

## **GIDGEGANNUP AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2012-2013**

Another successful year. We do two things successfully,

- Gidgegannup Agricultural Show, and
- The Gidgegram

In addition, we have over the last two years interacted with Gidgegannup Society through the Primary School, and volunteers outside the committee have been involved with Colin's garden programme.

The year was eclipsed by a successful show and a huge thank you to our committee to bring a wonderful result. Even though the weather was again exceptionally warm the crowds came through the gates, especially in the morning.

We had 2264 entries for the Show, 141 vendors and 22 entertainments.

Gate takings were nearly \$41,000. This recalculates into about 4000 paying adults at \$10 a ticket through the gates and a lot of children. Most children came in free of charge due to the State Government, so we don't have an accurate number for the children attending. The estimate from the throng of people is that about 7000 adults and children visited the Show in 2012. The Show had one major problem, once again the power. One of the hired generators refused to work until after lunch causing trouble for some vendors.

Councillor Darryl Trease, JP, opened our 2012 Show. Darryl is a tremendous help for us in our dealings with the City of Swan. Thank you Darryl!

The City of Swan is relating well with us in far most of our needs. The only hick-up in 2012 was the threat of having a sea container for recyclables positioned permanently on the showgrounds in a very conspicuous place, where it would be in the way constantly for our activities.

1450 copies of the Gidgegram is printed every time for about 1000 households and other distribution in Gidgegannup, Mundaring, Sawyers Valley etc. The total price for the production and distribution is now about \$25,000/year.

We support the Gidgegannup Primary School garden programme. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row, GAS has donated to the purchase of fertilisers, plants and whatever the school deems necessary for the programme to be successful. In 2012 we donated \$1000.00.

During the year Colin Metcalf started a garden group for the clean-up of the fenced in native vegetation east of the tennis courts by help of volunteers. Thank you, Colin. Some cleaning up of the vegetation was done.

In the coming year I am sure we will produce another successful Show. Colin's garden programme will hopefully continue, so we will have a display of wild flower garden in addition to the other Show activities. Furthermore, I hope we will be able to expand our interaction with the Gidgegannup Community through donations to worthy projects. I like to see GAS more in the minds of the families living here. They think we are here only for the Show, which has been the case some years in the past.

New blood will be coming on to the committee so our 'long suffering' members can have a break. I extend a great Thank You to all Committee members for their time and efforts. Thank you's are also in place to many outside the Committee for making our work possible. There are too many to be named individually, yet one couple outside our committee deserves a special mention, Les and Joanne Ormsby.

Lyn Dahl