

The Guildford Globe

WHAT'S GOING ON IN TARILTA ROAD?

Landowner application threatens fire access, building approvals, walking tracks and the road.

A major fracas has emerged down the bottom of Tarilta Road.

A landowner has made an application to the Department of Sustainability to have the supposedly disused roads in the area wiped off the map. The application was then submitted to the council and was heard at the last council meeting and noting that there were a number of objections, was deferred to the next council meeting for further clarification.

Councillor Christina Henderson likened the relationship between the Mt. Alexander Council and the DSE as a game of pingpong.

"I'm not 100% sure it will go through because the cost of road maintenance or road building is quite expensive," she explained, "and I can't see DSE reacting when they come up against a cost factor.



"The lines get a blurred."

Ms Henderson agreed that a case for keeping walking access has been established as well as fire and road access.

However she was not informed that the Hepburn Road and the Tarilta Road were virtually one.

"I was surprised that the road ended at the edge of a property."

Councillor Michael Redden considers that wiser heads will eventually prevail as will local wishes.

"Sympathy lies when you see it at ground level," he said, "when you consider that some people have to take up to nine kilometres to get to their property that in reality should only be two."

Lance McDonald made a submission and the council has decided to de-

fer its decision.

Said Lance, "I mean you look at the maps and they tell you nothing. The Councillors wouldn't know the difference between a road and a cow pat.

"But my guess is it won't get through."

As for restoring the roads, Lance says they keep passing the buck between the DSE and the Council and that way nothing gets done.

The Friends of Iron Bark Forest are planning a rally there in the next few weeks.

When asked for a comment, Mr. Johan Louw, Director of Environment and Infrastructure said that the matter is being investigated.

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Greetings

It's good to be back.

Apologies for the delay but unfortunately there is no other way given that the Globe is put together by such a small team.

However, that being said the time is not wasted as all sorts of idiosyncrasies raise their head, the least of which is the bocce court.

That a petition is tabled proves that at least people are watching and paying attention.

We report on the petition and what we need to do to make our petitions worthwhile. We are blessed that we must live in the epicentre of petitions what with the Swimming Pool, the Pokies and the Gaol to name but a few.

Meanwhile the Globe had a win by getting the council to prioritise some of its roadbuilding as compen-

sation for the trucks.

On the opposite page is a report on the increase in crime in the district. Perhaps a public display of concern is what the perpetrators needed.

The Banjo Festival is coming up when the town becomes a centre of festivity. We hope you will get out there and give it your best shot. If you have a few spare hours anytime over the weekend I'm sure the organisers would appreciate it.

Guildford has been getting a lot from the council of late and to them we give thanks. The latest initiative is the new playground that is in the process of being finalised. We'll give a full report in the next issue.

Enjoy this issue,

Rajeev



Banjos are coming

The 9th Annual Banjo Jamboree is set to take place in the streets and environs of Guildford from Friday 21st till Sunday 23rd September.

The name of the event itself is a misnomer as it covers a wide ranging swathe of musical styles ranging from bluegrass, jugband, ukelele, blues, celtic, klezmer and much more.

It's a weekend where hundreds of pilgrims converge on Guildford, instruments in hand ready to party.

There are many events scheduled to happen in the public hall, music hall, the pub and other venues. But the real key to the festival is the pickup bands that play in the streets.

As usual the Jamboree organisers are looking for volunteers to assist throughout the weekend in a number of capacities from gophers to selling tickets and merchandise. There are forms available at the Post office and General Store.

Jamboree roles to fill

Next year will be the 10th anniversary of the Guildford Banjo Jamboree.

At least two of the current committee of four will no longer be available and they need to find people to fill the roles of treasurer, secretary and operations coordinator.

A treasurer's position is self-explanatory. As for the secretary you will have good organisational and people skills, ability to work with official organisations and local bodies, competency with word processing and spreadsheet programs with much of the work between May and October. The operations coordinator position is closer to the Jamboree and that person will need be available during the day.

Anyone thinking of applying could come along to our next few meetings to get a feel for the organisational requirements.

If you would like to offer your services or know someone who might, please contact me at info@banjojamboree.org or phone Jeanette on 5473 4201.

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CRIME CRACKDOWN

Residents vow to end crime spree

On Wednesday 29th August, 25 worthy citizens turned up at the Guildford Public Hall to discuss law and order issues in the wake of recent burglaries in the district.

Victoria Police Acting Sergeant Jan Stroek conducted proceedings under the auspices of the Community Engagement Portfolio. Acting Sergeant Stroek made it clear from the outset that Guildford is not a crime hot spot although in recent months there have been five reported burglaries in the district comprising Campbells Creek, Yapeen and Guildford.

Sheds have been the target, especially those housing firearms and motorcycles. These crimes are most likely drug related, he added, and local police made a major arrest in this regard recently.

Citizens raised a number of concerns including theft, graffiti and traffic management. The need for vigilance was stressed by Acting Sergeant Stroek. He encouraged citizens to report any concerns, however trivial, to Castlemaine Police in the interests of building a knowledge base in the district. He added that emergency matters should be reported by phoning 000.

A Victoria Police Residential Information Kit was made available to attendees. This is a comprehensive document containing valuable information for the householder and property owner. Copies are available at Castlemaine Police Station.

All in all, a pretty useful exercise and congratulations to Will Dodson for taking the time to organize the gathering. Police will now be more aware of

citizens' concerns and those attending the session will be more likely to pick up the phone in future to report anything that looks dodgy.



Acting Sergeant Jan Stroek brings a little law and order to Guildford.

What to do

The Macedon Ranges and Mt Alexander Police Service Area has recently experienced a rise in the number of vehicles being stolen. An examination of this issue has revealed that a large percentage of the vehicles being stolen are motorcycles including trail bikes, farm bikes and quad bikes. Many of these have been stolen from sheds and garages in rural or semi rural locations with weekends figuring prominently.

Local Area Commander, Inspector Ryan Irwin has urged residents to take some simple precautions to help curb this trend.

"We are asking people to assist us by ensuring their properties and premises are secure," he said, "never leave sheds and garages unlocked, es-

pecially when your property is unattended.

"Ensure you have suitable locks and wherever possible, security lighting should be installed."

People wishing to assess the security level of their own premises can attend their local police station and collect a free self assessment guide which enables them to conduct an audit of their property and determine if their current security measures are adequate.

Police are also urging residents to maintain details of their property to enable more accurate recording in the event it is stolen.

Make and model as well as chassis numbers or serial numbers must be recorded and keeping photographs of all

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Historical Society planned

It has been suggested that a historical society be established in Guildford which up until now has been the provence of Ray Pattle.

He turned up at the last Progress meeting to discuss his work archiving Guildford's historical material.

To date, working voluntarily one day a week at the hall, he has archived 1,300, articles and news clippings and 200 three dimensional objects. He has also identified approximately 600 original photographs of varying importance. He proceeded to show several photos from the collection.

Ray has agreed to show Tony Derrett how to operate the archive as he has no interest in establishing a Historical Society which will have to be something organised by the Progress Association.

Yes Virginia, there will be a Christmas Party.

It will have all the fun of the fair.

This year the Progress Association are putting on a full scale Christmas Party with the help of the Bandigo Macedon Rural Bank who have chipped in with a donation.

The party will be in Big Tree Park on Wendsday 5th December from 5.00pm onwards. It will be open to all Guildford and surrounds residents and families.

More details as it gets closer.

Not in my backyard you don't



Court or no court didn't stop a group of Guildford's finest from stepping out to chuck balls around. From left Derrett T; Rodda V; Moon L. and Major D. What's in a petition? P8

At least there's a payoff



It seems like it;s been years since the trucks started rolling through town.

Wait...it has been a year.

The council has been claiming the trucks are being escalated because with all the rain it has been neccessary to mine the pit to get more gravel to fix the roads.

We accepted their story but then decided to ask the question: If Guild-



ford had to put up with all the trucks then why wasn't Guildford given priority when it came to repairing our roads.

Then as if by magic, out of the blue came the road repair crews to give our roads the once over.

We hate the trucks but thank God for small mercies.

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August market hits a snag



The second Saturday in August floated around and that signified the Guildford Village Market.

On board were the Guildford Progress Association featuring from left Sandra Major, Pam Adams, Jill Moon and Tony Shea who were on hand to sizzle up the snags.

Overall, it was a lively market and sales were brisk.

On left is Beth Higgins dressing up for the occasion.



Market garage sale becomes permanent

It was a case of two for the price of one when Terry opted to host a garage sale in the Old Music Hall.

Guildfordians who have seen their junk pile up over winter and in some cases longer, could throw them in the back of a truck and bring them on down. The set-up proved so successful that it has become permanent...thanks to new arrivals in town, known collectively as the J-boys.

They have set up inside the old stables at the rear of the music hall and are donating 10 percent of turnover to local charities.

So no you don't have to sit on it when you can sell it.



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Anatomy of a Petition

A petition was lobbed on the Mt Alexander Council a few weeks back with the aim of stopping the proposed bocce court.

The curious thing was that the petition was engineered by the Guildford Amateur Bocce Association, which begs the question: Why would a bocce association (even if it were true) want to stop a bocce court being built.

The letter to Council is reprinted on the opposite page.

Given the number of petitions, good bad or just plain ugly, that land on the council's doorstep, it may be prudent to examine what legalities are involved.

Petitioning parliament is a direct way for individuals or groups in the community to place their concerns before parliament and ask for action to be taken. Public petitions may pray, for example, for a change to the law, the reconsideration of an administrative decision or redress of a local or personal grievance.

The practice of petitioning parliament dates back to the reign of King Edward I in the 13th century. The modern form of petitions was developed in the 17th century by the House of Commons in England, with the House agreeing in 1669:

That it is the inherent right of every commoner in England to prepare and present petitions to the House of Commons in case of grievance, and the House of Commons to receive the same; and

That it is an undoubted right and privilege of the Commons to judge and determine, touching the nature and matter of such petitions, how far they are fit and unfit to be received.

The effect of the above resolution was inherited by parliaments throughout Australia and it became the right of every Australian to petition their state and/or federal parliament.

The basic principles of petitioning and the processes for presenting a petition to parliament have changed little over time. In modern times, however, petitioning does not have the same primary role as an initiator of legislation or other action by the parliament as it did in early history. Petitions are not debated in the House upon presentation and very few petitions result in an immediate or direct action. Further, there are now other, and often more effective, means of dealing with indi-



What's this here? The park in question, pointing towards the proposed bocce court. Camping is banned.

vidual grievances — for example, by direct representation by an MP, the Ombudsman and various courts and tribunals. More general public grievances can also be publicised very effectively through the media and can often be brought to the attention of the House by parliamentary committees.

Therefore, there seems to be a common view, at least among some members and staff of the Victorian Parliament, that petitioning is no longer the most relevant or effective mechanism for addressing individual or community concerns.

Karen Ellingford

Originally, the procedure of the House of Commons imposed few restrictions on debate surrounding the presentation of petitions, which served as a method of introducing subjects from outside the House and could be used for obstructing other kinds of parliamentary business. Thus, following simultaneous growth in both the number of petitions being presented and government demands on the time of the House, a series of standing orders was adopted in 1842, which, as subsequently amended, made the presentation of petitions a formal proceeding that was incapable, except in rare cases, of giving rise to immediate debate.

Refer Erskine May *Parliamentary Practice: Erskine May's Treatise on the Law, Privileges, Proceedings and Usage of Parliament* (23rd Edition), 2004.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Guildford Progress Association (GPA) wishes to respond to the flawed petition circulated by some individuals regarding the proposed Bocce Pitch in Big Tree Park, Guildford.

We say the petition is flawed because it fails to meet appropriate protocols for such a document in the following ways:

1. Non-residential signatures: Yapeen 10, Castlemaine 4, Vaughan 3, Balwyn 2, Walmer and Newstead 2.

2. 30 of the signatures presented have not provided an address.

In addition, the petition grossly exaggerates the situation in Big Tree Park:

1. Big Tree Park is not too small to accommodate a Bocce Pitch, there's plenty of room.

2. A Bocce Pitch is not an extensive construction/facility, it takes little space.

3. The comment regarding cat and dog litter is irrelevant as the surface is compacted.

You should be aware that the initiators of the petition have a vested interest in the failure of the Bocce Pitch proposition. It is their friends and associates who have most frequently camped illegally in Big Tree Park. They draw power for their camp from the primary petitioners' home, which is just across the park boundary.

It can be assumed that the development of the Bocce Pitch is seen as an inhibitor to this illegal arrangement as the proposed location of the pitch is alongside and may even overlap, the area used for illegal camping.

The GPA upholds the right of residents to hold and express views, along with objections, to any proposal within the village, but this should always be done in an honest and accurate manner.

We don't see this principle inherent in the petition under discussion.

As to the Guildford Amateur Bocce Association, this is a complete fiction. No one has heard of it and we assume this title has been hijacked from some time in Guildford's history. An association of that name has no registration and no office bearers. This title has been invented to create a false impression, as has most of this petition.

Yours sincerely,

Sherri McIver Secretary



Bus delay

There will be a hold-up on the new bus.

Michael Redden, who has been spearheading the drive to get the vehicle into service has been stymied by the delay in delivery.

"They make every bus to order" he told the Globe. "and to further compound matters, that order is made in Japan."

Notwithstanding, it is on the way and contrary to popular opinion it will be painted white, with the bank's logos.

Meanwhile another problem seems to be lurking...a lack of drivers from Guildford and Barinhup (the site of the second bus).

Whilst these are just teething problems we look forward to seeing the bus in action as only then will be able to appraise its worth.

Law and order

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valuables, including vehicles, can be a great benefit to an investigation.

"We are also encouraging people to be observant and report suspicious behaviour or activity," Inspector Irwin said. "We recently arrested a male who was in the process of stealing property, including motorcycles from a rural property, thanks largely to information provided from a vigilant member of the public". People are encouraged to report any suspicious behaviour or provide information in relation to criminal offending to their local police station or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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RAISING MONEY THROUGH GOING WITHOUT

Twelve year old Breezy Lewis from Guildford, successfully completed the 40 hour famine which is run by world vision with the proceeds going to Ethiopia

Breezy chose to abstain from food plus transport, Internet, furniture and also to stay home.

Breezy's fast raised \$114.15. She would like to thank all those who donated including the Guildford General Store who had a donation jar.

When asked how she coped without a bed for two nights she answered, "Oh i slept on the floor but that is okay, i have camped many times and am used to hard surfaces."

"Doing the famine helped me realise how lucky we are here in Australia, to have all our resources and comforts"



Stoneking Smokin.

They came to give Guildford a serve of down home dance music,

It was a Sunday afternoon and the town had a nice feel about it what with the garage sale in the old stables beind the Dance Hall doing a roaring trade.

And Stoneking were struttin their stuff and the locals were loving it.

It's part of an irregular series put on by the pub and judging by the enthusiasm of a small eclectic crowd there will be more.

Terry Douglas tells the Globe that it's all part of an enhanced music scene in Guildford.

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The wall & other happenings at John Powell Reserve

Mount Alexander Shire Council gets belted around the head a bit these days for perceived failings. In Guildford however, Council has weighed in handsomely by financing and managing improvements to the John Powell Reserve.

The old ugly duckling is becoming a bit of a swan, with eyesores removed. The Great Wall along the southern embankment is now completed, delineating the oval boundary and stopping the encroachment of mulch and other material onto the playing surface. A generous donation of \$500.00 from the Banjo Jamboree Committee helped this project on its way.

The tanks between the pavilion and the Vintage Engine Club shed have been

tucked away into a corner and the area transformed into a viewing platform complete with quality artificial grass. Shade sails will come later but in the meantime the platform can be used for a variety of purposes such as cricket viewing and musical performances. If nothing else, it's an eyesore removed.

The dilapidated fence behind was next, replaced with a fine six foot paling number, neatly capped on top. All of these improvements have been completed in a matter of months, almost totally financed by Council. The contractor for the Great Wall and the recreation area is our own Glenn Philipson of Philipson Masonry Constructions, who brought his usual perfectionist standards to bear.

The JPR committee of management, not to be outdone, has replaced the worn out carpet in the pavilion with quality carpet tiles. Funds for this came from the Maldon & District Community Bank Branch 2012 Community Grants Program. Financial support from this outfit is greatly appreciated by the Guildford community. To cap it all off some external repainting of the pavilion and repairs to the irrigation system have been carried out.

The major upgrade to the tennis courts should be underway before long. Guildford Tennis Club is looking forward to getting this cracking in partnership with Council and the State government.

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The Mount Alexander Volunteer Network is running a program of low-cost training to assist volunteers and community groups throughout our Shire. Training helps up-skill our community workers and volunteers, ensuring they can carry out their roles safely and effectively and provides a tangible reward for the hard work and commitment which volunteers demonstrate.

The Volunteer Network acknowledges the generous support of the Mount Alexander Shire Council in funding this program. To reserve your spot or find out more information, contact the Castlemaine Community House on 5472 4842 or email mavn@cch.org.au. Upcoming training and workshops include:

WRITE YOUR FOOD SAFETY PLAN

Monday 24th September, 3pm – 5pm, Ray Bradfield Room, Mostyn St, Castlemaine. Free

Come along to this free session and learn more about the Food Safety Laws and what you need to do to comply with legislation and health requirements.

AVOID BURN OUT: FROM SURVIVE TO THRIVE

Monday 15th October, 6.30pm – 9pm, Senior Citizens Room, Mechanics Lane, Castlemaine, \$10 per session and a light supper provided

This workshop will help you set and reach goals, define your priorities, balance your time and create the best results out of the time available.

WORKING TOGETHER: Effective Communication & Good Conflict Resolution

Sunday 30 September, 10 – 3pm, Ray Bradfield Room, Mostyn St, Castlemaine, \$20 inc light lunch.

This workshop will help you develop strategies and increase awareness of how we can communicate effectively and employ good conflict resolution skills. An optional 6 week follow-up course is also available.

COMMITTEES AND CONSTITUTIONS.

Wed 10th October, 2pm – 5pm, Ray Bradfield Room, Mostyn St, Castlemaine, \$20

Presented by the Public Interest Law Clearing House, this seminar will look at the impending changes of the Incorporated Associations Act and what this means to community groups. It will consider the legal responsibilities of committees and look at understanding changing, and abiding by your constitution.

MAKING MEETINGS MARVELOUS

Wed 14th November, 6.30pm – 8.30pm, Senior Citizens Room, Mechanics Lane, Castlemaine \$10.

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HEALTH IN NEWSTEAD

With Spring in the air it's a perfect time for everyone to come out and get a bit more active!

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So, you're invited on Tuesday 11th September from 10am to 12 pm. at the Newstead Community Centre to try such activities as Tai Chi; Heartmoves; Pole Walking and more.

A free healthy lunch will follow with time to meet the leaders and ask any questions.

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Coles Sports for Schools

On behalf of Guildford Primary School I would like to thank the Guildford community for supporting the school by dropping their Coles vouchers to the Post Office as well as to thank Shell. This has allowed us to participate in the Coles Sports for Schools Program.

Samuel Grade 3

The walking school bus in Guildford

Every Friday (weather permitting) we have been walking from the Big Tree in Guildford up to school.

Most of the school kids meet up with Mr Mac and we all walk to school together. It gives the students at Guildford Primary School a good start to the learning day.

Josh R Grade 5

We've been in stitches

This term at Guildford Primary School the Grade 3-6 class have been knitting blankets to send to Ethiopia. Some people haven't knitted before, so it is a new experience for them. Some students (along with parents) are knitting with knitting needles; others are crocheting, so we have got a different variety of knitting. I would like to thank Beth, Irene and Betty for all their help in teaching us to knit.

Cohen Grade 6

Playground

On behalf of Guildford Primary school I would like to inform you that we are making some progress in helping to develop a new playground for Guildford. We will be writing a letter back to them to tell them what we think of the ideas and what we would like to change.

Holly Grade 6

Kicking Goals

Recently at Guildford Primary School, Mr Mac was successful in receiving a grant for new football posts through the AFL Schools Program. Mark Williams from Campbells Creek Football Club has kindly installed them for us.

On the 10th of September we are having an official opening, which will be combined with our Footy Colours Day and includes invited guests, such as Ron Barassi.

Declan Grade Five

Budafest Gardening Program

This week has seen a frenzy of activity to get our school garden looking resplendent for the judging of the Budafest School Garden Awards. We are so grateful to the wonderful parents, who give so freely of their time to assist with our cooking and gardening program.

The students across the whole school have been busy both in and out of the classroom developing the literacy

content of the garden as well as helping to plant, harvest and maintain the garden.

If you would like to come and help out in the garden anytime, please contact us at the school. We are currently looking for some additional tools such as leaf rakes, gardening forks and watering cans.

Chook feeder- we would dearly love a chook feeder to assist us with looking after the school chooks, again if you can help with this, please contact the school. Collection can be arranged.



Enrolments

We are now accepting prep enrolments and children from local families for the 2013 school year.

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Back in the Public Hall

Organisation Meetings

Progress Association Meeting. Monday 1st October Guildford Public Hall. All welcome 7.00 pm.

John Powell Reserve Committee of Management Monday 14 November. Pavilion. JP Reserve 7.00pm

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