

Gumeracha Community Association Inc.
Committee Meeting held on
Monday, 12th January, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.
@ Gumeracha Town Hall

1. **Present:** Dorothy & Joe Evans, Dave Garwood, Pam Hale, Marilyn Hillier, Chelsea Lewis, Lydia Mik, Don Westlake, Lee & Brett Withy.
Welcome to Anne Ellis, Coordinator, Torrens Valley Community Centre.

2. **Apologies:** Jim Hale, Bob Hillier.

3. **Minutes from the Previous 2 Meetings:**

Moved: 17.11.08	Marilyn Hillier	Seconded: Lee Withy	All in favour.
8.12.08	Joe Evans	Dave Garwood	

4. **Business Arising from Previous Meeting:** (See also Sub-Committee Reports below –Item 6)
Don explained that we would be concentrating on the two main January events at this meeting, and other items would be addressed more fully at the February meeting (See point 8.1)

4.1 **Australia Day – Launch of Heritage Walk and Brochure:** Pam will be finalising the agenda with Val Hall in the next two weeks and will pass on to members. We will be putting up a promotional marquee with a display, to be able to hand out the new ‘Historical Gumeracha Welcomes You’ brochures and to conduct the launch. Assistance from some committee members to erect the marquee and arrange the display would be appreciated. Most boards are in place, just the wall-mounted signs and former Kenton Inn to be done. The new owners of Kenton Inn have given permission for a site-board to be erected, and Pam has submitted a development application to Council. It could be some weeks before this is approved, but we have gone ahead and ordered the stand and board in readiness. We will use this board for the launching ceremony in the park.

Pam reported that the brochures are in the post, and she should receive them in the next couple of days. She will pass 200 to Brett and Lee when they arrive.

Pam also reported that Anthony Miller had given her a batch of leaflets for the Rocking Horse and Warrawong, which have special offers in them. These were to hand out at the POP! Party, but it didn't seem appropriate, as those attending were mostly locals. She asked permission of the committee to have these to hand out from the marquee on Australia Day – committee agreed.

It was also suggested that we approach Michael Willoughby to see if he wanted us to hand out leaflets for the Old Mill Market, and in turn we would give the new brochures to him to display at the market. Lee will contact Michael.

4.2 **Let's Do ‘Tour Down Under’ (23.01.09):**

Anne Ellis explained the idea of the day and what has been planned. She has been involved in other towns who have been involved in the Tour. She had convened a sub-committee which has been working over the past couple of months. The day will be a collaborative community event with various groups involved, i.e.: GCA – drinks and ice-creams, and a trading table.

TV Lions Club – sausage sizzle.

Hospital Auxiliary – coffee and cake.

TV Community Centre/Council – providing infrastructure equipment, a jumping castle, free face painting.

The Op-Shop will be open.

There will be a ‘Decorate a Bike’ competition for the children.

Marilyn is organising signage with Brenton from the hotel.

Anne explained that the day has now developed into a major event, as Bike SA has now arranged for **The Challenge Bicycle Race** to come through town with 7000 amateur cyclists having their water stop at the Gumeracha oval. They will be organising the infra-structure for receiving so many cyclists, e.g. toilets and water. Lydia tabled a map showing the set-up, car-parking and car and bike routes.

Times: **Challenge Race = 8:00 – 10:30 a.m.** **Tour Down Under Race** = 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Anne has made an application for ‘Best Town en Route’ with a theme of Recycling; thus the school flag banners are being used, and workshops with the children to make banners, etc. have been organised for next week. They will have a bike with a recycling trailer on the back. They requested the use of the GCA recycling baskets – Pam will see Ian and Phillip of the CFS to organise.

The Albert Street businesses are being encouraged to decorate their properties. Brett and Lee Withy have hired the Hotel balcony for some of their clients to have lunch and view the races. Anne will do a media release next week – TV stations, Courier, etc. The organising committee thought that this was a good method to promote the town for other than the Rocking Horse.

Anne commented on the poor communication from Tour Down-Under organisation which has impacted on what was originally a small event. It was suggested that a feed-back letter be sent to the organisation after a de-brief of the event.

Chelsea Lewis reported that the TV Children's Centre have put out a request for old bike donations. She as also flagged for volunteers, and some have put name on list. Chelsea will get the list to Lydia.

Jim Hale will loan his 4 bikes and deliver them to Anne asap and she will store.

Set-Up Time - 7:00 a.m. on 23rd.

GCA will provide 2 large carports as marquee shelter for the elderly community members who are attending.

Lydia has organised to the loan of an ice-cream cart, providing we buy 7 cartons – will need someone to pick up the cart on a trailer from Salisbury on Thursday, 22nd and returned on Friday, 24th or Tuesday, 27th. Dave indicated he may possibly be able to do so if he can obtain the loan of a larger trailer.

GCA Trading Table – Lydia will need donations of cakes, biscuits, etc.

Lydia and Marilyn organising the supply of drinks.

Members please wear their GCA shirts.

Pam will contact photographer, Geraldine Johnstone, to see if she would be willing to be official photographer for the event.

4.3 Albert Street Christmas Lights: Jim has contacted John O'Dea to arrange a date for dismantling – will inform members when a date known. Don reported that Denise LaVars has offered us her string of lights from the old Service Station. Pam will write a letter of thanks.

4.4 POP! Party De-Brief: Great night. About 300 people attended. The DJ was very good, and he's been booked for the next party. The committee appreciated Brenton and Kerry closing the hotel at 9:00 p.m. and encouraging customers to join the party. They also offered their bedrooms for people who didn't want to drive home. Pam will write a letter of thanks to them. Some slept in the park. It was also pleasing to see so many of the teenagers/young twenties stay enjoy themselves all evening – a much safer environment for them than driving to the city.

Lucky Envelopes – We didn't have enough prizes – could have sold double the amount. Pam will send out certificates to gift donors – Marilyn will supply her with a list. Don will do a stock-check on the food supplies. There was considerable mess to clean-up the next morning, but people used the recycling baskets for their cans and bottles.

4.5 Flora and Fauna Boards – Student Acknowledgement: Pam reported that a permission request letter was sent to parents in the last week of Term 4, 2008. Not all were returned, so she will chase these up in the first week of term.

5. Treasurer's Report: Tabled.

Moved: Joe Evans

Seconded: Lydia Mik

Accepted

6. Sub-Committee Reports:

6.1 Fund-Raising:

- **Catering Program:**

- **Policy and Procedures:** Work in progress – Pam and Don to meet next week to finalise.

The Fund-Raising Sub-Committee was asked to present a 2009 plan for the February meeting.

6.2 Marketing/Publicity:

- **Newsletter:** Next issue to be edited and printed for distribution in the first week of Term 1, i.e. week beginning 26.01.09. Marilyn reported that she had spoken to a professional writer who had looked at the various community newsletters, including ours, and he's make some useful suggestions, i.e. profile a business or community volunteer in each issue, giving the newsletter more human interest, and highlighting some of the work that individuals do that goes unnoticed. Marilyn will pass on the contact details of this writer to Pam. Pam and Lee will look at ideas and work on the newsletter next week.

7. Correspondence:

7.1 Incoming:

16.12.08: Kathy Bawden – response to Pam’s email regarding removal of old town entry signs.

7.2 Outgoing:

- Minutes of November/December meetings.
- 15.12.08: Email to Kathy Bawden of AHC regarding removal of old town entry signs (*Pam explained the issue and how she now has one of the signs ‘dumped’ down the side of her house! She will contact Bob Brooksby of the Lions Club to see if they wish to recycle the wood*).
- 6.01.09: Di Tower, AHC Development Assessment Unit – Application for Heritage Walk Sign-Board at former Kenton Inn, Victoria Street.

8. Any Other Business:

8.1 2009 Action Plan: Don and Pam are meeting next week to work on this and will present to the Committee at the February meeting. Information/suggestions from committee members to be emailed to Pam asap.

8.2 Albert Street Planters: Dave reported that he will be getting new plants in the coming week, and will plant them in before the 23rd.

8.3 Town Hall 100 Years Anniversary (20 - 28.04.09): Dave also reminded us that 2009 is the Hall’s centenary. The Hall Committee is developing a calendar of events for the week indicated above. Pam will contact Bob Brooksby and ask for a program.

8.4 Open-Air Movie in the Park: Anne Ellis reported that she has arranged for a movie to be shown on Saturday 28th March in Federation Park – details to be released soon.

8.5. New Membership Forms: Pam indicated that the pro forma needs an update, and it would be good to have some available for Australia Day. Lee volunteered to work on this.

8.6 Town Entry Signs: Don reported that we need to contact Council to request that the new sign on the Birdwood road be lifted above the guard rail, as it is currently not visible.

8.7 Fund-Raising/Sponsorship: Lydia requested an introductory letter to give to a produce sponsor she is negotiating with – Pam will send her a copy.

8.8 Future Meetings: Anne Ellis offered the TVCC as a venue for future meetings at no charge. She will check the bookings to see if the room is free and let Pam know. If so, Pam will re-negotiate the Hall foyer hire with Bob and Council.

9. Meeting closed: 09:040 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, 9th February at 7:30 p.m. @ TVCC or Gumeracha Hall - TBA

Chairperson’s Signature:.....

Date:.....