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Guilderton Community Association Inc

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Incorporated on 29 June 1979 in conformity with the WA Associations Incorporation Act, 1895-1969, Section 3 (3)

Quarterly Newsletter December 2024

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 representing the viewpoint of the locals.

Vice-president's Report

Hi members and friends.

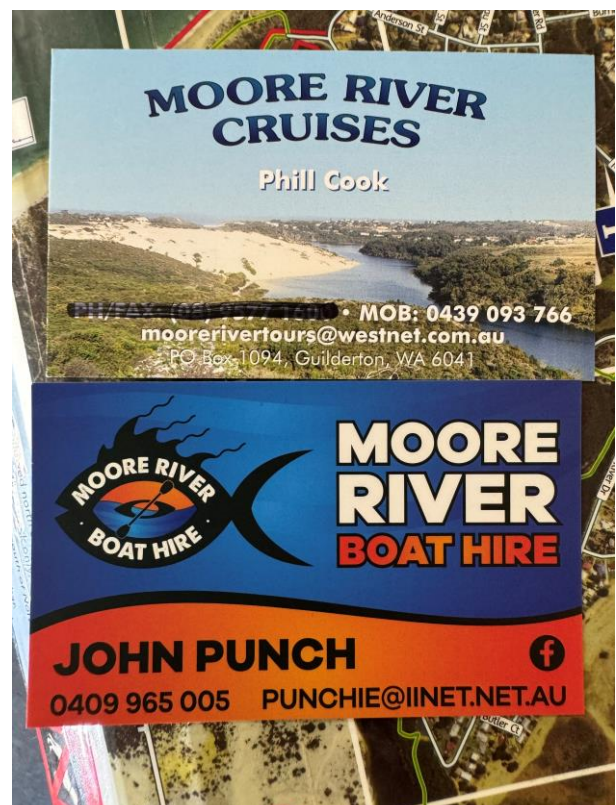
As another year comes to an end, we hope that yours has treated you kindly. The estuary is in good shape according to the water testing that FOMRE did with DWER in November.

The river's turn to the south and erosion of the dunes is no cause for concern but obviously we must all take care and assess the river and its banks before we jump in or go climbing the dunes. The higher water levels in the estuary create great shallow areas for children to play in and good water levels for the boaties and Silver Creek too.

We all need to leave the sandbar alone for a good summer in the water! We remind you that the speed limit is 5 knots up the whole estuary. This is for the safety of other users but also to protect the banks which are undermined by boats' wakes, as they erode the

soil and damage the vegetations' roots. Take your speed boats into the ocean if you want to speed please.

We are pleased to say that Dylan is about to launch his business hiring motor boats. With 6hp engines you don't need a skipper's ticket to drive one.



He should be ready to go by Boxing Day. John Punch continues to hire his canoes and Cooky's Moore River Tours remain popular. Contact them for bookings

In the new year, please *Save The Date* in your diaries for the March long weekend. There will be a music festival over Friday, Saturday and Sunday, an arts market on Sat 1st and Clean Up Australia on Sunday 2nd.
A great time to be in town.

All at GCA wish you all a very Happy Holiday Season. Merry Xmas!
Linda
Mobile: 0414 631 273

Guilderton Visitors Centre

In September some of our wonderful volunteers came on our 20-year celebration bus trip to the Pinnacles and Lobster Shack for lunch. It was a great day out and lovely to have a chance to chat to others about our work at GVC.



We realised what a really invaluable service GVC is to visitors and how much we have all learned about the area. We even get to meet some really interesting people!

We welcome new volunteers so please give me a ring if you can spare an odd morning, at weekends and especially in school holidays when we can't always open with the volunteers we have now.

We are very pleased to have received our new brochures and to have installed our new signage that we bought with this year's Shire grant. Thanks to the Shire and to Sharon for all the legwork!

We also reprinted our special Kids books which we give out free of charge with the proceeds of our sales. We are all about education as the best way to see the estuary appreciated and looked after.

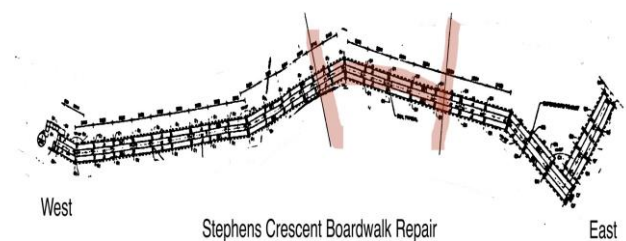
Happy summer everyone!
Linda
Mob - 0414 631 273

Guilderton Foreshore Working Group:

This group has not met since March and we are requesting copies of the revised plans before our next meeting. Internal staff changes within the Gingin Shire have created delays in this group's progress.

Lower Moore River Working Group:

Enthusiastic community volunteers have made good progress with some 80% of the boardwalk repaired. This includes the eastern section.



It still leaves a sizable gap in the middle section where new piles need to be secured. Financial support from the Shire will enable this section to be repaired although we might need to wait for the water level to drop in the autumn.



Bob Johnson 0417 186 805

Moore Arts Report

Art/Craft Markets

The summer series of Art and Craft Markets in Gabbadah Park are underway with our first market held on Sunday 22nd of September. Fourteen stallholders attended, some of the regulars and some new ones. It was a fine sunny day and good attendance by visitors and locals. Woodridge Playgroup provided the sausage sizzle and Juicy Box the coffee and snacks. This is a great local community event where we invite local people to sell their handmade items.

Our next market is Sunday 15th of December 9am to 1pm and 17 stalls have registered. Our first market for the new year is scheduled for Sunday 12th of January in Gabbadah Park from 9am to 1pm.

Hope to see you there.

Easter Art Exhibition

Easter is four months away, but I am asking all local artists to consider exhibiting and selling their work at the Annual Easter Art Exhibition. Saturday 21st of April from 9am to 1pm in the Community Hall. This is a long-standing local event that encourages local artists or art with local content to display and sell their work. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please contact me for more details.



Kerry Jones
Moore Arts Coordinator
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FOMRE Report

Friends of Moore River Estuary Inc represents the thousands of people who wish to preserve the Moore River Estuary for future generations.



The estuary is currently threatened by 30 years of planning mistakes that now see Moore River South subject to a subdivision for a suburb of 2,000 houses for 5,000 people.

In the Shire of Gingin, this site is a 30-minute drive from Guilderton (170 residents on the north side of the estuary). Any development over the southern coastal bushland will not help to provide services to Gingin's lower coastal residents, will be difficult to access and environmentally ruinous.

Problems with the subdivision plan include that:

- The whole site is bushfire prone, in a cul-de-sac between river and coast.
- There is no water, sewerage, power or infrastructure to connect to.
- There is no employment or services nearby for the proposed 5,000 residents.
- Main Roads objects as road access is non-existent and difficult to create.

This Subdivision Plan expires in January 2025. The whole Structure Plan (Outline Development Plan) expires in October 2025. Both plans are now out of date, with many serious faults and should now expire.

For sale since 2015, the whole land parcel was sold, on July 16th 2024 for \$20 million.

We ask that the WA State Government buy this land to add to the State's Parks and Reserves. The market price is just

established and funds in the State's offset account would be well used.

Our primary goal is to see Wilbinga Regional Park created between the Perth city northern limit at Two Rocks to the south, the estuary/Woodridge line to the north, Indian Ocean to the west and Indian Ocean Drive to the east.

This most valuable 120sq.km. contains endangered tuart trees, Banksia woodland and melaleuca hugelli bushland as well as foraging grounds for Carnaby's Cockatoos.

Creating a recreational reserve so close to Perth, this area could also provide a wildlife corridor with Yanchep National Park and has the potential for Indigenous Ranger Programs and other progressive uses.

We appeal to our Planning Masters to show vision and courage by supporting this plan. Please invite us to explain the details so this brilliant plan can be actioned.

All enquiries welcome to Chair of FOMRE
Linda Johnson

Email – lindabob@gmail.com

Mob – 0414 631 273

Community Library Report

Merry Christmas to all of our members and supporters. Our Christmas Book Stalls will be held every Saturday in January. We hope to see you all there.



Madeleine Henshaw
Community Library Coordinator



Notes On Our Estuary & River

Moore River Estuary is a lovely place and very special to the thousands of visitors who come here every summer.

Whether you are staying in the houses, the caravan park or are a day tripper, the beach and estuary are great places for families, the young and the not-so-young! Whether swimming, surfing, walking, boating, paddling, fishing or just nature watching and relaxing, the estuary is mostly a peaceful place.

Moore River is 193 kms long, with its source way up past Moora, around Dalwallinu. It then flows through 8 Shires and many terrains, mostly farming, and is joined at Neergabby by Gingin Brook. The flow from Gingin Brook has certainly diminished over the last few years, especially in summer!

From Neergabby the flow is often obstructed by vegetation, as many a paddler can tell you, but the flow is clean as it heads for the ocean and is fed by many fresh water springs along the eastern banks. Some of these can be seen at very low water.

The water is tannin stained (from the many tea trees along the banks) which also helps reduce light penetration and algal growth, but the water is clear to swim in and feels clean.

Left to nature, the water dependent ecosystems upstream all remain healthy, as does the plentiful wildlife.

The sandbar controls the flow of the river into the ocean. While there is constant water movement through the sandbar left to nature, the sandbar is solid from about December to at least April as there is no natural pressure to break the bar. It is seldom breached before the

pressure from the winter rains which this year didn't start till the end of June. The river level can get quite high, flooding the Silver Creek carpark and filling the estuary - all normal and healthy.

The other factor that affects the sandbar is the natural ocean cycles. In summer the onshore swell builds the sandbar up to quite a thick width while in winter the swell changes and erodes all along our beaches - including the sandbar, so it breaks more easily as the rains start.

The river often runs south at the sandbar, sometimes just trickling out, and eroding the dunes south of the sandbar, again normal and no cause for concern.

While the sandbar usually breaks naturally many times in winter, it seldom breaks naturally in summer, so there is no good reason that it should be cut.

Cutting the sandbar, whether by surfers fancying 'a wave' or holidayers 'having a bit of fun' is simply environmental vandalism. Like the speed boats that create waves which undermine the rivers banks and vegetation, some people seem to have a very selfish idea of fun!

As well as the danger that can arise, these acts affect nature upstream and others safety and the recreation of boaters, swimmers, and fishers.



We are very lucky to have an estuary that isn't polluted and hasn't been engineered to within an inch of its life. A natural sandbar is a rare

thing and should be respected as the natural phenomenon which it is. Please enjoy this special place and leave the sandbar alone!

Linda Johnson
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Moore River Music Club

Moore River Music Club is ready to announce the lineup for Moore River Music Festival 25, which will be held over the long weekend of 28 February to 2 March, 2025.

The free Gabbadah Park event will include four bands between 4 and 9pm, followed by another free event - the Homegrown Show at the Country Club. The Homegrown Show will include Savannah Solomon and upcoming local acts. This year we have two festival headlines. Tommy "Boss" Bosson and the Score will play up-tempo, jump, swing and shuffle blues at the Community Hall, while the 8 piece Dr Soul will be playing the big soul and funk sounds of the 70s to 90s. Last year MRMF unearthed the local band Child Kings. This year the 14 to 18 year olds from Woodridge, take centre stage as Soulless City at the Gabbadah Park event, with their dynamite sound and performance.

Now in its third year, the MRMF continues to present different music genres while showcasing local and upcoming bands. As with any community event, we still rely on our community to support the Festival, so we can do it again, and again.

Wil Cuperus

Secret Chef

Pork shogayaki (Japanese ginger pork)

Ingredients

Pork fillet – thinly sliced on the diagonal to give large strips

¼ brown onion

1 clove garlic

1 inch ginger (about 1½ tsp.)

Sea salt (use half for table salt)

Freshly ground black pepper

1 Tbsp neutral-flavoured oil

1 spring onion (finely chopped)
Wasabi mayonnaise

Seasonings:

2 Tbsp soy sauce
2 Tbsp mirin
2 Tbsp sake
1 tsp sugar

Instructions

In a small bowl, grate onion, garlic and ginger and add the seasonings. Season the meat with salt and pepper.

In a large non-stick frying pan, heat oil on medium-high heat. Put the meat in a single layer (cook in batches). Flip the meat when the bottom side is golden brown. If the meat is very thin, the cook time will be very short. When the meat is cooked through, add the grated vege mix & chopped spring onion, cooking briefly. Serve immediately with a side of pickled vegetables (perhaps daikon white radish, carrot & cabbage) and some steamed rice. Garnish the pork with some wasabi mayo criss-crossing if you like.



Lemon posset – easiest dessert ever!

Ingredients

500ml heavy cream
150g castor sugar
5 Tablespoons of fresh lemon juice and zest of one lemon



Instructions

Bring the cream and sugar to boil over a medium-high heat, stirring until the sugar dissolves. Reduce heat to medium, and boil 3 minutes, stirring constantly, adjusting heat as needed to prevent mixture from boiling over. Remove from the heat.

Stir in the lemon juice and zest and let sit for 10 minutes to cool.

Stir mixture again and divide among six ramekins or glasses.

Cover each ramekin with plastic wrap and chill until set, 1 hour or overnight.

After setting completely, garnish with fresh berries or mint.

Bon appetit



Moore Arts Council Art & Craft Market



Sunday 15th December From 9am—1



Come to Gabbadah Park and
enjoy a stroll while looking at
stalls of locally made art & craft
products for sale. Fundraising
sausage sizzle
Stall, food and drinks van on site

To book email
guildymarkets@gmail.com

For more info call
Kerry 0437903138

Stalls only \$ 20 each

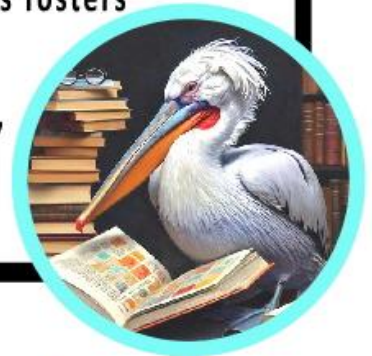


Next market Saturday 12th January 2024

**Are you a BOOKWORM, a CURIOUS LEARNER, or just an
OCCASIONAL READER who likes to escape in a GOOD STORY?
GUILDERTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY
is a treasure trove of knowledge and stories that can enrich your life.**

Did you know that **READING**

- Reduces stress and improves mental wellbeing
- Helps maintain Memory and Cognitive function
- Enriches your intellectual, emotional and social interaction
- Reading about diverse characters and situations fosters empathy and cultural awareness
- and can transport you to numerous adventures, countries and locations around the world and widen your horizons through knowledge!



Escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life.....look no further.....**Guilderton Community Library** provides a friendly community hub powered by our fabulous volunteers and a wide range of reading material not restricted by library board requirements. We can even purchase your book requests (provided they are not too obscure, so they benefit other members as well)

We also have a variety of dvd's to loan and a "For Sale" section for visitors (and members) at a steal for \$1 each. Look no further, our library offers all this and more. There is something for everyone!

Call in and peruse over 6000 books from numerous genres, meet our volunteers - we'll even make you a coffee if you feel like a chat and feel free to relax in our outdoor area. Membership is only \$5 annually. Open 9.30 - 11.30 every Saturday. New volunteers are always welcome and it is a great way to meet members of the community.

we are on the Guilderton foreshore behind the Visitor Centre



**Moore Arts
Council**

Guilderton Art & Craft Market

Sunday 15th December

From 9am—1 pm



Stalls of locally made art & craft products for sale.
Fundraising food stall and drinks van onsite
for purchase.

—to book Stalls only \$ 20 each

For more info call Kerry 0437903138 or email guildymarkets@gmail.com



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Next market Sunday 12th January 2025

Another reminder about Polyphagous Shothole Borer

Although we ran this in our June edition, this insect continues to devastate beautiful big old trees and could come to our area in mulch, plants or firewood transferred from affected areas.

Polyphagous shot-hole borer (PSHB)

Symptoms of PSHB damage

1445/2102 Photos: University of California, Davis & DPIRD

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

agric.wa.gov.au/borer

Polyphagous shot-hole borer (PSHB)
Euwallacea fornicatus

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) is responding to the detection of an exotic beetle Polyphagous Shot-Hole Borer (PSHB).

THIS PLANT HAS BEEN INSPECTED AND CLEARED FOR THE PRESENCE OF PSHB DAMAGE.

- PSHB is a beetle that attacks a wide range of plants by tunnelling into trunks, stems and branches.
- Carries a fungus as a food source that can cause the tree disease Fusarium dieback.
- Attacks: Maple, Coral Tree, Ficus, Robinia, Poinciana, Poplar, Avocado and many other species.

How you can help

- Check your trees at home and report any signs of borer damage (see overleaf for symptoms)
- Check restrictions before moving wood or plant material.

Report suspect damage

Contact the Pest and Disease Information Service (PaDIS) on (08) 9368 3080 or padis@dpird.wa.gov.au

Reports can also be made via the MyPestGuide™ Reporter app mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au

Include a ballpoint pen or ruler in photos of bore holes.

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NOTICE of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Dear Member,

This is to advise you of the upcoming Annual General Meeting of our members.
The details of this meeting are as follows:

Date:	Saturday 25 th January 2025
Time:	10am
Place:	Guilderton Community Hall

At the meeting, members will have the opportunity to:

- find out about the Guilderton Community Association’s operations and finances
- ask questions about the operations and finances.
- speak about any items on the agenda
- vote on any resolutions proposed.

At the meeting, members will be asked to vote to:

- accept the minutes of the last annual general meeting.
www.guildertonwa.com.au/gca/newsletters.
- accept the annual report
- accept the annual financial statements
- elect the Association’s Officers and Committee Members for 2025

Motion for the AGM: -

‘The Guilderton Community Association is opposed to the continued daily car parking system being levied upon visitors throughout each year’.

Moved: Bob Johnson and Seconded Wil Cuperus

NOMINATION FORM: ----- ✂ -----

I, (full name) Signature

wish to Nominate for the ticked position of:

President		Vice President		Treasurer	
Secretary		General Committee			

Nominee (full name) Signature



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORM 2024

\$15 Single Membership \$30 Double Membership.

- Member Name(s)*

- Postal Address*

- Street Address

City _____ State _____

- Email*

- Phone*

- Please return this form to the GCA (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