

Gumeracha Community Association Inc.
Committee Meeting held on
Monday, 10th March, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. @ Gumeracha Take-Away

1. **Present:** Derek & Rae Evans, Joe & Dorothy Evans, Lynne & Dave Garwood, Jim & Pam Hale, Bob & Marilyn Hillier, Lydia Mik, Don Westlake
2. **Apologies:**
3. **Minutes from the Previous Meeting:**
Moved: Lynne Garwood Seconded: Joe Evans All in favour.
4. **Business Arising from Previous Meeting:** (See also Sub-Committee Reports below –Item 6)
 - 4.1 **A-Frame Boards:** In hand.
 - 4.2 **Christmas Lights:** Jim reported that the lights were taken down last Wednesday, 5th March. All the equipment is currently stored at ‘Haleshaven’. Pam will send a letter of appreciation to John O’Dea and Mark Gevers.
 - 4.3 **2008 Action Plan:** Deferred until April meeting.
 - 4.4 **Disabled Toilet in Federation Park:** Joe Evans reported that the repairs had been done.
 - 4.5 **GCA Equipment Storage:** Jim reported that he had received prices of shipping container (circulated). He suggested that the one being offered at Birdwood was a more comparable price. Council will not give permission to store it in the first option site, i.e. between the Op Shop and Kindergarten shed at the Hall. Council also require people to request planning permission to place a container on private property. Jim has discussed storage at the Cornish farm with Ian Cornish. He is happy for us to site a container there, but this will have to wait until they have repaired the access bridge. Joe Evans offered temporary space until we can organise the container at Cornish farm. A moving squad will transfer the equipment on **Easter Saturday**. Joe will leave a key to his shed with Pam & Jim. Following this arrangement, it was decided not to go ahead with the purchase of a container.
Purchase of a 2nd BBQ:
Jim proposed that we purchase one more BBQ to replace the one we have borrowed in the past. 2nd: Don Westlake. All in favour.
5. **Treasurer’s Report:** Tabled
Moved: Rae Evans Seconded: Marilyn Hillier Accepted
- 5.1 **Auditor’s Report:** Pam reported that the audit had been carried out by Andrew Alderson. Copies passed to Rae Evans.
Auditor’s recommendations – use a request/authorisation slip to staple to receipts handed to Treasurer. Rae will organise.
- 5.2 **Medieval Fair:** Pam will be handing copies of the Fair’s Audit Report to Michel Grey this week with a covering letter. We will now arrange of for the Medieval Fair account to be closed and monies transferred to the general account.
- 5.3 **Investment Account:** No discussion at this meeting.
6. **Sub-Committee Reports:**
 - 6.1 **Fund-Raising:**
 - **Catering Programme** (Tabled):
 - **Medieval Fair Stalls:** Don reported that he has written a letter to the Food Merchant Coordinator, requesting the site fees to be waived due to our being a community group. Still awaiting a response before he sends in the application form. Don proposed that we go ahead, and all were in favour.
 - **Easter Raffle:** Lydia reported that ticket sales are going extremely well (thanks mainly to Cheryl Peter). First prize is mainly donations, plus the meat voucher, etc.; 2nd prize – basket of eggs to the value of \$6.00; 3rd prize - chairs will cost \$40.00. We should make a reasonable profit. Draw will be on **Sunday, 16th March at 8:00 pm at the Take-Away**. Dave will invite Brian Ventris, local JP, to witness the draw.

6.2 Tourist Information:

- **History Walk:** Pam reported that the final drafts will be completed within the next week.
- **Flora & Fauna Boards:** Pam reported that a grant application has been submitted to Nature Foundation SA Inc. for the cost of supporting the Primary School's Learning Program and the manufacture of the boards. She has also drafted an application to Country Arts SA for a Professional Photographer as 'Artist in Residence', to work with the students on the photographic elements of the project. This will be submitted by Friday, 14th March. We will also be applying the AHC for a small \$500.00 Community Grant to support this project.
- **Coming Events Board:** Don reported that he and Jim had another meeting with Kathy Bawden of AHC, Councillor Val Hall and Bob Brooksby. Further discussion is required to come to an agreement about the size and site.
- **TIB Maintenance:**
 - **Red Gum Seat:** Still not received the carpenter's contact details.
 - **Replacement of Maps:** No action at this time.
- **TVT Report:** Rae reported that the AGM has been postponed until next Monday, 16th March.

6.3 **Federation Park:** Nothing to report this meeting.

6.4 Marketing/Publicity:

- **Newsletter:** Next issue to be ready for distribution during the **week starting 28th April.**
- **Press Releases:** None.
- **Website:** Nothing to report. Don will obtain statistics from Belinda for next meeting.

1.1 **Rural Watch:** No report this meeting.

1.2 Albert Street:

- **Planter Barrels:** Dave reported that another barrel is required to replace the one that was taken from the Catering equipment to replace the damaged one. Dave will organise. Dave will also move the barrel that is continually being knocked over. 3 new trees have been planted.
 - **Water supply:** Dave reported that the water trailer is now parked at the Council Depot, and Council has given permission for water to be used from the Depot.
- **Bus Shelters & Seating:** Dave has been enquiring about the cost of shelters. Will report at next meeting.
- **Police Station Parking:** No response from AHC to date. Jim will chase up.

7. Correspondence:

7.1 Incoming:

- 14.02.08 – Tony Brown, AHC Collaborative Project Officer – invitation to attend the Positive Ageing Regional Project session.
- 23.02.08 – Bob Brooksby – miscellaneous, including an invitation to become partners in the forthcoming 2009 Town Hall Centenary celebrations. (All happy to be involved – Pam will write to Bob).
- 4.03.08 - Torrens Valley Tourism invitation to AGM on Monday, 17th March.

7.2 Outgoing:

- Minutes of February meeting.
- 12.02.08 – Gumeracha Sporting Club – letter accompanying cheque for \$50.00 for use of grounds for last Swap-Meet.

8. Any Other Business:

8.1 **Footpath from the Rocking Horse section of Albert Street:** Jim reported that we had received a letter from a resident, Chelsea Lewis, requesting the Association's support in negotiating with AHC to provide a safe footpath along this section. Pam apologised for not including this in correspondence to enable the committee to discuss this at the February meeting. Jim pointed out the difficulties involved in cleaning up and installing a footpath, but also highlighted the dangers for pedestrians. Jim proposed that the Association take this matter up with Council and the Highways Dept., possibly as part of the streetscape upgrading that is planned by the Council.
2nd: Dorothy Evans. All in favour.

- 8.2 Changes to Committee:** Jim brought up the prospect of our needing a new Treasurer, due to Rae and Derek moving away from the area. Don proposed that we invite Joe Evans to act as Assistant Treasurer until Rae resigns, and to be Treasurer for the remaining of the Treasurer's term, namely November 2009. 2nd: Lydia Mik Joe accepted All in Favour. Jim also stated the need to also consider the other tasks that Rae undertakes, e.g. Fund-Raising Coordinator, Newsletter editor, etc. and seek volunteers from the committee to undertake these tasks at the next meeting.
- 8.3 Graffiti on the wall in front of the Hospital:** Dorothy enquired what we could do about the issue – it is concerning many residents, particularly those in The Cottages opposite the hospital. Dave will bring this up with Brian Ventris of the Rural Watch committee.
- 8.4 Town Entrance Signs:** Jim reported that he, Don and Pam attended the consultation meeting with Kathy Bawden of AHC, and other community members. Bob Brooksby displayed the Primary School students' designs he had obtained. Suggestions were made on the graphic designs and colour schemes, and Kathy took these back to the designers. She will convene another consultation on design options produced by the artists.
- 8.5 Walking Trail:** Lydia reported that she had been given information about a meeting regarding trails to be held on 2nd April at 11:00 am at TVCC. Don and Pam think that this may refer to a trail that is being designed which incorporates the school's Bushland Garden. Pam will obtain information from the school and report back.
- 8.6 Fire at the Gumeracha Weir:** Joe proposed that we write a letter to the emergency services to express our appreciation on behalf of the community for their swift and efficient actions to prevent further damage from the recent fire. 2nd: Lynne Garwood All in favour Pam will write the letter.
- 9. Meeting closed:** 09:30 p.m.
- Next Meeting:** Monday, 14th April, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. @ the Take-Away.

Chairperson's Signature:.....

Date:.....