

**Williams Pride in Your Town Committee**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at Shire of Williams**

Meeting commenced at 9:35am

*Present*

Marie Hardacre, Heidi Cowcher (Community Development Officer), Kath Cowcher, Daphne Gillett, Robyn Fowler, John & Olive Overheu, Wendy McDonald, Betty Cowcher, Ruby Milne, Stuart Hopwood (Shire Gardener)

*Apologies*

Nil

*Business Arising*

- Stuart noted that the garden beds in front of the Post Office had been cleaned up and pruning done where needed.
- Geraldton Wax plants had been tended at the Resource Centre.

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Accepted.

*2007/8 Tidy Towns – Sustainable Communities Nomination form*

- Heidi reported on progress of nomination to date – summary of projects attached to these minutes.
- Judging day went well – hopefully we impressed them with our projects and bus tour around town.
- Williams has been offered to host the Regional Awards Ceremony for the Great Southern and the Southern Coastal. Attendees will include representatives from Williams, Cuballing, Frankland River, Cranbrook, Denmark and Esperance. It is anticipated that around 50-60 people could attend. It is to be held at the Shearer's Yarn at the Woolshed.
- Invitations to the Awards ceremony have been sent, with RSVP's due to the Perth Tidy Towns office

*General Business*

Comments were made that there appears to be lots of people visiting the Williams Nature Reserve – especially since DEC put signs on the highway. There are lots of flowers out at the moment and this seems to be the main attraction.

Stuart presented a proposal to revegetate part of the old Williams Caravan Park with bottlebrushes and everlastings that he plans to submit to Council for their consideration at their next meeting. The committee supported his project.

Stuart detailed plans to plant the western side of Albany Highway (dependent on where the bypass was going to go) in the future.

Stuart noted that the Telstra exchange had been cleaned up.

Stuart reported that he was working with the new NRMO, Nick Samson, especially on flora surveys in and around Williams.

Photos of Art & Craft Day – someone to catch up with Carolyn Banks to get copies for the 2008/9 TT submission.

#### *Next meeting*

It was suggested that the next meeting be held on **TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2008 at 10:30am** at the Williams Community Resource Centre (following *The Williams* meeting at 9:30am)

Meeting closed at 10:20am

#### *Footnote*

Regional Awards Ceremony was held on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October in Williams.

Williams won three categories:

- Community Action
- General Appearance
- Natural Heritage Conservation

AND

Won the Regional Award!!

Well done to all involved. Please find attached to minutes a copy of the Media Release and Judges Report.

Presentation from Awards ceremony is in the Shire foyer for those who have not seen it (without music as yet ☺).