



Action 504



Update Newsletter 25th March 2024

Hi admin_504,

Welcome to the latest update.

First up, there will be **no meeting** as planned for Wednesday 27th this week. There is not a lot to discuss and it can wait until everyone recovers from the Easter break.

Submissions: These have now closed, so no more will be accepted by Council. Lauren Thomas at Council has certainly been busy uploading all the submissions, there was a bit of a rush at the end. Great to see so many people have gone to the trouble to write to Council, both in support and in opposition to DA 504.

Those in support are mostly voicing concern over the future of the Show and the Society which is understandable. Again, I would like to say that we are NOT about closing down the show or any of it's events. We are solely focused on asking Council to be informed of the potential of this development to impact the environment and the amenity of residents before a decision is made.

One doesn't envy Council in coming to a determination on this matter. On one hand a great deal of public funding has already been spent on the development by the AAS. Balancing that with community expectations, due process and the possibility of further expense to the ratepayers in legal responses in the L&E court will weigh heavily on those making the decision. At some point there may be an onsite inspection by the councilors and staff before the final result.

As far as I can see there doesn't appear to be any submissions from supporters who live within a

bull's roar of the cattle yards, which is also understandable in the circumstances. You can see the paper trail on [Council's DA Tracking](#) website for those interested.

Those who are still in a writing mood can consider emailing local councilors after the Easter break. More on that in a future newsletter.

There is also the possibility of Action 504 making a short deputation to the Council meeting at the time the decision is to be made. More on that later as well.

Our **petition** has now closed with 163 signatures sent to Council and the petition has now been taken down. Great effort by all concerned.

Unfortunately our GoFundMe donations have stalled. We are still in a situation where twice the amount received via GoFundMe has been spent. That has left one person holding the can for the difference of \$3000 plus. Some have been generous, but many who stand to benefit from Action 504's work still have hands firmly in pockets. Please be generous and support the work financially. All monies will be accounted for, and pro rata refunds will be available if the money is not spent on the cause.

Does anyone out there know any background on the Jack Gowland Reserve? I believe that is the area which has now been levelled. At one stage I seem to remember it was a separate parcel of land. Any ideas if that is true, and when it was incorporated into the showground proper? Just reply to this newsletter if you can help.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe Easter. Take care on the roads.

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