

Gidge Gossips January 2018

A very long time since November and so much has happened.

We had the great Rate Review that is now deferred until after the Local Government Act 1995 is reviewed and legislated. The Rural communities of the City of Swan united to say we are not going to be treated this way and with the considerable assistance of Cr. Charlie Zannino and many others, we succeeded. The Annual Electors Meeting was an amazing scene with over 200 people crammed in to the Town Hall many of them wearing "Rural is Rural" t shirts. Thanks Ian for that brilliant idea and organising it. Now the task ahead is to put submissions in to the LG Act and make sure that Gidge's voice is heard.

Over Christmas itself we had the great dog chase. This showed the value of the Community Facebook page. Jack the main character got frightened on the Thursday before Christmas and he and his mate took off. His mate came back, but no Jack. His family had not long moved to Gidge so he was really lost and they weren't too sure where to look. Fortunately they posted on the Gidge Community facebook page and the community took up the search. Sightings were reported and followed up, searches were made, poster drops were made, email networks were alerted and still he couldn't be found until about a week later when further sightings were reported on Toodyay Road near Bailup. A flotilla descended and Jack took off again. His mum was walking up and down the Road looking and calling for him and eventually in the evening he was found and like all good fairy tales leapt into his Mum's arms, tears all round and what a way to get to know the neighbours.

Christmas and New Year passed uneventfully for most of us, no power cuts this year. January is always pretty quiet as well and with a sense of relief Australia Day arrives and after that life returns to some sort of normality, until Easter!

The Medical Centre is now progressing at last and hopefully is not too far away. A rather large fire in Sawyers Valley spreading across to Mundaring Weir, but under control fairly quickly. Dampened efficiently by over 100mm of rain which meant the paddocks are now all germinating and the horses are fossicking. Keep an eye out for colic.

Kassy is still at home and seems relatively settled and keeping himself busy judging by the number of progeny appearing around the place. Put

the first round bale out last week and they made short work of it, despite being told that it was supposed to last 3 days.

More rain coming this next week supposedly and it appears we are going to have a wet summer.

Yearling sales coming up on 19th and 20th February and 300 of the best yearlings in the state will be up for sale. Interestingly over 30% of those come from the rural wards of the City of Swan, hope the City are proud of us.

Now for a joke to start the year:

Everyone seems to be in such a hurry to scream 'racism' these days.

A customer asked, "In what aisle could I find the Irish sausages?"

The assistant asks, "Are you Irish?"

The guy, clearly offended, says, "Yes I am, but let me ask you something..."

If I had asked for Italian sausage, would you ask me if I was Italian?

Or if I had asked for German Bratwurst, would you ask me if I was German?

Or if I asked for a kosher hot dog would you ask me if I was Jewish?

Or if I had asked for a Taco, would you ask if I was Mexican?

Or if I asked for Polish sausage, would you ask if I was Polish?"

The assistant says, "No, I probably wouldn't."

The guy says, "Well then, just because I asked for Irish sausage, why did you ask me if I'm Irish?"

The assistant replied, "Because you're in Bunnings."