included, and passed on by Bob at the next Rural Watch meeting.
- **Press Releases:** None.
- **Website:** Don reported that he had received a request from Belinda Tregenza to add a new page to the website in relation to the proposed changes to Gumeracha Hospital. Following discussion, it was agreed that this issue requires serious community support.
Moved: Don Westlake 2nd: Lydia Mik.
Approved in principle - Belinda to send draft to members before final approval to put on the website.
See also point 8.2 below.
- **Broadband Presentation:** *See point 8.1 below.*

6.5 Rural Watch: Nothing to report.

6.6 Albert Street:

- **Planter Barrels:** Nothing to report.
- **Bus Shelters & Seating:** Bob reported that the manufacturing company is Adshel Street Furniture. Pam will pass on contact details to Lynne for her to pursue costing and report at next meeting.
- **Police Station Parking:** Still waiting for signs to be installed.

7. Correspondence:

7.1 Incoming:

- 20.06.08: Country Arts SA, Flora and Fauna Project grant notification.
- Adelaide Hills Tourism – The Four Seasons Winter issue of Newsletter, and 2009 Visitor Guide Prospectus.
- Neville Gilbert – email address change.
- 1.07.08: Viv Goodenough, South Central Area Consultative Committee of Regional Development Funding Program – information on inquiry into the new program.
- 7.07.08: AHC – History Walk Site-Board Project – request for further development applications.
- Belinda Tregenza – enquiry about AHC's consultation process regarding new 'Dogs on Leash' signs in reserves/parks.

7.2 Outgoing:

- Minutes of June meeting.
- 30.06.08: AHC – acknowledgement of Community Grant and Acquittal Statement for Flora and Fauna Project.
- Belinda Tregenza – response to new 'Dogs on Leash' signs enquiry.

8. Any Other Business:

8.1 Adelaide Hills Broadband Service:

Don introduced Bob Geary, Regional Project Manager for Adelaide Hills Broadband Development. Bob is based at the Adelaide Hills Regional Development Board at Mount Barker. He gave a presentation on his role, and distributed copies of an information package (copy filed).

His main roles are:

- 1. To improve and expand the broadband service through The Hills; working particularly with Internode; The program roll-out will take at least a year.
- 2. Coordinating and presenting workshops to raise awareness and give support for people to increase their use of broadband;
- 3. Provide information to people of alternatives if they can't get broadband, e.g. wireless, satellite (with Federal Govt subsidy).

Bob is identifying wireless 'hot-spots' in The Hills, and will give information about access, e.g. internet cafes, etc.

He gave information about 'Community Mesh Networks' – covering small local neighbourhood networks, which have possibilities for small communities to obtain network access and support.

Discussion took place on the possibilities for Gumeracha, e.g. one unit installed at the TIB, or at the TVCC, with coverage for the township for users to connect with. Bob and Internode would provide support for the process. The Committee considered this could be a development to consider and discuss further. Don will initially consult with Belinda Tregenza, and report back.

8.2 Changes to the SA Health Department Policy Affecting Rural Hospitals:

Dorothy gave information in relation to concerns by our local doctors on the impact of the Health Dept. changes that could affect Gumeracha Hospital. She distributed a petition for members to sign. Following discussion, it was agreed that this was a very important issue that the Association should support.

Action: Dorothy and Marilyn will copy and distribute the petition, and establish a strategic plan to present at the next meeting.

8.3 Walking Trails: Joe reported that he had met with Graeme McVitty in regards to a walking trail from Kersbrook to Gumeracha. Graeme wishes to come and talk to our committee in regards to this proposal. Joe to arrange.

Council has now taken responsibility for public liability insurance in relation to trails in the Council area. Graeme also gave information about a trail through Kenton Valley – Joe will obtain more information.

8.4 New Treasurer: Rae Evans officially resigned and handed over to Joe Evans, as previously agreed at the meeting of 10th March, 2008.

9. Meeting closed: 09:35 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, 11th August, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. @ the Take-Away.

Chairperson's Signature:.....

Date:.....