



# Maiden Gully Community Carols

Sunday 4 Dec 2011

5-8 pm

## Maiden Gully Recreation Reserve

Beckhams Rd Maiden Gully

GOLD COIN ENTRY

CAROLS

LIVE BANDS

VISIT FROM SANTA

BYO CHAIRS AND RUGS

BBQ AND DRINKS ON SALE

RAFFLE

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## Community Christmas Carols

Last year's Twilight Community Christmas Carols was such a great night for all. You told us you wanted it to go longer so we have extended this year's carols by an extra hour. We look forward to seeing you all there.



## Robberies in Maiden Gully

Neighbourhood Watch have kindly provided an update on what is happening across our usually quiet little suburb.

8 Burglaries from private homes, all in daylight have occurred over the last few months.

The burglaries followed this pattern. The roller door is forced, a vehicle enters and the door is closed. Fly screens and security doors into the home are broken down. The home is systematically burgled. There are no finger prints, valuables are cleaned out and the garage door closed on departure.

Please report any suspicious activity or odd behaviour to Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000. This assists the police to build up a pattern. We ask that you ensure you secure your homes over the Christmas period and ask close neighbours to keep an eye on your property for you while you are away.

## MGPA on the World Wide Web

The Maiden Gully Progress Association has embraced technology and has developed a website

**[www.maidengully.com.au](http://www.maidengully.com.au)**

You can find a copy of the Maiden Gully Community Plan on the website, as well as keep up to date with what the Progress Association has been up to and when the next public meeting or event is being held.

With the **Structure Plan** for Maiden Gully in the process of being developed, it is expected that there will be some public meetings / workshops to consult with the community on key aspects of the Plan.

Our website will keep the community informed as to how they can get involved in the Planning process.

Maiden Gully Progress Association is on Facebook too, so please look us up.



## SAVE THE DATE.

**The movies are coming to Maiden Gully on  
Saturday the 18th of February 2012.**

As part of City of Greater Bendigo's Summer in the Parks Program, plans are being put in place to hold a movie night under the stars at the Recreation Reserve in Maiden Gully.

Further details to follow closer to the date.

Please keep an eye on the website and facebook to find out more

## Maiden Gully Road Transport Strategy

The Maiden Gully Progress Association made a submission to the **City of Greater Bendigo's Road Transport Strategy Draft Paper** that was released earlier in 2011.

While we were pleased with the fact that such a critical issue as transport infrastructure for the rapidly growing Bendigo region was being considered, we expressed our disappointment at the fact that the primary focus of the report was for infrastructure for privately owned motor vehicles.

Our Community Plan identified the creation of a network of transport links catering for pedestrians, cyclists and motor vehicles as key priorities, with the safety of all road users of utmost importance.

Our submission repeated the concerns of Maiden Gully residents in relation to this issue.

## Become involved with the MGPA

The strength of the Maiden Gully Progress Association and its ability to achieve its key objectives is based on the involvement of passionate individuals with different skills working together as a cohesive team.

We understand that life in the 21st Century places many demands on our time. But we would welcome more people to get involved with the Maiden Gully Progress Association, either as a member or to join one of our Sub-Committees, to allow us to work towards the achievement of the key priorities identified in our Community Plan and to respond to other developments on behalf of the residents of Maiden Gully as they arise.

If you would like further information on how you can get involved, please speak to one of the Committee members at our next event or email [admin@maidengully.com.au](mailto:admin@maidengully.com.au).

## Catholic Education Facility in Maiden Gully

On 17 August 2011, the Catholic Education Office conducted two Public Consultation Meetings to provide the community with details of the development of a primary and secondary school education facility in Patas Road, Maiden Gully and seek feedback from the community before an application was lodged with the City of Greater Bendigo to rezone the land.

Just prior to the meetings being held, it was announced that the Marist Brothers, who have a long history of providing Catholic Education in the Bendigo region, would get involved in the project and operate the school.

## Advertising Opportunity

**The Maiden Gully Progress Association will be publishing four newsletters per year that will be distributed to the 1,500 households in Maiden Gully and be published on our website.**

**We would like to extend an invitation to businesses within Maiden Gully and businesses that service the Maiden Gully area to advertise in this newsletter.**

**Prices for advertising space in each issue are:**

**\$200 for a half page**

**\$100 for a quarter page**

**\$50 for a business card size advertisement.**

**Please direct all enquiries to either Stuart McKenzie (0409 852 396), Paul Pickford (0429 565 749) or [admin@maidengully.com.au](mailto:admin@maidengully.com.au)**

**Don't miss your chance to promote your business to the residents of Maiden Gully through this high quality publication.**



# Maiden Gully Progress Association

Newsletter Spring 2011

## Message from the President

### Welcome to our Spring 2011 newsletter.

Since our last newsletter in May, a number of developments have taken place which the Maiden Gully Progress Association has been involved in.

The **Maiden Gully Structure Plan** is being developed following the allocation of monies in the 2011/12 City of Greater Bendigo (CoGB) budget.

At our public meeting in July, Andrew Cockerell from the Strategy Unit at City of Greater Bendigo made a presentation to us on the Structure Planning process.

In summary, the Maiden Gully Structure Plan will provide the framework for how and what areas can be developed, access to services, transport, recreation, and protecting the environment. The Plan will provide surety and confidence to the broader community as we look towards the long term future of Maiden Gully.

A brief is currently being prepared for submission to Council in December with work on drafting the Structure Plan due to commence in early 2012. The resultant Planning Scheme Amendment could take up to two years from then to go through State Parliament.

The major considerations for the Structure Plan are:

- Priorities identified in the Community Plan
- Outcomes of the 2004 Residential Strategy Audit
- Bushfire Management Overlay
- Catholic Education site
- Town Centre

A Consultation Plan will be developed as part of the process to ensure the two way communication between the Council and all stakeholders.

The Consultation Plan may include: project bulletins/brochures, workshops, surveys/interviews, and web-based tools and updates.

The data gathered from the surveys and workshops held by the Maiden Gully Progress Association as part of the Community Plan process will be reviewed and incorporated with data from other sources for the Structure Plan.

The Maiden Gully Progress Association has been identified as the Community Reference Group for the CoGB Strategy Unit to liaise with through the Structure Planning process. A number of public consultation meetings are likely to be held in 2012 as part of the planning process, providing residents with the opportunity to contribute to the recommendations in this plan.

People can either register their interest directly with Council or get involved through the Maiden Gully Progress Association.

Despite only being established in May 2010, the Maiden Gully Progress Association has had some significant achievements over the last 18 months. Most importantly, we have been able to establish ourselves as a credible organisation with which other organisations who make decisions which impact on the Maiden Gully community liaise with in their decision making process.

If you wish to have a say and influence the way in which Maiden Gully develops in coming years, it couldn't be a better time to become an active member of the Maiden Gully Progress Association.

Our Community Plan has identified many priority goals and actions to improve the liveability of Maiden Gully for its residents. The more people we can get involved to assist in the progressing of these action items, the faster we will be able to achieve them.

On behalf of the Committee, we wish you and your families a safe and happy festive season and look forward to catching up with you at either one of our public meetings in 2012 or upcoming community social events.

**Stuart McKenzie**