

## Quarterly Newsletter December 2023

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### President's Report



The position of GCA president remains vacant for any community minded person. Please contact Linda Johnson if you have an interest in Guilderton's future and magnifying the viewpoint of the locals.

### Vice-president's Report

As 2023 comes to a close, we wish you all a happy holiday and festive season.

Guilderton will be very busy over the next few months and we hope everyone takes their own and their family's safety very seriously so we can avoid troubling our wonderful emergency services.

Before Xmas we look forward to our Carols in the Park on Dec 16th and another interesting Arts Market on Dec 17th.

The Country Club remains the town's social hub and is having a very successful year, with lots of events, both past and planned. Check

out their website or Facebook for details about functions on - for the children's Xmas party on Dec 17th, the New Year's Eve band and party and various music and special nights. Members and the public are welcome.

Last newsletter we explained how GCA works. The AGM will be held on Saturday January 20th 2024 at 10 am in the Community Hall, details to be found in this Newsletter. Membership is \$15 per year per person and only members can speak or vote at the meeting, while others may attend and observe only, unless invited to speak, such as Shire representatives.

The GCA needs a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer as well as 3-10 committee members.

Please consider joining the committee and having your say on the way forward for Guilderton.

Linda Johnson  
Vice president  
0414 631 273

### Lower Coastal Community

**Association** (formerly Alliance) is now an Incorporated Association. It is still made up of the local associations of Guilderton, Sovereign Hill, Woodridge, Redfield Park, Seabird and Neergabby and meets quarterly to discuss issues common to the area. Everyone is welcome to attend.

For some years now we have been discussing the possibility of a community bus for social use of residents. A sub-committee has now

been formed to further this project. If you would like to know more or may be able to help out, please contact Bob Johnson on 0417 186 805.

### **Boardwalk update**

The repair of the Stephens Crescent Boardwalk is making steady progress. This project is a great example of the Gingin Shire and LMRWG community volunteers working together to repair this popular boardwalk. All the volunteers have completed the Shire's WHS induction. The old wooden decking has been removed so that the substructure could be assessed. New fibreglass non-slip decking material has been laid in the first section. This has been completed in time for the summer school holidays and the other stages will be progressively completed during term time. Progress is often determined by the river water levels.



Financially, the Shire has provided all the new decking materials for this work and the charter of Phill Cook's Moore River Tours boat. The Lower Moore River Working Group has

covered the fastenings, tools & other incidentals.

Bob Johnson  
LMRWG Secretary

### **Moore Arts Report**

We have organised two markets so far this summer, one held on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> of September and although the weather forecast was not great it turned into a beautiful day. There was another good response from local stall holders with 13 attending to sell their handmade items. The next market for 2023 is on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December which we hope will have a Christmas feel about it. 17 stallholders have registered so far. We encourage GCA members, locals and visitors to come down and support these events. You can enjoy a sausage sizzle or perhaps a bacon and egg burger by Woodridge community association and coffee or juice from the Juicy Box.

The annual art exhibition will again be held on Easter Saturday 2024 so I will be encouraging and contacting local artists to display and sell their work. If anyone would like more information about this event, please contact me on 0437903138.

Kerry Jones  
Moore Arts Coordinator

### **Guilderton Visitor's Centre**

Here comes summer, Christmas and hot weather - hope you are prepared for all three! Visitors Centre continues to be spasmodic & we are hoping school holidays will increase our numbers. The Centre is all stocked up with jams, pickles and honey - all delicious local produce. There are also lots of small toys, games and beachy things for kids with our quizzes for the river and township being very popular. When the kids return them to VC they will receive a "sweet" Gold Coin for their tummies. There is an Adventure kids Nature activity book, which has lots of great activities for children to do and these are all free. When they complete an activity there are

stamps at V C, top shop and Guilderton general store to complete the activity. Our volunteers all look forward to seeing you at the Visitors Centre these holidays.

Linda Buxton  
Coordinator

### Visit us

GO TO [guildertonwa.com.au](http://guildertonwa.com.au) which is the website for Guilderton Community Association., Guilderton Visitor Centre and Friends of Moore River Estuary. For all news and details of our activities please come and visit.

### FOMRE Report

**Friends of Moore River Estuary** are very disappointed that VacSwim will not be held in the estuary this summer. Diana, our secretary and the VacSwim teacher, was all ready for another happy year of lessons.

However, the sandbar dig-out by vandals in mid-January this year led to the advice from the Health Dept that the bacteria levels in the estuary made it unsafe for swimming over the Australia Day long weekend.

As noted below, the Shire has informed VacSwim that classes can be conducted at Moore River Beach (South), as has been the case in previous years. However, due to the unpredictable fluctuations in microbiome levels within the river, both the State Health Department and Shire Health Officers have reminded VacSwim that classes are not to be conducted in the river itself. Shire officers have advised VacSwim that they are happy to consider any other appropriate venues in the area.

Any further queries should be directed to the VacSwim Program organisers through the Department of Education.

Guilderton has only had 360mm of rain this year (measured at my place) and by far the lowest on record (for the ten years I've kept records at least). There has therefore been little winter inflow to the estuary from rain

events and we rely on the springs to replenish the estuary. Despite this the bar has been opened most weekends over winter by vandals digging a trench. Funny how it never goes out on a Mon, Tues or Wed! As this continues, and with the forecast of a hot summer, we can sadly expect a lowering of water quality, at times again this summer.

The Shire is responsible for health testing and will advise when bacterial levels make swimming hazardous.

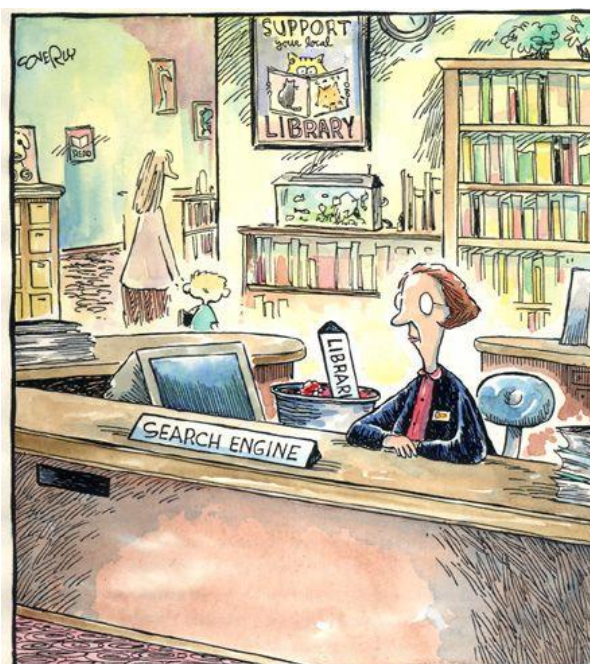
The good news is that the birds, fish, reptiles and plants of the estuary all seem to be thriving and the place is as lovely as ever. We hope that you can enjoy your time at the estuary this summer.

Linda Johnson  
FOMRE Chairperson  
Mob 0414631273

### Community Library Report

Firstly, a merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year to you all.

Our volunteers were thanked for their fantastic support with a luncheon on Sunday 26 November.



Volunteers are the lifeblood of our services and we can't do without their help – some of whom have been with us since we opened in 2006.

Our Men's Shed Open Day book stall was well patronised and thanks to some wonderful donations, we had a very successful day.

Over the Christmas holiday period we will be holding book stalls on each Saturday.

There is a huge selection of near new cook books, some designed especially for children - which should help to occupy them over the holidays.

There's also the usual selection to enjoy so come along and have a browse.

Madeleine Henshaw  
Community Library Coordinator

## Secret Chef



### Fish and Scallop Pot Pie

**Ingredients** for about 5 pies

1 piece of snapper (cut into bite size pieces)

12 large scallops (cut in half)

2 tablespoons finely chopped dill

10 Swiss brown mushrooms, sliced

Blob of butter

1 teaspoon of Dijon mustard

1 leek (white part only, finely sliced)

1 garlic clove, finely diced

2 tablespoons of cornflour

Cup of grated mature cheese

1 tablespoon of grated parmesan cheese

Milk

½ glass of dry white wine

Puff pastry rounds a bit larger than the bowls

### Method

Melt the butter in a saucepan on low heat, add garlic and sauté for a moment or two. Add the leeks & mushrooms and cook gently for a few minutes. Add the Dijon mustard and mix thoroughly. Crank up the heat and when the saucepan is hot, add the wine and stir until it settles after the initial fuss.

Add some more butter, sufficient for a white sauce. Add the cornflour dissolved in the milk, stirring until the white sauce thickens fully.

Add the cheeses, ensuring they are well incorporated and check the sauce for salt & pepper seasoning. Finally, mix in the seafood and let it sit in the hot sauce for a few minutes before spooning the mix into oven-proof bowls. Top each with a round of puff pastry ensuring it is stuck to the outsides of the bowls. Use some milk or beaten egg to baste the pastry and bake in a hot oven until brown and crispy.

### Red lentil, red onion, feta & beetroot salad

#### Ingredients

1 can of red lentils, drained & washed

Half a sweet red onion, thinly sliced or diced  
Feta cheese – Greek or Danish, cut into small cubes

Pickled beetroot, diced into small cubes

Praise or other French dressing

#### Method

Put all the ingredients into a bowl, season with salt & pepper. Toss the ingredients with some French dressing and serve with perhaps some Moroccan style fish or lamb chops.



# Guildie Gallery



## Moore Arts Council Art & Craft Market



## Market on Sunday 17th December

Come to Gabbadah Park and have a look at all the stalls  
of locally made art & craft products for sale.

Stalls only \$ 20 each For more info call Kerry 0437903138

Or to book email [guildymarkets@gmail.com](mailto:guildymarkets@gmail.com)



Sausage sizzle stall and drinks van onsite for purchases.

Next market Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024





**HILLS GAS  
SUPPLY**

Presents

# MOORE RIVER MUSIC FESTIVAL 2024

AUSTRALIA DAY JAN 26 5-9 PM



**FREE**

GABADDAH PARK

**REFACTORY ROAD**

THE BOOGIE CLUB & FRIENDS  
HIPDADDYS - ROB WEST  
CROSSEYED & PAINLESS

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SATURDAY 27 JAN

MOORE  
RIVER CAFE

**JASON JI**

GUITAR VIRTUOSO  
BERKLEE MUSIC  
GRADUATE

5:30- 8:30 PM \$5 ENTRY

GUILDERTON  
COUNTRY  
CLUB

**BRANDON POLETTI  
AND THE EAGLETON BROS**

WA COUNTRY GROUP OF  
THE YEAR 23

8 - 11 PM

GUILDERTON  
COMMUNITY  
HALL

**GRANDMASTERS  
ROCK KWIZ**

QUIZMASTER PETER  
CROWCFT  
BOOGIE CLUB +

8 - 11 PM

2 SHOWS  
FOR \$10

\* kids U12 free

SUNDAY SESSIONS JAN 28 12-2 PM & 5-8 PM

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MOORE RIVER MUSIC FESTIVAL

# GUILDERTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## NOTICE of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be held at 10am on January 20th 2024 at 10 am in the Guilderton Community Hall, and the positions of Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer will fall vacant. Nominations are strongly encouraged and a nomination form can be found below should you wish to put yourself or someone else up for any of the committee positions. Committee members will need to be members or willing to join GCA at the AGM. Please forward any nominations to the secretary at [guildertongca@gmail](mailto:guildertongca@gmail.com) or bring it to the AGM meeting on the day.

Members and potential members who would like to view the minutes of the AGM conducted last year can be found at [guildertonwa.com.au/gca/newsletters](http://guildertonwa.com.au/gca/newsletters). The agenda for the coming meeting is as follows:

Apologies

Previous AGM minutes

Matters arising from the previous minutes

GCA reports from the Vice-president, Community Library Coordinator, Moore Arts Coordinator, Treasurer, Visitors Centre Coordinator and Friends of Moore River Estuary Coordinator.

Election of office bearers

General business

Motion for consideration: It is moved that the GCA support and advocate for the improvement of the Moore River Estuary & foreshore, through the strategic relocation of the Guilderton Holiday Park.

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As a current GCA member (or joining on the day) I hereby nominate the following people for the following positions:

President: \_\_\_\_\_

Vice-president: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

# SOLO MUSIC ARTIST COLIN ASHCROFT

GUILDERTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL

CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN THE PARK

*Proudly Sponsored by Gingin Shire*

**GABBADAH PARK GUILDERTON**

**Saturday 16th December**

**4Pm to 8pm**

FREE FACE  
PAINTING

FOOD VANS  
BOUNCY CASTLE

Market stalls

Come along to a rock Christmas carols Family event.

Bring your picnic rug and singing voices.

**DRESS TO IMPRESS**

**BEST GLOW OUTFIT WINS A PRIZE**



The logo for GCA (Guilderton Community Association) features the letters 'GCA' in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The text is set against a blue background that has a wavy, organic shape on its right side, resembling a stylized wave or a splash of paint. The overall design is clean and modern.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORM 2022

**\$15 Single Membership \$30 Double Membership.**

- Member Name(s)\*

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- Postal Address\*

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- Street Address

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

- Email\*

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- Phone\*

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- Please return this form to the GCA ([guildertongca@gmail.com](mailto:guildertongca@gmail.com)) and remit 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 the Bendigo Bank:  
BSB: 633000  
Account: 145418018  
Reference: Please use your surname as the reference
  - \* Indicates mandatory information required