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## STANDOFF!! Council & Coliban in roadworks deadlock

If there's one thing worse in not having the necessary roadworks done on your street...it's having them started and then the work left uncompleted.

This is what has happened on the corner of Turner and Franklin Street, a situation that is now known as The Great Guildford Standoff.

It's been three months since work was commenced and then left in limbo.

And it appears it's going to stay that way.

According to Mt. Alexander Council, the blame for the delay is with Coliban Water who, in turn, emphatically deny responsibility.

During the initial excavation the Council workers dug up some pipes (temporarily cutting off water to the area) that were deemed to be in need of replacement.

Coliban Water have told *The Globe* that there is no way they are going to replace the pipes.

According to Bruce Lucas, the Mt. Alexander Council's, Manager for Infrastructure, they can and will not lay the asphalt until the pipes are replaced.

In an email obtained by *The Globe* from Mr. Lucas he confirms that "there is a complication.

"After having Coliban water visit the site to raise the water main valve to the new pavement level they have backtracked and now wish to replace the section of water main that continues to burst.

"This is with Coliban water at present, which means it is not desirable for Council to place asphalt surface.

"We have indicated to Coliban that this needs to be urgent as I will not accept the job being left in its current state much longer.

"If we asphalt before Coliban Water undertake works they will be required to replace asphalt surface as opposed to trenching through it, although I understand they are considering relocating it to the side of the road."

According to Coliban they aren't considering anything.

Mr. Lucas has refused to speak with *The Globe*, saying through a spokesperson that he is waiting for the

call from Coliban.

However in a further email to the Progress Committee Mr. Lucas goes on to assert that Council is also "a little frustrated with the current scenario and delays in completing this project.

"We do not want to place the asphalt black top until we are reassured that it won't need to be dug up soon after for water main repairs.

"In short we have received verbal advice that Coliban water will not be pursuing the replacement of the main. They have however engaged a consultant to complete detailed design and costs which will be finalised I understand late this week.

"We are currently negotiating with Coliban water regarding future pavement reinstatement responsibilities if they do not proceed now and then need to complete future repairs requiring the new road to be dug up.

"Our contractor is awaiting advice to proceed to complete the contracted works and I anticipate having a final response from

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Let's raise the flag and see if anyone salutes. Work on resurrecting the flagpole on the Highway end of the John Powell Reserve has been completed thanks to the effort of one, Alf Partridge, to whom we salute.



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**But Wait!!...There's banjos**



# Greetings

Putting together this month's *Globe* has been quite an interesting experience.

Naturally, we have featured the big Banjo weekend as you will note by our coverage commencing on page 5.

But often a story starts really small and by the time we went to press we had to change our front page. This was the case with the Coliban v Council fracas that has stalled the Franklin/Turner Street roadworks.

We at *The Globe* are here to report on and fight for those issues that concern you, the people of Guildford.

Whether it's the on again, off again roadworks, the public transport debacle or issues surrounding the market we are prepared to take a stand.

At the same time we want to open up a dialogue with you. Whether you agree or disagree with what is happening or what we say then write to us.

The pages of *The Globe* are open to anyone and everyone.

Enjoy this issue.

Love

Rajeev

## Standoff!!

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Coliban Water by the end of next week."

"Not so," says Lauren Clark, Communications and Marketing Officer with Coliban Water, "this is simply not true."

She has told *The Globe* that Council received written advice via email on the 1st Sept that they would not be proceeding with any work.

"We have not engaged a consultant. However, Kevin Wiseman, and independent consultant, has been preparing a brief of costs on his own accord for council to pursue if they wish.

"Any works we engage in we would be responsible for reinstating the area to Council or VicRoads conditions. But this is not an issue as we are not proceeding with any works and are not negotiating with Council.

"The council contractor is not waiting on advice from Coliban and we are not involved in the works."

Ms Clark reinforced that Council was notified via email to confirm conversation had on 1st September that Coliban would not be replacing the main.

Meanwhile the workmen have come and they have gone and until the parties agree we are left with an impasse.

We say: It makes logical sense that once you start a job, bring in the equipment and organise the workers, you would then actually complete it.

That would be logical.

## Julie quits school

Julie Holden, head teacher at the Guildford School has quit unexpectedly to take up the position of principal of the Chewton Primary School.

"I have loved everything about working at Guildford and hope that I can stop crying about this soon," she said.

Julie was much loved at the school and was always involved in school events including the occasional fancy dress.

*Julie's letter P4*

*Holden J.*



Logic would also tell you to make sure about other infrastructure that may need to come into consideration.

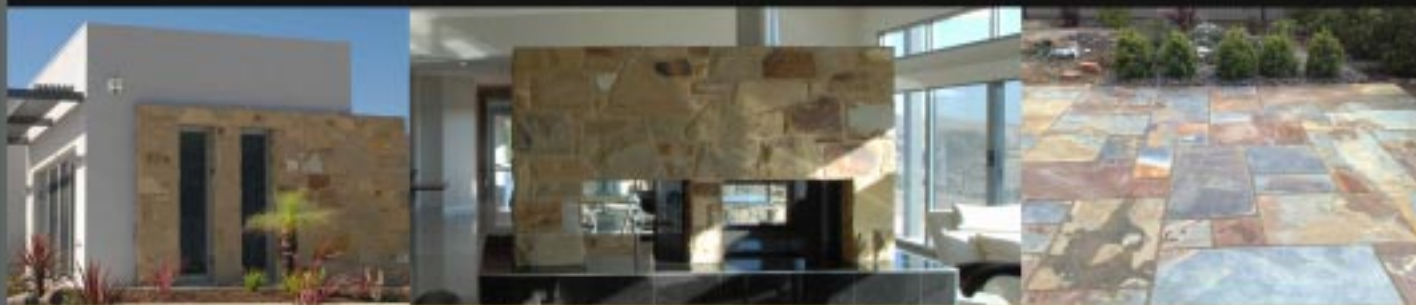
But with this particular job, they did half the work, discovered they forgot about the possibility that there may be pipes under the road, and consequently packed up and left using the prospect of a faulty water main as the excuse.

It is time for those responsible for the work to pull their proverbial fingers out and get the job finished.

Unlikely, this side of Christmas.

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## Bus saga continues



*Are you interested in improving options for transport in your community?*

That was the question posed in a missive received last week from the new Shire Transport coordinator, Sue Moses.

Well, for months the residents of Guildford and most towns in the shire have answered with a resounding, "yes".

Ms Moses goes on to reiterate the fact that discussions and meetings have taken place and then makes the statement:

"While the community can expect to see some minor improvements to infrastructure such as bus stops and better information about services, improvements and extensions to public transport services such as bus and rail may take longer."

And, of course "Council will continue to make representation to the Department of Transport."

No bus but bus stops

But fear not, Council would still like to hear from residents who are interested in continuing to work towards improving public transport along with community alternatives.

According to Ms Moses, the ball is really in the court of the Department of Transport.

"This not to say we can't and won't explore other options, she said, "As a council we are able to develop alternatives that fall outside the responsibilities of the Department."

"Some of the initiatives we are considering are council buses, shared taxis and car pooling aimed at assisting those who are disadvantaged by the lack of public transport."

As far as we in Guildford are concerned, simply extending the existing service that stops in Campbell's Creek would be the simple solution.

But nothing's simple when dealing with the Department of Transport.

## OLD TIME RELIGION RETURNS TO GUILDFORD



The churches of Guildford may be gone, converted into houses, but on the Sunday of the Banjo Jamboree, it was the gospel that rang out on the banks of the Loddon.

A big crowd turned up to hear gospel music specialists *Dancing With the Angels*, belt out a program of hot gospel tunes.

From *This Little Light of Mine* to *Put Your Hand in the Hand* to *Amazing*



*Grace* the assembled sang along with passion and feeling.

Even, in secular Guildford *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* sounded uplifting.

## Revamp for Market

It seems that the Guildford Market is in a spot of bother.

The combination of a lack of stallholders and punters does not bode well for its future.

A stallholders meeting held a couple of weeks ago discussed the problems surrounding the market and what changes need to be implemented to solve them.

Only five stallholders turned up which narrowed the number of points of view. The meeting resolved to increase the frequency of the market from every three months to every two. They have an ad in this issue of *The Globe* looking for new stallholders and have implemented a new name: Guildford Village Market.

*Comment P 11*

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## A letter from Julie

This term I commence a new stage in my 30+ teaching career accepting the position of Principal at Chewton Primary School. It is with great sadness that I leave both the Guildford School and community to take on this role. In the almost 3 years I have worked at the school I have been fully supported by parents and residents.

I have a strong belief in the value of small schools and their importance as a focal point for a community. Not all families from Guildford send their children to the school however every family supported our fundraising and other events.

Guildford Primary school has a strong team of hard working teachers, parents and wonderful children. I will greatly miss being part of this vibrant group.

Thank you all and I will see you at the 150 birthday celebrations.

Julie Holden.

# WANTED



## Guildford Village Market

We're looking for new stallholders for the

## Christmas Market

### December 10th.

So if you know of someone or you are interested please contact

**Pam on 5473 4084**

# Guildford misses first round of action plan

Mount Alexander Shire has green-lighted an initiative to enhance and increase planning with respect to local communities.

Under the banner of the Mt Alexander Local Community Action Plan communities with a population of 200 and up will be eligible to become involved.

However, Guildford has missed out on the first round in favour of Newstead, Harcourt and Taradale.

The Council has received funding for the Plan from the State Government in order to work with local communities over the next three years. This entails identifying their needs and aspirations through the development of at least nine Local Community Action Plans across the Shire.

The project will be overseen by Jill Scanlon, who was appointed Community Planner in July.

Over the coming months, Ms Scanlon will be talking with locals and officers to gauge the current status of projects, plans, social issues and needs in their particular townships. This information will provide the background to start the process of community planning, where local community members will be given the opportunity to be involved every step of the way.

It is expected that nine local townships, three a year, will be engaged over

the three years to develop their own Township Community Plan.

As well as Newstead, Harcourt and Taradale the others expected to be involved are, indeed, Guildford, Chewton, Elphinstone, Maldon, Baringhup and Campbells Creek.

Ms Scanlon explained that community engagement is anticipated to incorporate workshops, one-on-one meetings, information sessions and surveys.

"Those towns, such as Guildford, that weren't selected in the first round shouldn't feel left out of the process," she explained, "they will still be able and encouraged to offer submissions"

A call went out in August for expressions of interest from residents to join a newly established Project Management Group to oversee the roll-out of the project by providing assistance with planning, evaluation and budgetary considerations. It is anticipated that those selected for this role will provide guidance to the Project until May 2014.

The criteria for inclusion in this group included a broad understanding of the purpose and potential of community planning as well as leadership, strategic planning and analytical thinking.

We believe that they did manage to get a quorum of interested participants.

If you are interested in hearing about this first hand, our local councillor, Michael Redden, will be attending the next Progress Association meeting on Monday 7th November.



Scanlon J.

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# STREET MUSIC



What makes the Banjo Jam boree swing is not only what's on the program. It's what's not.

And what's not, is the spontaneity. The unexpected. The sheer exuberance of musicians being simply musicians and coming together through their music.

Instant groups were everywhere, playing, singing and dancing in the streets. and in the camp on the John Powell Reserve. They certainly had the weather for it and this only enhanced the joy of it all. Starting as soon as they



arrived on Friday and still at it as Sunday drew the Jambo to a close.

This was New Orleans, Memphis, and Nashville. Music by the people, for the people. Without agenda. Street music. The intrinsic element that makes the Guildford Banjo Jamboree what it is.



# THE BANJOS WERE DUELLING.

## AS WERE THE FIDDLES, GUITARS, DOBROS, DOUBLE BASS, UKES AND ALL MANNER OF STRINGED AND UNSTRINGED INSTRUMENTS

It was more than just duelling, it was music at 450 paces. Everywhere you looked or walked they were there. Playing it like it is and like it isn't. A Klezmer Band (above) playing *On The Road To Gundagai*, a ukelele group doing *Paint It Black*.

And through it all, there was Jeanette Gillespie, directing traffic. She was unflappable and, along with her band of compatriots Annie Wiltshire, Ray Pattle and Gayle Boyle made sure the whole weekend went off without a hitch. On these pages are some of the images to prove it.



*It was standing room only as a big crowd turned out for the Saturday afternoon concert*



*Saturday arvo Chalkboard gig in the tearooms*



*Segue opened the Jambo with a slick history of the ukelele done with songs and slideshow*

## Thankyou

On behalf of the Guildford Banjo Jamboree committee I would like to express the excitement we all felt in seeing all the hard work of so many people.

As such, I would like to acknowledge the following:

1. My fellow committee members Annie Wiltshire, Gayle Boyle and Ray Pattle for the many hours of planning over the past few months.

2. All those who volunteered time, skills and services before, during and after the Jamboree.  
3. The musicians, workshop presenters, dance callers, MCs, etc who all gave of their time and talents.



*Gillespie J.*

4. Mark Woods, John Ross, Barry Martin, John Endacott and Greg Bartlett – all involved in setting up and managing PA for various venues, and recording concert performances.  
5. All those who have documented the Jamboree photographically.  
6. The hard working CFA stalwarts for their cheerful and essential labour before, during and after the Jamboree.  
7. The Guildford Hotel - Zac, Tracey and all the staff - for managing the crowds and feeding and "watering" the masses, as well as their

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Cadillac Eldorado. Baby, you can drive my car. (Note the left hand drive.)



Or you can drive his car: 1926 Essex Tourer



Appalachian Heaven strutting their stuff at the final afternoon concert in the Beer Garden



Down and out in downtown Guildford.



## WIN

Yes folks even the Banjo Jambo can give us a competition idea. So, to win a Barassi Bio just tell us what the flag on the left is. Email [guildfordglobe@hotmail.com](mailto:guildfordglobe@hotmail.com) or call your entry in on 54734124.



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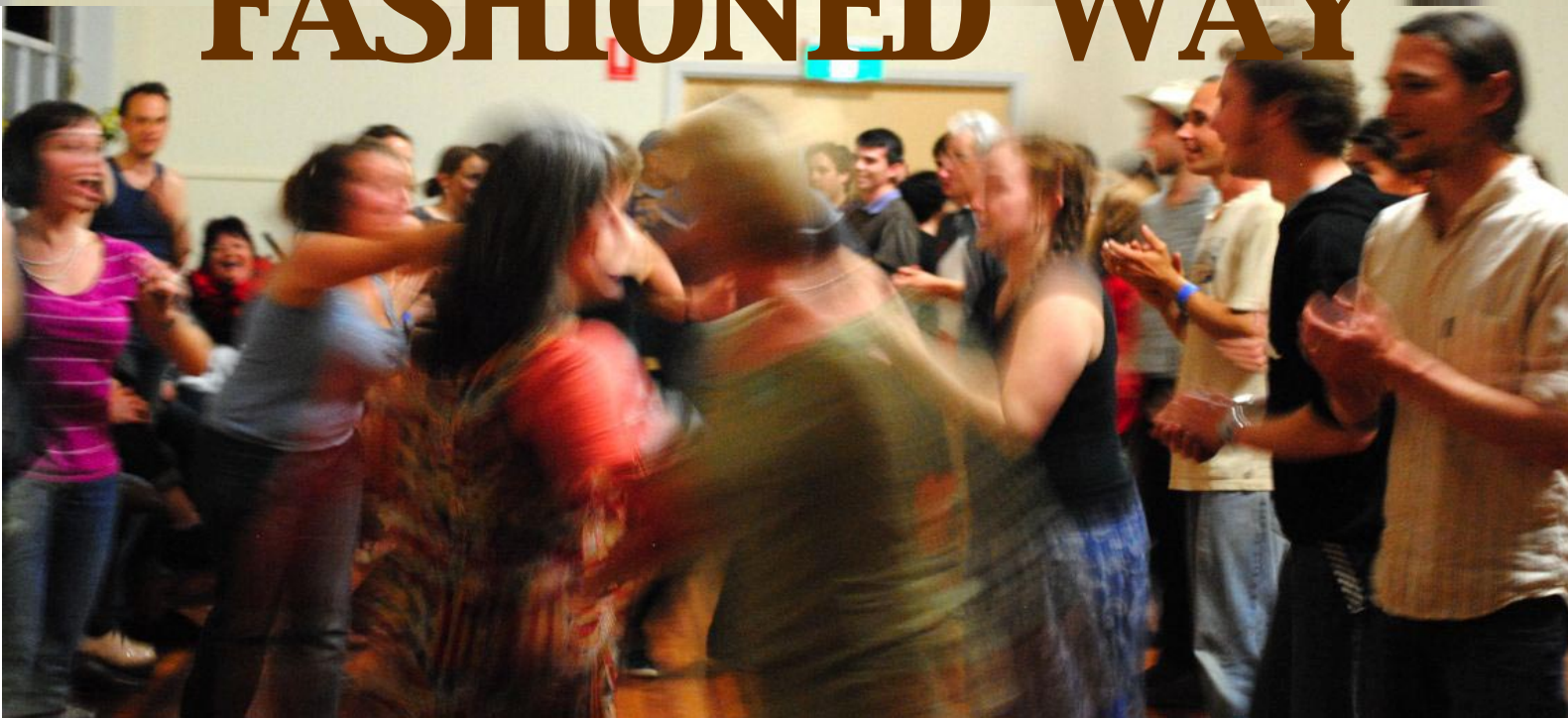
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# Thankyou

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assistance with the Music Hall and costs associated with the Sunday concert.

8. The Guildford General Store - Trevor and Hilary, who made sure patrons were catered for in a range of food and provisions. Thanks also to chef Arch and all the friendly staff.

9. The Guildford Post Office - Michelle and Wal once again went out of their way to make special arrangements to extend their opening hours to cater for people's financial and internet needs as well as all their usual business.

10. Jason and Melissa at the London House Gallery for hosting the instrument makers display. Jason also worked with Robyn Massey to create the Hawaiian themed logo.

11. Others in the Guildford Community include:

The John Powell Reserve Management Committee - management of the oval and surrounds, and public liability insurance cover; the Guildford Public Hall Committee; The Guildford Globe - for keeping the community informed; the Guildford Primary School - for a great afternoon tea on Saturday; the Guildford Saddle Club - for making available our emergency evacuation venue; local accommodation providers - for generous provision of beds for visitors; Greg Edward - for electrical and other vital assistance; Wayne Mein and Cheryl McDonald - flower provision and arrangement; Peter White - for storage space for our equipment and decorations.

12. Local and regional bodies, groups and individuals including:

Mt Alexander Shire Council - for the negotiating of management issues; Castlemaine DSE - the River Reserve; Victoria Police at Castlemaine - for town patrols; VicRoads Bendigo - for speed restriction and highway assistance; Legion Office Works and Genis Wilde - for printing assistance; Instrumental Music - sponsorship of Robbie Watts award; Chris Allan, Graaf Computers - web management and hosting and computer assistance.

If I've missed anyone please forgive me and consider yourselves thanked! Once our figures have been finalised, we will be donating some funds back into various community organisations who help to make the Jamboree happen.

Once again, thanks - and we look forward to next year's Jamboree on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd of September, 2012.

**Jeanette Gillespie (Chairperson)**

# 1300+

**The number of coffees sold by Trevor over the Banjo Jambo weekend.**

Three weeks after taking over the General Store, Trevor and Hilary hit the jackpot with the Big Weekend. Apart from all the food they shifted, the crowd drank in excess of 1300 coffees. That's a latte brew.



## The Guildford Globe PERSON OF THE YEAR

Guildford is a small community and amongst us there are those who, shall we say, are the movers and shakers.

Those people who volunteer their time and expertise to helping, agonising and just being there on any number of community projects.

And Guildford has had its fair share of projects during the year.

Whilst there are many in our community who do more than others, we at *The Guildford Globe* will honour the one person who has gone over and beyond in committing themselves to the Guildford cause in 2011.

Someone, who is the first to put their hand up and the last to leave.

You know who that person is. Just tell us. And why.

Send your nomination to [guildfordglobe@hotmail.com](mailto:guildfordglobe@hotmail.com) or write to us at Box 852, Guildford, 3451. Sooner rather than later.

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## Michael Redden at next Progress Meet

What with the continuing discussion around transport, road building, bike paths and a plethora of other issues it is good to have the opportunity to hear the latest straight from the horse's mouth as it were. So our local councillor (and Collingwood supporter) Michael Redden is coming to town and will be in attendance at the next Progress Meeting at the Hall on Monday 7th November from 7.00pm.



Redden M.



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The season commences on Saturday, October 15 and our team looks like doing very well again.

We are always looking for new players so please let us know if you are interested. Boys need to be under 16 years of age at October 1st and girls under 17 years of age.

We are very lucky at Guildford that our juniors get to play on the only turf wicket in the competition - this makes us the envy of all other clubs in the League.

Matches are played across two Saturdays from 9.00am to 11.00am and comprise 40 six ball overs for each side. In the spirit of fair play, fast bowlers slow down for the not so experienced or younger batters on the other team.

Our team is expertly coached by A Grade player, Adrian Parsons, and is strongly supported by the players and administration of the Senior Club.

If you are interested in playing, coming to training, or just having a look, we would love to hear from you. Please call either Ian McDonald on 5473 4326 or Graham Bunting on 5473 4290 or anyone involved with the Senior Club.



## Responses sought for Fire plan survey

Mount Alexander Shire Council is working with the Country Fire Authority, Department of Sustainability and Environment, Victoria Police and other community groups and members to develop a new three-year Municipal Fire Management Plan involving state, regional and municipal committees, through which members have the opportunity to better understand each other's roles in fire management planning.

To ensure that this work is informed by views of the community, we seek your contributions through the completion of a questionnaire which can be completed online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MountAlexanderFirePlanning> or hard copies are available from Castlemaine Town Hall or by contacting Joanna Hambling on 5471 1880.

Responses to the survey are required by Friday 28 October.



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# Market at the Crossroads.

It seems that these days, every village, town and municipality has a market. Some more frequent than others. Here in Guildford we have ours four times a year. Next year it is planned to be six.

Markets by their own existence rely on pure energy. They need to be vibrant, eclectic and elicit a buzz.

Sadly, these are the very elements the Guildford Market lacks.

Our market is fighting for survival and the only way to revive it is to take some bold initiatives or it will indeed pass away.

Our last market was on the 10th and was fairly poorly attended. When one talks of bold initiatives one question that needs to be asked is why it wasn't held a week later as an outdoor event part of the Banjo Jambo given there were a number of market stalls set up during this event.

Moving the market back one week and putting it in the streets would have only enhanced the ambiance of the Jamboree. Not to mention allowing stallholders to financially benefit from the opportunity a town full of punters brings.

It is reasonable to want more stall holders, but if there are no customers then they won't participate. And if there are no stalls then you won't get the customers. It is an extremely vicious cycle.

So, here's some thoughts as what can be done:

1. Change the market to once a month on, say, the second Sunday. This way it will lure more stallholders especially those who set-up at the Wesley Market. It will also enable people to

know that it is on. Every second or third month makes it difficult to remember.

2. During the summer months have the market on the John Powell Reserve. Get the CFA to put on a barbie. Arrange to have our local musicians busk. Put on bocce. Cricket. Kite flying. Buskers. Dog show. Etc.

3. The Christmas/December Market needs to be a twilight Market on a weeknight. Being at night it should be able to pull in a lot more stalls especially those selling food. Wesley has a pre-Christmas twilight market and it's a huge night.

4. Promote. Promote. Promote. Posters throughout the district. On all the noticeboards. On the Castlemaine Independent website. And make the roadsigns bigger and clearer.

These are a few thoughts that demonstrate that to have a thriving market really needs some lateral thinking.

And some intestinal fortitude.

## Let us know what you think



Above: The Guildford Market 10th September. Below Market stalls in the streets during Banjo Jamboree 17th September

Most of us want the Guildford Market to survive but to do so requires you, the people who live here to have input. If you sit on the fence and don't support it then the December market may well be the last. I have offered a few suggestions based not only on my personal opinion, but on many years as creative group head on the Myer and Safeway advertising accounts.

We and the market committee welcome your input. Send your suggestions to [guildfordglobe@hotmail.com](mailto:guildfordglobe@hotmail.com) or Box 952, Guildford 3451. We'll run your ideas in the next issue of the Globe.

  
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mary School takes place on  
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there will be children's presenta-  
tions, stories past and present,  
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Full details in the next *Globe* or for  
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