

Quarterly Newsletter September 2024

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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 representing the viewpoint of the locals.

Vice-president's Report

Winter has been very quiet for visitors to Guilderton but the rain has been very welcome. After only getting 363mm of rain in all of last year, we have had over 500mm already this year. The native seedlings that we planted will be loving it! Garden weeds are also growing prolifically and the Community Garden is flourishing.

The sandbar has been open most of the time since the end of June, as the estuary gets a good flush from the rain upstream.

It's also good to see some storm action around the groyne. The sand will be back sometime in spring.



Despite the welcomed rain, the town's regular events continue successfully.

The Country Club is a member's club where visitors are welcome, and they have been very busy with regular pool and darts nights as well as functions. In winter they are open Wednesdays to Saturdays and Sundays in school holidays. The meals are great, eat in or takeaway.

The golf season has only a few weeks left before the AGM and the summer season begins. The Club Champions will soon be decided. Then the bowls season starts. Moore Men's Shed continue their meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays and all the local craft, gardening and social groups have been very active over winter. We hope that you have stayed healthy and feel ready for warmer days ahead.

Linda Johnson
Vice president
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Music news

The Moore River Music Club is excited to be hosting two upcoming events. Firstly, the club is hosting the inaugural Gingin Homegrown Music Festival on Saturday 23rd of November. This is a single day event showcasing some of Gingin's best homegrown musicians to be held at Granville Park and the Community Hall.

The Moore River Music Festival will be over the 1st of March '25 long weekend, with the search for acts and performers now underway. The festival will again be held over three days including a free outdoor event at Gabbadah Park. While Gingin shire and Bendigo Bank are again the founding sponsors, local businesses are key to the success of the festival. Expressions of interest for sponsorships will shortly be called for and The Club is hoping for a good response to promote this event into a resounding success.

Wil Cuperus
Moore River Music Club

Lower Moore River Working Group:

In the early part of this year, we completed the first stage of the repair to the Stephens Creek boardwalk. This structure has survived one of the highest winter levels and is encouraging. The next step is to start on the second stage of the boardwalk repair. The Shire has delivered the new decking boards and work will recommence with the river level low. Additional volunteers would be welcome.
Bob Johnson 0417 186 805

Guilderton Foreshore Working Group:

This group was formed at the invitation of the Shire in May 2021 to assist in the development of the Guilderton foreshore precinct. The group has not met since the last meeting in March 2024. New revised plans were to be produced that incorporated the feedback from the foreshore community groups. These delays reflect the recent changes in key Shire staff members. The Shire Budget includes a million dollar sum for the Stage 1 upgrade. Hopefully there have been

allowances made for the Foreshore work within this budget.

Bob Johnson 0417 186 805

Lower Coastal Community Association

The LCCA held its first AGM and a representative from each of the six local Associations of Seabird, Redfield Park, Guilderton, Sovereign Hill, Neergabby and Woodridge were elected. The next LCCA meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 16th October. Everyone is welcome with an opportunity to build our region's future events calendar and review our past successes. The LCCA has played an important role in the coordination of local events and helping us all learn how to create success and avoid pitfalls! The Community Bus is a great attraction and asset for our community activities. Look at your calendar and reserve your booking dates. Email lccabus6041@gmail.com

LCCA is having a fundraiser for the bus account, so why not get a few friends together and come enjoy a night out.

The Guilderton Country Club is open for dinner from 5pm so make a stop there first before the fundraising event – a fun quiz held next door.

This live music quiz is shorter than the standard music quiz (estimate approx 2 hours) and Wil has donated his time to help support the bus (thanks Wil), so get a few friends and neighbours together for a great night out. Being held at the community hall- BYO drinks and snacks for your table - coffee and tea available for gold coin donation. RSVPs required please.

Bob Johnson 0417 186 805

Guilderton Community Garden.

The community garden has been running for just over ten years. This year, Richard Prince 'sowed the seed' before heading north and Jenny Schaeffer has coordinated a great band of weekly weederers to make this year an outstanding success. The new fencing has provided good protection from both the wind and kangaroos.

Just a reminder that there are many ways to get involved. Donate your time by joining in

with our weekly gardening. We are trying to make Mondays @ 10am a meeting time. It's nice to weed and chat. Then a coffee ☺
Please drop me a message if you are joining us.

Donate seedlings. We are a volunteer group and self-funded so it all helps.

Donate money when you enjoy the vegetables. (Donation box at site or contact Jenny 0417987926)

Bob Johnson 0417 186 805

Moore Arts Report

Moore Arts, a subcommittee of the Guilderton community association is having its first art/craft market day for this summer series.

The first market will be on Sunday 22nd of September from 9am in Gabbadah Park. We have 17 confirmed stalls and are happy to accept any more up until a week before the event. Juicy box will be there to provide the coffee and I have secured the Woodridge play group to provide the sausage sizzle breakfast.

Other Market dates to put in your diary are:

Sunday 15th of December 2024

Sunday 12th of January 2025

Sunday 2nd of March 2025

Monday 21st of April 2025 (Easter)

If anyone is interested in participating or perhaps getting involved with organising art events in Guilderton, please contact me on 0437903138

Kerry Jones

Moore Arts Coordinator

Guilderton Visitor's Centre

We have been operating on the foreshore at Guilderton since September 2004!!

Late last century, Richard Cleverly ran Explorer Boat Hire on Moore River Estuary and gave free advice to visitors. The community was also fighting the proposal for a suburb at Guilderton South and was promoting the town as a wonderful nature-based destination, especially suited to families.

Richard's negotiations with Gingin Shire led to a portable cabin being made available on

the foreshore, to become a Visitor Centre. It was converted by the early volunteers.

This was also the place that Shire Minutes, notices and public consultations were found. The Centre ran on annual Shire grants with duties done by volunteers and co-ordinated by Richard and Sylvia Cleverly and Debbie Onus.

In 2014, after ten years of effective operation and wonderful service to visitors, the Shire changed the grant system and the Visitor Centre changed management.

The following ten years has seen equally great value to our community from the dedicated volunteers that run the Centre and open it between 9.30 & 12.30 on weekends, school and public holidays.

We stock local and State tourist brochures and information from Dept of Transport and Fisheries which is free for everyone.

It's amazing how many people think that the Moore River Native Settlement and National Park are right here, so we redirect enquiring people too!

We sell locally made jams, pickles, honey and olive oil as well as products from local artists, Moore Men's Shed (especially their great sandboards) and beachy souvenirs too.



We have a subcommittee of 5 who make the brochure about our town, another about the Shipwrecks, 2 Walking Quizzes and our fabulous Kids Nature Activity booklet, by spending occasional grants and the proceeds of our sales.

Over the years there have been dozens of volunteers and we always welcome more. The current dozen are off on a trip to the Pinnacles and the Lobster Shack to celebrate this milestone. I thank and congratulate everyone who has helped get us this far!

Linda Buxton

Coordinator

FOMRE Report

Planting day at Guilderton was a great success with 35 people turning up to plant 700 plants on Sunday 7th July. We were planting 'provenance seed', collected on the dunes and grown into plants by Apace nursery in Freo. A third of the plants were needed on the corner turnoff to the groyne to replace some lost over summer. This area is doing brilliantly, with this, our 4th year of planting there, is seeing some wonderful plants growing there now.

Another third went up by the scientific container above the groyne and the rest went up by the lookout, where we also took out bags of rubbish.

This is a great effort to maintain and repair Guilderton's natural environment. We were rewarded with a fish and chip lunch at the Country Club.

Many thanks to Rachel at Moore Catchment Council who gets the grants that pay for it all and provides chocolates; thanks to State NRM (Natural Resource Management) for giving the grant and everyone who came to work with us. A great effort!

Here are some of the volunteers.



Have you heard that the whole land parcel at Moore River South has been sold to a company called Parkmar?

We don't know what their plans are but their Subdivision approval expires in Jan 2025 and the 2013 Structure Plan is due to expire in October 2025. The Shire has just been asked to agree to a ten year extension of this most contentious Plan. In August the Shire has just agreed to a five year extension so now we wait to see what the WA Planning Commission has to say. We are appealing to the Minister for

Planning, John Carey, that our plan for Wilbinga Regional Park is more timely than ever.

Observing and protecting the estuary is our reason for being. We don't think it would withstand urban development of a suburb for 5,000 people just to the south of it. There are many other reasons to take development elsewhere!

The history of this whole project is on our website at guildertonwa.com.au or I am happy to discuss it all with you. We welcome more supporters.

We continue water testing with Dept Water and Enviro Reg (DWER). Our next testing is on Thursday Sept 12th and observers are always welcome.

The Northern Agricultural Catchment Council (NACC) is studying coastal saltmarsh between Guilderton and Kalbarri. They identified this patch and paid us a visit last month. It is quite small and in good condition but needs some weed control which they will help with.



Linda Johnson
FOMRE Chairperson
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Community Library Report

Winter has been quiet but we are still averaging 10 members weekly coming in.

There have been some fabulous donations of books and along with our purchases, 2024 releases are well represented.

After 18 years we celebrated this milestone with a morning tea at the library where there were 42 people who braved the elements to attend. Thank you all for your ongoing support over the years.

We will have to make a purchase of a new printer as our incumbent has finally decided after 18 years to retire. Thanks to some kind donations it will make the purchase easier on our limited funds.

Madeleine Henshaw
Community Library Coordinator

Secret Chef

Vietnamese green beans

Ingredients

1 tbsp vegetable oil
2 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
200 g green beans, cut into 5 cm lengths
100 g oyster mushrooms, torn in half
2 tsp light soy sauce
1 tbsp oyster sauce
2 tsp sugar
1 tsp sesame oil
½ tsp freshly ground pepper
Coriander sprigs, to garnish

Method

Place a large frying pan or wok over high heat. Add the vegetable oil and fry the garlic until fragrant. Add the green beans and stir fry for 2 minutes, then add the oyster mushrooms, soy sauce, oyster sauce, sugar, sesame oil and pepper. Toss for a further minute, then transfer to a plate. Garnish with coriander and serve immediately.



Beef bourguignon

Ingredients

1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
170g bacon, roughly chopped
1½ kg beef brisket or stewing beef, trimmed of fat & cut into 2-inch chunks
1 large carrot sliced ½ inch thick
1 large brown onion, diced
6 cloves garlic, minced (divided)
1 pinch coarse salt and freshly ground pepper
2 tablespoons flour
12 small pearl onions (optional)
3 cups dry red wine like Merlot, Pinot Noir (for a milder sauce, use only 2 cups of wine)
2-3 cups beef stock (if using 2 cups of wine, use 3 cups beef stock)
2 tablespoons tomato paste
1 beef stock cube, crushed
1 teaspoon fresh thyme, finely chopped
2 tablespoons fresh parsley, finely chopped (divided)
2 bay leaves
500g fresh small white or brown mushrooms, quartered
2 tablespoons butter

Instructions

In a large Dutch oven or heavy based pot, sauté the bacon over medium heat in 1 tablespoon of oil for about 3 minutes, until crisp and browned. Transfer with a slotted spoon to a large dish and set aside.

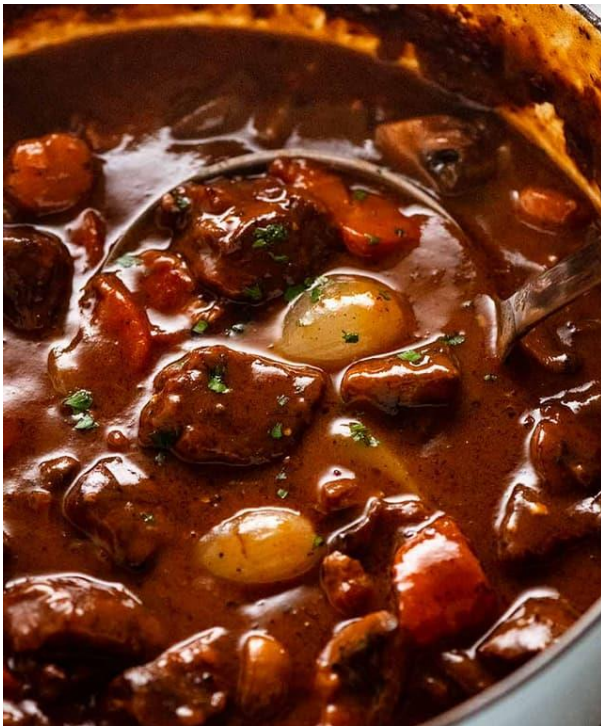
Pat dry beef with paper towels & sear in batches in the hot oil/bacon fat until browned on all sides. Remove to the dish with the bacon.

In the remaining oil/bacon fat, sauté the carrots and diced onions until softened, (about 3 minutes), then add 4 cloves minced garlic and cook for 1 minute.

Drain excess fat and return the bacon and beef back into the pot; season with ½ teaspoon coarse salt and ¼ teaspoon ground pepper. Sprinkle with flour, toss well and cook for 4-5 minutes to brown.

Add the pearl onions, wine and enough stock so that the meat is just covered. Then add the tomato paste, stock cube and herbs. Cover and bring to a boil, then reduce heat to low and

simmer for 1 1/2 to 2 hours, stirring occasionally, until the meat is falling apart.



In the last 5 minutes of cooking time, prepare your mushrooms, heating the butter in a medium-sized skillet or pot. When the foam subsides, add the remaining 2 cloves garlic and cook until fragrant (about 30 seconds), then add in the mushrooms. Cook for about 5 minutes, while shaking the pan occasionally to coat with the butter. Season with salt and pepper, if desired. Add browned mushrooms to the pot, let simmer for an additional 3 to 5 minutes, stirring occasionally, to combine. Garnish with parsley and serve with mashed potatoes, rice or noodles.

Bon appetit



Moore Arts Council Art & Craft Market



Next Market Sunday 22nd Sept 9-1

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



To book email
guildmarkets@gmail.com
For more info call Kerry
0437903138
Stalls only \$ 20 each



The LCCA presents

QUIZ NIGHT

featuring the renowned

THE LIVE MUSIC ROCK QUIZ

PRIZES

SAT 26 OCT

Guilderton Community Hall

Doors open 6:30pm for a

7:00pm start

bookings 0410 582 817

\$10pp - tables up to 8

BYO drinks and snacks

tea & coffee for gold coin donation

PROCEEDS GO TOWARD THE COMMUNITY BUS



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