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How to be a part of our Progress.

It has come to our attention that some people in the community are not clear about the running of Guildford Progress Association.

We are only too happy to clarify.

Firstly, we are an incorporated association operating under the Associations Incorporation Act (1981).

We follow the AIC Model Rules for all aspects of our operation including membership.

As membership seems to be the main stumbling block please let me clarify further, as we would love to welcome new members.

Application for Membership

To apply, the applicant must submit a written application to a committee member which that member must sign. We provide application forms which cover this.

The form states that the applicant supports the purposes of the Association and agrees to comply with the Model Rules.

That form is lodged, along with a joining fee of \$15.00, with the Secretary and the Secretary refers it to the Committee.

Once the Committee has approved the application, the Secretary notifies the applicant.

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Tower approved

The proposed NBN Broadband tower has received Council approval.

The controversial tower along with those in Harcourt and Faraday will be constructed and operational by September.

The Government has promised that the tower will boost broadband reception from 12 megabits per second to 25mps, a far cry short of fibre optic cable of 100mps.

A spirited attempt by those opposed to the tower was put down due to a lack of evidence. This of course is a moot point.

A petition of 81 signatories from the Council for a Sustainable Environment (CASE) was presented at the Council meeting on 14th May.

Towns wanting direct fibre cabling can of course have it as long as they want to pay the price and in Guildford's case this is not forthcoming.

Linking into the school or other Government structure was also not an option.

The tower will be situated on a farming block 880 metres south-east of the Post Office. It will be built on the highest elevation of the site and will be 350 metres from the nearest dwelling.

The site was chosen also because it had minimal visual impact on the town.

The maximum electromagnetic energy will be to 0.029% of the APANSA limit.

The protesters say this too much citing the Bioinitiative 2012 Report.

Council states that providing broadband services fits into their mission of "providing Guildford with community infrastructure and services".

The case could of course, roll on to VCAT, but in the case of a loss, which is highly likely, the matter of who will cover the costs comes into play.

We will await the next move.

Guildford burnoff



The Great Guildford Burnoff happened on the 11th May this year with a minimum of fuss.

What with the drought conditions we are currently experiencing it was quite a timely event.

With little or no wind and ex-

pected rain it went off without a hitch unlike some other burns around the State that got out of control.

The last Burnoff was in March 2011.

Thanks to Ida Aughton for the picture.



Greetings

I have just returned from a trip to Italy to be greeted by Autumn who is painting this town in such beauty and, finally, rain!

Guildford is stunning this time of year, dressed in vibrant yellow, brown, red, and orange leaves and carpeted in thick leaves who have finished their relationship with the trees.

Truly stunning and a reminder how blessed we all are to live in such a beautiful part of this country.

This brings me to your community paper, *The Guildford Globe*.

The Globe is your paper. If you feel there is something lacking then only you can do something about it.

So if you have creative ideas, photos, stories, a commentary, letters you are always welcome to contribute, in fact you are strongly encouraged.

Every month I sit and face 12 empty pages. They await your contribution, otherwise I am left with no other choice but to fill it in with all

that I can find. Contributions make my life easy.

There are a few guidelines regarding what will be accepted:

Any articles that are demeaning to any person, accusations and inappropriate language will not be accepted.

There is a buzz of activity and change happening in our town. Construction of the new tennis courts, the pavilion at the cemetery, the retaining wall at the John Powell Reserve.

Added to this the Community Action Plan is having an Orientation meeting at Big Tree Park on Sunday 19th May from 12.00 to 2.30 pm.

There is also a second meeting on June 2nd, at the Public Hall from 1.00 to 3.30pm.

For more details call Chris Walters on 0409 434 323

Thankyou for contributions in this issue from Peter White, Ray Pattle and Jackie Rozenfield. And of course all our other letter writers.

Enjoy this Issue.

Rajeev

PS: What does the picture mean? Well, nothing really. It's something Mary picked up at an op shop. We think it's rather cute.



Reflection on a Village

Guildford is a beautiful place. Having passed through here many times over the years I decided to move here some four years ago. No matter in what direction I look, I can appreciate the stunning beauty of the place. It is a veritable Garden of Eden and a slice of what heaven could be like!

However that may be, there is also some ugliness here. There follows several examples of what I mean by this.

Some months ago I called by the shop to collect my copy of *The Guildford Globe*. To my horror I found that eight copies had been tampered with. Scribbled across many pages were nasty invective and insulting comments, some of which, could not be written here. I thought to myself, "what sort of mentality drives a person to act in this way?"

Then last week I took a stroll down to the Big Tree and was amazed to see that someone had attempted to paint over the "No Camping" signs in Big Tree Park. That is a very insulting thing to do in our community, a silly act showing gross immaturity. I missed the community meeting called to map out the needs of our village but heard, via people I know and trust, that a major portion of the evening was taken up by ranting and raving about *The Guildford Globe*, The Progress Association as well as other matters of life in Guildford.

It seems that these three instances

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New tennis courts nearing completion



The new tennis courts are nearing completion a little over 12 months after they were promised.

The Minister for Sport and Recreation Hugh Delahunty announced \$100,000 in Victorian Coalition Government funding towards redeveloping the ageing asphalt courts at the Guildford Tennis Club with funding from the Community Facility Funding Program.

"This investment will inject new life into replacing the Guildford Tennis Club's two outdated asphalt courts with a new hard court surface," Mr Delahunty said.

"The added advantage of this project is that it will include line-marking of the

courts so that they can also cater for netball.

"This will provide the perfect foundation to build on tennis club memberships and competitions, as well as open new opportunities for the facility to be used for local netball and school sports."

Mr Delahunty acknowledged the Mount Alexander Shire Council for its \$73,500 contribution towards the project and the Guildford Tennis Club's contribution of \$500.

"By investing in projects like these, the Victorian Coalition Government is ensuring more people in the community have access to sport and recreation facilities," Mr Delahunty said.

Market set for Queens Birthday

The next community market will be held on Saturday 8th June from 9am till 1pm.

The Progress Association will be doing the sausage sizzle and there will be the usual stall holders. These include organic olive oil, various metalwork and woodwork items, art, condiments, honey, fresh veggies, local wine and a wide range of crafts and needlework.

There will be some new items and we are keeping our fingers crossed for some yummy cakes and biscuits.

If any one is interested in a stall for the June market call Maria on 54734402

The market organisers are hoping you can pay a visit and spread the word.

Bridge damaged

It appears that someone with a very wide load or just a vehicle veering off course



has punched a hole in the railway bridge.

The damage was first noticed a few weeks ago

without anyone owning up.

Anyone who has any ideas on the matter either drop a line to *The Globe* or call Vicroads or the Police.

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Community training in marketing

The Mount Alexander Volunteer Network is presenting a 5 month training program of workshops and seminars especially targetting community groups and volunteers. Workshops include Food Safety Planning, Making Meetings Marvellous, Community Fundraising and the Law and your Community Group. There is also a special focus on marketing.

“Marketing is actually pretty straight forward,” says Network co-ordinator Jacqueline Brodie-Hanns, “but community groups are often overwhelmed, unaware and lacking in the confidence or knowledge to achieve effective and sustainable marketing results. This can impact on the success of fundraisers and events, on membership and recruitment drives.”



Denise Button

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Tai Chi Evening classes

Following the success of free Tai Chi in Victory Park a new, evening, gentle Tai Chi class has started in Castlemaine.

For those who have difficulty attending daytime classes will find this one more appealing.

It is at the Castlemaine Uniting Church Hall, Lyttleton Street on Mondays from 6 – 7pm. during school terms. Cost is a \$4 donation with the first session free.

There is already a daytime group in Guildford on Fridays from 10-11am.

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Big turnout for dawn service

It was dawn on the 25th April and as the sun rose in the east Maurie Dynon, as he has done for a number of years, presented the Guildford Anzac Day Service.

There were about 170 people there and they came from Fryerstown, Vaughan Springs, Campbells Creek as well as Guildford.

A wreath was laid by sisters Helen Smith and Judy Burford who were honoured to have been asked.



A breakfast of bacon and egg sandwiches followed with the profit of \$100 going to Legacy.

Footnote: Maurie's reputation is spreading as he was asked to present a service at the Castlemaine Hospital on the Wednesday before Anzac Day. This now a permanent invitation.

Next year hopefully, we will be able to raise the flag. It is anticipated the flagpole will be erected in the property adjacent to the site.

‘allo ‘allo what’s all this then?



Guildford. 11.00am. Friday. Checking for illegal immigrants.

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GUILDFORD'S AVENUE OF HONOUR

Congratulations to those involved in any way, with presenting our recent Anzac Day Dawn Service. I never fail to feel that Guildford punches above its weight when it comes to observing this significant event in Australia's history, and attendances at our Dawn Service bears witness to its importance to our village.

The Dawn Service caused me to recall my interest in the history behind the trees that form Anzac Avenue, Guildford's Avenue of Honour. My interest relates to my attempt to reconcile tree numbers to Guildford Volunteer numbers and other recorded data re Guildford's Avenue of Honour. My challenge soon became an exercise in making sense out of conflicting information that became available from various sources.

An Avenue of Honour is generally understood to be a memorial avenue of trees lining both sides of the road at the entrance or exit to a town, with each tree symbolising a person. Anzac Avenue is known as our tribute to local WW1 Volunteers.

The Guildford History Collection, held in the Public Hall, holds an extract from a report covering the Big Tree and Guildford's Avenue of Honour. This report provides some history behind the trees and explains that the trees on West side of the highway were planted in 1922 (date supplied by Frank Passalacqua) to commemorate WW1 volunteers. In a number of other sources the planting date is nominated more precisely as Arbor Day 13 June 1919. The 1922 date (above) is quoted in other sources as the dedi-

cation date for the nearby War Memorial. The same report on our trees states that the East side planting took place in the 1940s.

If one closely studies the trees that form our Avenue of Honour, they will note a distinctive difference in the girth of trees on West side of the highway as compared to those planted on the East side, suggesting a significant age variation between trees on each side.

Initially, I thought that this variation in



girth supported the dates in the above report and the latter planting was to commemorate WW2 Volunteers. This would mean that Anzac Parade honoured volunteers from both wars, not just WW1.

That presented me with a quandary:

Based on existing trees, I would guess that there were originally 35 trees (approximate) planted on each side, a total that differs markedly from our volunteers in each conflict, as shown above.

On the basis that there were two separate plantings, 35 trees on each side did not appear to represent the 74 volunteers from

WW1, nor the 25 from WW2, as shown on the nearby granite memorial.

The situation became more blurred when I was informed by a reliable source that the East side planting was undertaken and maintained by "susso's (an early version of Work for the Dole). As susso's disappeared with the onset of WW2, the planting etc. would have been before the war and could not have been a tribute to WW2 Volunteers.

For a time, this led me to believe that the 1919 tribute was simply a planting of trees (approx. 35) on West side only, by school children and Strathloddon Lodge members to commemorate our WW1 volunteers. This was acceptable to me as I have reservations as to the accuracy of the 74 local WW1 volunteers reported on the memorial. I then interpreted that the East side planting must have been identified by the Guildford community as a desirable task for the Susso's, i.e. duplicate the number of trees that were on the West!

But, another reliable source related to me that her mother had been involved in the actual WW1 planting as a schoolgirl, and that the trees were on both sides of the road. In that case the trees should all be of the same girth!

Conclusion

In accordance with local belief, our Avenue of Honour solely commemorates WW1 volunteers!

The Arbor Day 13 June 1919, planting appears to have been of 74 trees (my approx. 35 each side!).

Rightly or wrongly, this planting appears

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Progress Model Rules

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New memberships open in November and must be lodged by the end of January every year. You'll find the forms in the Guildford Globe or in the Post Office at that time every year.

Everyone welcome.

Non-members are welcome to attend Progress meetings. We encourage everyone to join in and put their hands up for the various voluntary tasks we undertake to help the community.

Only members can vote on decisions taken, otherwise the meetings are open for everyone to contribute.

The Guildford Progress Association meets in the Community Hall's anteroom on the first Monday of every month.

Model Rules.

A copy of the Model Rules is available for perusal at every meeting. You can also download them from the Internet.

The President of the Guildford Progress Association is Jim Franzi, the Vice President is Victor Rodda, the Secretary is Sherri McIver and the Treasure is Tony Shea.

This Association has been operating for over 60 years and has been responsible for many major projects from which this town still benefits. It exists for the community and we actively encourage genuine community contribution.

Peter MacDonald

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Cemetery pavilion completed

The much vaunted Cemetery pavilion has been completed.

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Designed by architect Daydd Kelly, a retaining wall by Glenn Philipson and the main structure by builder Dean Nerdick.

Max Kay, secretary of the Cemetery Trust, welcomed the new addition to the cemetery.

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Marketing Plan Course

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It will be held on Wednesday 29th May from 10am until 2.30pm at Buda Historic House and costs \$25 with a light lunch provided. Bookings can be made by emailing mavn@outlook.com.

This session will be followed by a series of eight workshops covering the tools required to fully realise your marketing plan.

Keeping Warm

*The weather's started changing,
And the cold is setting in,
My chimney's blocked, my heater's bust,
Oh where do I begin?*

*To fix the flue's a fortune large,
Would cost close to a grand,
For what, a pipe that's heaven bound,
And tiny metal band?*



*Now wood heaters are all the rage,
Efficient, piping hot,
But three grand down, more to install?
A millionaire I'm not!*

*For any sort of fire to be,
One needs all types of goods,
There's briquettes, kindling, matches too,
Then hundreds for the wood.*

*I've tried in vain to warm myself,
By standing in the sun,
But it's 2 degrees and overcast,
And exposure's not much fun.*

*With options few, what can I do,
Gas heaters new are dear,
And bottled gas the same, alas,
Costs mucho dosh per year!*

*Since when has keeping warm mid year,
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Reflection on a Village

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exhibit a gross lack of respect for what people try to do for our community. Many of us serve the interests of our community and give freely of our time and talents. Here I refer to the C.F.A., the Hall Committee, Progress and the Reserve management. As well as the aforementioned the time and effort ploughed into *The Guildford Globe* should be appreciated.

None of us are shut out of these village groups. We can all have our say and voice our opinions as long as its done in a respectful and appropriate manner and at a time when it is relevant. What seems to occur sometimes is that some leave their disagreement linger for months and let their dissatisfaction fester and grow. What results from this practice is the unhealthy instances mentioned above. It is easy to find fault if you set out to look for it.

Since I have settled here, with my disabled son, Michael, I have, without fail, greeted all with friendship and respect. I have become involved with several groups and through them I make a positive contribution to this place I love.

My hope and prayer is that all who live here do likewise and that the secret negativity will cease and all will make a positive and lasting contribution to this beautiful place. If we are able to achieve this, not only will the natural beauty lift and sustain us but the beauty between us will grow and prosper and this will become a wonderful place to be.

Peter White

AVENUE OF HEROES

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to have been based on the names shown on the memorial. As with other Avenues of Honour they would have been planted on both sides of the road as reported by the above mother.

The Susso's were not the original planters of the East side.

It is known that many trees have needed replacing over the years and most likely the susso's had replaced the then existing East side trees pre WW2, explaining the difference in girth.

The dates shown in the report that covers Big Tree and Avenue of Honour appear to be incorrect. The reference to East side being planted in the 1940s that led me to believe that it was a WW2 planting, is probably an inaccurate timing of the pre WW2 Susso activity!

Note: When asked about the possibility of contributing something for this edition of the *Guildford Globe*, I grabbed a draft of this article from my study drawer. The draft article had a rather sensational conclusion that the WW1 planting did not qualify as an Avenue of Honour due to it being on West side only and not representing volunteer numbers! It also had prematurely concluded that the East Side had been planted originally by the Susso's pre WW2 and could not be considered part of an Avenue of Honour.

Subsequent research has reduced this article to an attempt in explaining the girth difference between West and East side plantings – nothing sensational.

Still, I hope it serves us to remember those who, nearly a Century ago, took the opportunity to commemorate the service and sacrifice of local volunteers in a form that would not only serve as a continuing memorial, but bring such beauty to their village.

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LETTERS

ADVERTISING ON THE BRIDGE

The suggestion that we use the bridge at the entrance to Guildford as a 'Welcome' sign and for advertising various events drew the following letters.



"Yes well, legibility and correct punctuation might not be "street" - but that's how I roll dude."

I believe that using the rail bridge overpass as an advertising hoarding could lead to just that. I believe that it would become a magnet for graffiti vandals

I could tell a story on the enthusiasm and pride of the painters doing the original paint work which was finished in their own time

A warning was issued to would be local vandals on the perils of any vandalism

Maurie Dynon

What has gotten into the chief reporter at the Globe? News is sensationalised and issues are embellished to the point that the true nature of events has been completely obscured. After a jolting ride through the last issues "stoushes", "raging debates" and high toned warnings of one kind or another, I find myself wishing for more sobriety.

As for the ridiculous suggestion to advertise on the bridge - no thanks.

Rainer Beilharz.

THE 50KPH ZONE

Our article challenging VicRoads to change the speed limit through Guildford elicited this response putting the case against any change.

Having read the latest issue of "The Guildford Globe" and in particular the lead article, I felt compelled to make the following comments.

Your emotive sub-headline "...does someone have to die before VicRoads acts?" maybe journalistic license, however unless you are aware of better statistics than VicRoads which show that there have been no "pedestrian related incidents in Guildford in the last 5 years" your sub-headline is based on emotions rather than facts. Obviously VicRoads has been approached for expert advice on the issue and the advice given has been dismissed as unreal. I live in Guildford but not within the township boundaries, however I do travel into the township area most week days to collect my mail, I cannot "see" the "necessity of reducing the speed limit" also you state that the existing speed limits are "ridiculous" but do not follow this with any evidence why it is so. Your "bottom line" that "we are the only town in the area without a 50kph speed limit and we need the speed through town reduced to 50kph" the following population figures from the 2011 Census may provide one reason why we don't have the 50kph. (According to the 2011 Census there are 6,752 people living in Castlemaine, 2,942 in Creswick, 2,565 in Daylesford, 1,432 in Maldon, 1,314 in Chewton, 802 in Newstead and 245 in Guildford). I have no problem with a speed limit of 50kph in the residential streets of the township but leave the main thoroughfare alone until it is warranted.

The Victoria Police do not seem to consider that speed through the town is a problem as I cannot recall ever seeing a speed camera within the township boundaries, I have been breathalysed a number of times but not "pinged" by a speed camera. As to the "noise" concerns emanating from the Trucks slowing down, if there are enough factual complaints made to Council, VicRoads and the EPA, it would be noted. (Apart

from scaring the daylighters out of oncoming traffic, it is illegal and they also could be booked for parking too far from the left hand kerb).

I believe that the above is more worthy of the community's attention, so let's just leave the current speed signs where they are, until some facts emerge that indicate they need to be changed.

You have tried "concern for safety of the elderly and school children, noise from trucks" and now the "dreaded S-bend", what next the sun blinding motorists or how about the colour of the road. The, "dreaded S-bend", is not even a true "S-bend", the bends are all joined by straight sections of road, if drivers are unable to drive at 60kph through the first three bends (from the south) they should attend a driver education course or hand in their licence. Rather than dismiss VicRoads' advice, work with them and see if they would agree to the placement of an Speed Advisory sign on the southern approach to the final left hand bend. There is an existing large sign indicating that trucks should slow down to 30kph for the final bend due to a fear of tipping over, this should give most drivers a warning that there is a hazard (sharp bend) ahead and to slow down. As to the road being "particularly dangerous in the rain as exemplified by a recent downpour", it is a well-known fact that the first rainfall event after a long dry spell, results in roads becoming greasy due to the mixture of oil dropped from cars and the rainwater. It is a case of driving to the conditions, the posted speed sign is not the minimum speed it is the maximum allowable. The quote attributed to Jim Franzi says it all "if you don't know what's ahead or get distracted for a split second, you could be in trouble" If you don't know what is ahead a sensible driver would slow down and if you are silly enough to allow yourself to be distracted no matter how slow you are going, you can still get into trouble.

You again revert to emotive words "a blind man would note that there is something intrinsically wrong with the road....." if it is so obvious that a blind man would understand what is wrong with the road, you, as a sighted person, should be able to see and explain it in a factual way.

Bob Forde



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Organisation Meetings

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Public Hall Return 3.30
Monday + Thursdays
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Public Hall Return 1.20
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Groups

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Sat 1st June; 10.30 am
Public Hall.

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Tuesdays and Thursdays
Campbells crk Community Centre 1-2.00pm \$5 per session
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Arthritis with Teresa
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