

Gidge Gossips March 2017

Although we have had a substantial amount of rain this year 230mm so far, the hot days that followed the rain have managed to burn a lot of that growth off. Now is the time of year that stock starts roaming to find feed. Just remember that even if the stock is not yours, if you take it upon yourself, to drive straying flock along a road, it becomes your responsibility. Best thing to do is call the City of Swan and let them handle the situation.

As well as straying stock there have been a significant number of stray dogs being picked up around the place, mostly because of storms when they have been frightened and bolted. If possible have your dog inside in a storm, or secured in an outhouse.

Talking of stormy situations, what about the recent election. Came in like a red tsunami. Very boring, I like watching the results come in and guessing which way it will go. No way this year, two hours and it was all over.

On that note a big thank you to Frank Alban, who has been our MLA for the past eight years. We will miss you Frank. Also a big welcome to Jessica Shaw who lives up here in the Hills and even has rellies in Gidge – that qualifies you as one of us. No doubt we will see a lot more of you when the dust of the election settles.

Seems the City are thinking of amalgamating Ellenbrook and North wards into one big ward called Pearce. So what happens to the much chronicled “railway to Ellenbrook”, will this just join urban myth?

Lots of complaints about windscreen and paintwork chips passing Hansons. If you can prove that this has been caused by a truck exiting Hanson’s Quarry you might get some recompense but you will need number of truck, time, etc.

The traffic works on Toodyay Road are becoming significant but the present tranche should be finished in July. So we just have to wait for the next lot in 2017/18 to complete the upgrade of the road in the City of Swan. As this upgrade encompasses the most dangerous junctions and those with the highest accident stats., it is very much hoped that the work will be finished.

The Telstra tower is progressing in North Gidge and looks like a Spring construction. The NBN tower in Joseph road won’t be far behind. This has got held up it appears by local opposition.

Western Power still carries on its guerrilla warfare in Gidge with unexplained power cuts which throws all the electronics out for a while. No respite though, we are now stuck with it.

Congratulations to Beau and Kristen Algeri on the birth of their son Leo. The little fellow has already been inundated with fire trucks from an enthusiastic West Gidge Volunteer Fire Brigade!

And.... We have the start of the AFL season. So another 6-7 months of weekends glued to the telly and yells and screams. The dogs have now got used to it, they had to with names like Woosha and Simmo.

Estate Agents' signs. Recently an Estate Agent chose to erect a huge for sale sign outside our property. Not us, so stop celebrating, but neighbours along the road about a kilometre. After several people getting whiplash and nearly causing accidents on Reserve Road, numerous phone calls and emails as to why we were moving, Even the Friendly Hills Plumber, and one fellow waltzing down our drive wanting to know the price so he could make an offer, we rang the agents and said they were doing a very good job selling our house but we didn't want to sell, and could they move it. This has been done and thanks, it is now at the corner of Reserve and Toodyay Roads, and doubtless will be moved on again when the junction is upgraded.

And so the Joke – need some more sent in:

How Mankind Earned Longevity

God created the donkey and told him: you will work tireless from sun up to sun down, carrying heavy bags on your back, you'll eat grass, you will not have intelligence and you will live 50 years. You will be a DONKEY!

The donkey answered: I'll be a donkey, but living 50 years is too much, give me only 20 years. And God gave him 20 years.

God created the dog and told him: You will look after the man's house, you will be his best friend, you will eat whatever they give you and you will live 25 years. You will be a DOG!

The dog answered: God, living 25 years is too much, give only 10. God gave him 10 years.

God created the monkey and told him: You will jump from branch to branch, you will do silly things, you will be amusing and you will live 20 years.

The monkey answered: God, living 20 years is too much, give me only 10 years. And God agreed.

Finally, God created man, and told him: You will be Man, the only rational being on this earth, you will use your intelligence to control other animals, you will dominate the world and you will live for 20 years.

The man answered: God, I'll be man, but living 20 years is not enough, why don't you give me the 30 years that the donkey refused, the 20 years that the dog did not want and the 10 years that the monkey refused.

That was what God did, and since then, Men live 20 years like a man, then he enters adulthood and spends 30 years like a donkey, working and carrying the load on his back, then when his children leave home, spends 15 years like a dog, looking after the house and eating whatever is given to him, then he gets into retirement, and spends 10 years like a monkey, jumping from house to house or from children to children, doing silly things to amuse the grandchildren.