

Gundaroo GCA update December 2016

Firstly, let me introduce myself, my name is Moraig McKenna and I will be acting in the role of GCA president until our AGM in April next year. Can I once again thank Ann Barwick for her work as past president and for all the work she has done for the Gundaroo community.

Well, there has been a lot happening in the GCA over the last couple of months.

In August we hosted a very successful evening to *Meet the Candidates* for Yass Valley council elections with an attendance of over 70 people and 21 candidates – it was agreed that Gundaroo definitely are the best caterers in the shire!

The new council was elected in September details available at <http://www.yassvalley.nsw.gov.au/council/mayor-and-councillors>

At the conclusion of this meeting Austin Goodfellow addressed the community about his proposed land rezoning for residential blocks and a Sewerage treatment plant. The GCA asked for community response to this proposal and a submission to council was based on these and other views and concerns raised by our community.

The council discussed the Goodfellow proposal at their October council meeting and resolved:

“That consideration of the ‘Coolawin’ Planning Proposal be deferred until a report has been prepared and submitted examining the options of the location of a STP outside the flood prone land and with sufficient buffers to existing and proposed housing and with sufficient capacity for the proposed development, the existing village and any future expansion of the village.”

Yass Valley Council recently received directions from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPA) to amend the planning proposals for Kyeema and Faithfull St /Sutton Road rezoning.

In brief the amendments were:

- in relation to both proposals , where reticulated water and sewerage is not available blocks are to be a minimum of 5000 sq metres. (Minimum lot size of 2000 sq metres is still an option but would require a reticulated sewerage system and a sustainable water supply to be in place)
- In addition the Kyeema proposal is to be changed to include a number of areas zoned as Environmental Living Zones with a variety of Lot sizes from 1, 2 and 10 hectares.
- The YVC is required to consult with a number of government agencies as well as conduct full community consultation process.
- The Planning Proposals are to take into consideration implications from the Gundaroo Flood Study.

Full documentation can be found at the following website
<http://leptracking.planning.nsw.gov.au/PublicDetails.aspx?Id=1210>

At the Yass Valley council meeting on Wednesday November 23rd it was proposed that these amendments be put out to community consultation concurrently with the Draft Gundaroo Master Plan. I spoke at the public forum before the meeting and argued on behalf of the GCA that the Master plan process should be completed before any decision could be made on these amendments. However council decided to put these amendments to public consultation for a period of 56 days concurrently with the Draft Gundaroo Master Plan which should be presented to council at there December meeting.

On a lighter note an Arts and culture sub committee of the GCA was formed earlier this year and we look forward in anticipation to events in the near future.

On Sunday 9th the GCA held *The Nature of Gundaroo, Village spring walk* – thank you to committee members David Taylor and Sue McIntyre for organizing this. A separate article on the walk is also in this gazette.

We will be seeking your comments during the public consultation on the Master plan and the amended planning proposals in the new year, but, as always if you have any thoughts please contact us at gundaroocommunityassociation@gmail.com

Hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe Christmas and New Year.

Regards,

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