

Quarterly Newsletter



The GCA President & Committee wish all GCA Members and their families a safe and happy Christmas, summer holiday & 2015.

We'd love to see you at the

Guilderton Visitor Centre

The shelves are full with a whole new range of interesting gifts and souvenirs!

DECEMBER 2014

Featuring



The Celebration of Guilderton brought the Guilderton community, members of the Noongar community and sponsors together at a most memorable occasion.

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Guilderton Community Library's annual Trash n Treasure fundraiser on Saturday 3rd January will be bigger and better than ever before.

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What a year 2014 was - our beautiful beach was recognised, we held a free concert in the park, opened a new walking trail and so much more...

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Our AGM will be held on the Australia Day weekend. Join us for a cuppa and share your thoughts with the new committee and other GCA members.

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Now is the time to renew or subscribe to the Guilderton Community Association. At \$25 for a family or all people living at the same address, it's a bargain!

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From the President's Desk...

It's time to look back and reflect on the year that's been and make plans for the year ahead.

It's been an incredibly busy year with the Bush Poet's Campfire, the development of the Heritage Garden and Heritage Album, hosting of the Keep Australia Beautiful Regional Finals for Tidy Towns, the "Celebration of Guilderton", which kicked off the Stairway to the Beach project funded by the Bendigo Bank and the Shire of Gingin and launched

new signage for the North Guilderton Walk Trail and the Estuary, both funded by the Federal Government through the Northern Agricultural Catchments Council (NACC) and managed by the Moore Catchment Council (MCC) and then to cap it all off, a free concert performed by the WA Youth Jazz Orchestra Quintet in Gabbadah Park. All of this has seen Guilderton move forward in a very positive direction, and would not have been possible without a lot of hard work on the part of the GCA Committee.

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My special thanks go to the Events Sub-Committee comprising Karen Barfield, Peter Fry, David and Gay Messer and Terri Mowle, and also to the Tidy Towns/Gardening Sub-committee headed up by Madeline Henshaw and Dave Britton, along with all other members of the committee and volunteers who have worked tirelessly on GCA projects.

I make special mention of the "Celebration" which pulled together the community, our sponsors and members of the Noongar community in what turned out to be a most memorable occasion receiving hugely positive feedback.

Amidst all of this activity, the GCA Committee took on the operations of the Guilderton Visitor Centre with Sharon Staude being co-opted as co-ordinator. She has headed up a strong team, resulting in the Visitor Centre moving forward in a very positive direction.

Thanks go to the many volunteers who have given up their time to make this possible.



Celebration of Guilderton brought community members together on a perfect October day.

Next year's plans are still in the melting pot, and your committee will be open to suggestions.

If you love Guilderton and are a regular visitor or resident, please consider nominating for our committee. We meet once every two months and there is always great energy, robust discussion and welcoming friendship around the meeting table.

Membership subscriptions are due for renewal in January and form an essential component of the GCA being able to provide community services and events.

The GCA Committee joins me in wishing all members and their families a safe and Happy Christmas and New Year.

Gillian Lamont

Guilderton Community Library

Trash n Treasure
Saturday 3rd January
8:00 am to 2:00pm
21 Whitfield Street

Judging by the donations we have received so far, our 2015 Trash n Treasure will be bigger and better than ever. The Guilderton Community Library would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year. Looking forward to seeing you all in 2015.

Madeline Henshaw

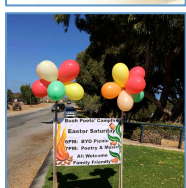
2014 was a busy year...



Clean Up Australia: In March, GCA Committee member Madeline Henshaw headed up an army of volunteers who collected over 60 bags of rubbish around Guilderton as part of the Clean Up Australia campaign.



Easter Art & Craft Fair: In April, Delys Brady and Maggie Schmiedte, with assistance from GCA Committee members Gay Messer and Terry Mowle, provided family fun and raised money for the GCA at another highly successful Easter Art & Craft Fair.



Bush Poets' Campfire: In April, over a hundred people gathered in Gabbadah Park for a free family picnic that included bush poetry, singing, dancing, hot billy tea and freshly cooked damper. GCA Committee member Peter Fry was MC on the night and headed up a strong team of GCA Committee members, with support from the Volunteer Fire Brigade.



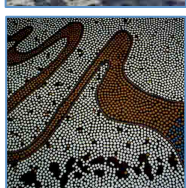
Heritage Garden: In May, to support Guilderton's Tidy Towns submission, Guilderton's Heritage Garden was opened at Silver Creek, making use of the original well and water trough, and resurrecting an old windmill. This project was enabled by Gingin Shire Councillor Sam Collard and implemented by a strong team of local volunteers.



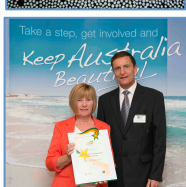
Food for Carnaby's Cockatoos: In June, 1,000 native seedlings, all recognised as being a potential food source for endangered Carnaby's Black Cockatoos, were made available and no cost to the GCA, thanks to the efforts of the MCC's Rachel Walmsley. The seedlings were planted in and around Guilderton by GCA Committee members and volunteers.



Coastal Walking Trail: In August, GCA Committee members and volunteers helped the MCC's Rachel Walmsley and the Department of Parks & Wildlife with the project to convert degraded 4WD tracks north of Guilderton into a Coastal Walking Trail.



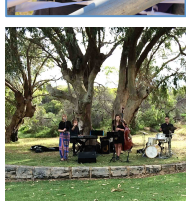
Informative Signage: In October, the GCA, Department of Water, South West Sea & Land Council, Shire of Gingin, NACC and the LMRWG provided sponsorship for attractive, informative signs, designed by MCC's Rachel Walmsley, to be erected at the Moore River Estuary, Lookout and new Coastal Walking Trail.



Awards Won: In October, Guilderton was announced winner in the Action and Partnerships category in the Midwest Gascoyne Regional Tidy Towns Awards after also having won the Clean Beaches Award in the 2014 Keep Australia Beautiful Awards. Credit for both awards goes to Madeline Henshaw and her teams of volunteers.



Celebrations: In October, the GCA Committee hosted the "Celebration of Guilderton" for the Guilderton community, our sponsors and members of the Noongar community to officially open the Coastal Trail Walk and new estuary signage, and to receive funding and launch the new Stairway to the Beach project.



WAYJO Concert: In October, the GCA hosted a free family concert given by the WA Youth Jazz Orchestra quintet at Gabbadah Park. GCA Committee members David and Gay Messer and MC Peter Fry organised the event which was sponsored by the Shire of Gingin, and enjoyed by over 120 Guilderton residents and visitors.

GCA Membership Application / Renewal Form

\$25 for Family or Single Membership (or all people who live at the same address)

Member Name(s): _____

Postal Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please return this form to the GCA and remit \$25 by:

Cash to the Visitor Centre or Community Library or

Cheque posted to GCA, PO Box 1101 Guilderton WA 6041 or

Bank Deposit to GCA at Bendigo Bank

BSB: 633 108

Account: 145418018

Reference: Please enter your surname as the reference.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Guilderton Community Association

Saturday 24th January 2014 at 9:00am

Guilderton Community Hall, Wedge Street Guilderton

Nominations close on **17th January 2014**.

Nomination forms may be given to a Committee Member or posted to:

Guilderton Community Association

PO Box 1101, Guilderton, WA 6041

For further information contact the GCA at GuildertonCA@inet.net.au

Nomination Form

I hereby nominate:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

For the GCA Committee position of: _____

Nominating member's details:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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