

Gidge Gossips October 2015

As we move from winter into Spring – not a great year for rainfall only 570mm which is our second lowest in nearly 30 years – lowest 523mm. Good news is that – that was followed by a year of over 1000mm. Here's hoping for 2016. No run off virtually – the tanks are full and that is how we will be doing our retic this year. Luckily we have great rainwater storage but not looking great generally.

Well done to the Gidge Bulldogs for winning yet another final, what a record!

Early start to the Fire season with hazard reduction burns getting a bit lively – think what this could have been a month later. Embers landing in Reen road were quite significant.

The Duchesses – hopefully some photos in this edition of the Gidgegram, but what an afternoon when over 20 Gidgegannupian ladies turned up in their gear and some of it was quite extreme, to crown the inaugural Queen of Gidgegannup – Queen Anne Par Avion aka Anne from the Newsagents. A great afternoon and many thanks to Brian at the Noble Falls Tavern for helping out. Also great thanks to the organising committee the Duchesses of Dags, Dressage, Dorset and Leicester (work that out).

Spring is now beckoning and be aware that fly strike season is now here, keep an eye on your stock.

Here in Frosty Hollow we have had all the lambs and are now looking to a great calving from the Lowlifes. They all look extremely pregnant and Kasanova is now locked in the foaling yards much to his annoyance.

Horses – well we have no foals this year – first year for many. I feel quite bereft not to be woken up by a beeping alarm at 2.00am. Never mind we are hoping for four next year.

Spring is always an amazingly busy time in Gidge with livestock, gardens etc. and we are all keeping more than busy.

Off road bikes – another accident in Tilden Park with one air lifted to hospital with back injuries. Big learning curve. Off road bikes are not toys. Treat them with respect or you will get hurt.

The Picnic by the Lake is being held again on 18th October, 2015 so book your hampers.

We also have a local government election on 17th October, 2015. Postal vote and many people will think "why bother", but it's important and don't complain in a year or so if you don't vote.

Footies – well I have avoided this for a while but dare we hope that the Eagles will get there to the Grand Final. That might be all it is but what a turn round. Think we might rename Woosha to Simmo! Anyway we will know a lot more by the time this Gidgeram gets to you.

And again, thanks to Jan:

No one believes seniors . . . everyone thinks they are senile.

An elderly couple was celebrating their sixtieth anniversary. The couple had married as childhood sweethearts and had moved back to their old neighborhood after they retired. Holding hands, they walked back to their old school. It was not locked, so they entered, and found the old desk they'd shared, where Jerry had carved, "I love you, Sally!"

On their way back home, a bag of money fell out of an armoured car, practically landing at their feet. Sally quickly picked it up and, not sure what to do with it, they took it home. There, she counted the money - fifty thousand dollars!

Jerry said, "We've got to give it back!"

Sally said, "Finders keepers." She put the money back in the bag and hid it in their attic.

The next day, two police officers were canvassing the neighbourhood looking for the money, and knocked on their door. "Pardon me, did either of you find a bag that fell out of an armoured car yesterday?"

Sally said, "No."

Jerry said, "She's lying. She hid it up in the attic."

Sally said, "Don't believe him, he's getting senile."

The agents turned to Jerry and began to question him.

One said: "Tell us the story from the beginning."

Jerry said, "Well, when Sally and I were walking home from school yesterday"

The first police officer turned to his partner and said, "We're outta here!"