

Quarterly Newsletter June 2022

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President's Report

Hello everyone,

It's that time of year again when things slow down for the winter period and you can settle in to read another GCA newsletter. This year seems to be passing so quickly for me or is that a sign of getting older?

Since the last time of writing we held our music event The History of Blues, Jazz and Swing organised by our fabulous concert aficionado - subcommittee member Mandy. It was a such an enjoyable night with some great musicians giving their all, and despite a little rain which caused some people to abandon the night, the rest of us stayed on and had a great time.

The Easter art exhibition went well but I will let those directly involved write about the day.

My daughter Katie orchestrated an impromptu sausage sizzle to raise money for the community association. Katie has been doing an online course and part of the assessment programme was to run a community project. She raised a huge \$290 in 4 hours – such a good effort!!

Katie enjoyed herself and said she would like to organise some more small fund-raising events for us on weekends when she is free. I will take some of her ideas to the next committee meeting. Look out for some of those events.

Your committee is committed to trying to improve our fantastic little piece of heaven and so we have been communicating after each GCA meeting with the Gingin Shire Council.

During National Volunteer Week, our local volunteers our have been rewarded through Lottery West grants and organised by the Shire. We were invited to a concert and also a volunteers' dinner at the Country Club, where certificates of appreciation were awarded. Seeing the photos everyone seemed to have a good time.

That's it from me –short and sweet like myself. Stay safe and see you around Guilderton

Kerry Enright
GCA President

Shire Council Liaison

Our committee resolved to better liaise with Gingin Shire Council (GSC) after each committee meeting to clarify and better inform our councillors of community feelings and concerns. To date, the Council response has been excellent with all issues raised addressed by email sooner than we expected. We are happy 😊 and hope for continued success.

Our latest post-meeting issues addressed have included the following.

Foreshore parking

Guilderton Visitors Centre volunteer staff have reported a number of visitor complaints about car park charges when the car park is almost empty (after 3pm & off-peak season). Following discussion, GCA suggested to the Shire that the hours and months when fees were required could be altered to more it palatable for visitors.

The Shire responded that although no changes are currently recommended, they will be reviewed next year.

Road repairs

GSC acknowledges our concerns about the safety of the road to Guilderton from Indian Ocean Drive where two bends are full of filled potholes. The Council advised that the Executive Manager of Operations and Assets will be reviewing the situation with a view to a major works programme.

Information bay

GCA is seeking approval of the content and layout of the two A1 size history panels for the information bay which has been given to the Shire. Kerry Jones continues to work on this project who will liaise with the Shire Marketing and Communications Officer after panel approval.

Foreshore ablution block

The Shire expressed deep disappointment to find that the hideous scourge of all public buildings - vandalism has occurred since they have completed the facility facelift. Sadly, this required further repair and replacement.

Foreshore Redevelopment

The Council has advised that a working party will be established for the discussion, design and progression of the Guilderton Foreshore Redevelopment. Guilderton community members will be invited to be involved in the working party. As soon as we know how locals can be involved, we will let everyone know.

Moore Arts Report

The Annual Easter Art Exhibition was held on Saturday 16th of April with 10 artists showing a variety of pieces. Work started on Thursday getting all the display equipment out of storage, cleaning and preparing. Friday was setup day with all artists asked to help with displaying their work and Hal Schmeidte curating the space to provide that professional feel. On Saturday we opened with a steady flow of people for most of the morning with quite a number of art treasures purchased. Thank you to everyone for making this event happen so successfully. Without artists and helpers, we would not have had such a great exhibition to showcase our local talent.

Special thanks go to Maggie and Linda for handling all the sales and especially to all the artists who contributed to a very successful raffle.

Any suggestions for improvement would be gratefully received and hopefully next year – NO COVID to deal with!!

Kerry Jones

Moore Arts Coordinator





Containers for Change

We're continue in collecting containers for change. We will be putting all money towards community projects. If you'd like to leave your cans and bottles - the **Moore River Roadhouse** is collecting and handing them in for us.



Community Art Installation

Sadly, there has been little progress on the installation of our latest art acquisition as installation site negotiations for this piece continue with the Shire. The installation costs are still a difficulty whilst grant and other avenues of income are explored. However, GCA is pleased to announce it will underwrite interim funding so that money will not be the bottleneck setback for the installation – only awaiting agreement on the installation site.

Membership – Newies and Oldies

All members who have been non-financial for three years will sadly be lost from our database. Please complete the form at the end of the Newsletter and stay with us.

We need you!!

Guilderton Visitor's Centre

We are providing a very welcome and valuable service to our visitors, as often we are the only place open on the foreshore and we can at least refer people to the Roadhouse or Country Club for services, and online for the Caravan Park.

Many people are frustrated by the parking meters and fines, especially over the quiet times. We are sorry to say that the Shire will make no change for another year, despite our begging.

On a more positive note, signage has been erected at the bottom of the stairs and ramp on the north of the sandbar thankfully. The river might be better allowed to do it's breaking when nature decides rather than over-zealous diggers.

Our volunteers do a wonderful job and we thank them all.

If you might have time to join us, we are still open 9.30-12.30 weekends and holidays and would love to see you.

Remember us too when you need any information and for local gifts and produce.

Linda Johnson
Visitor's Centre Coordinator

Friends of Moore River Estuary Inc.

We are very lucky to have such a natural estuary. Years of work by Lower Moore River Working Group have seen the riverbanks thriving as they have been fenced, weeded and planted with natives.

The 5 knot speed limit, on the whole estuary (to Neergabby), and the lack of vehicular access helps to maintain the riverbanks.

We also have a healthy estuary due to the sandbar that is regulated by rains and ocean processes (so long as the vandals desist from cutting it).

In summer the ocean builds up the sand and the river level is often more than a metre above the ocean level.

In autumn this pattern changes and the ocean starts to excavate the beach and sandbar. It starts by scalloping out large volumes of sand and can lead to big drops between the dunes and the beach, especially after storms. It's always a lovely place to be but we do need to take care as the ocean can be powerful.



FOMRE had a successful AGM on April 10th and we welcome new members as well as our regular faithfuls.

Don't forget to take some time on guildertonwa.com.au for further information (or you can ask me!)

Water testing was done on May 26th and will be due again in August. We welcome participants for the 3 hours on Cooky's boat, testing at 5 sites, to up past Woodridge.

The Wilbinga Shacks Crew did a massive Clean Up in Wilbinga on May 14th. They, and other responsible 4WDers are doing their best to preserve this lovely bushland and coast and

it is pleasing to see less 4WD incursions on the beaches near the estuary. There is no legal estuary access for any vehicles on the beach south of the groyne, or the estuary south of the river until you get to Wilbinga, where there are tracks under DBCA control. 4WDs are also allowed on the beach and lighthouse track north of the groyne but the sand can be soft and tides high.

We hope you have been able to visit and enjoy this 'least windy' time of year at the estuary. It's been glorious!

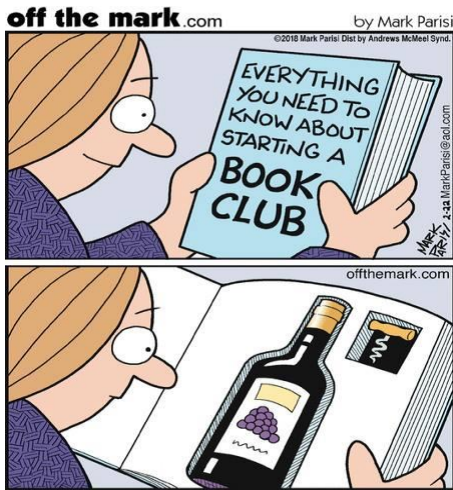


The Riverside track from Stephens Cres has yet to be opened by the Shire and they have given us at GCA no timeframe for a remedy. Do take care if you go down there as some of the boardwalk planks are quite uneven.



Happy Guildertoning everyone.

Linda & Bob Johnson
FOMRE Coordinators



Community Library Report

The library now has its own Facebook page where we will keep you informed of coming events and items of interest. Please like our page. For the month of May we promoted WA authors – there are so many who are worthy.

Our Easter Book stall and Men's Shed Open Day were both very successful with 340 of our duplicate books clearing.

This last month we have received some incredible donations with many new novels.

Winter is the time to catch up on your allotted reading time, snuggled into your favourite armchair. Remember we are open every Saturday from 9.30 until 11.30am. If you haven't visited the library why not call in and say hello to our wonderful volunteers
Happy reading everyone.

Madeleine Henshaw
Community Library Coordinator



Secret Chef

Low activity time during winter means more room in the newsletter for other items. Send us your favourite winter warmer recipe and which could be in print – name in lights for Guildie Masterchef (okay maybe not) but fun anyway to share.

Beef Stroganoff with Fettucine

Ingredients for 4 servings

- 350 g fresh fettucine (any fresh pasta will do)
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 350 g trimmed beef fillet, cut into thin strips
- 1 onion, halved and thinly sliced
- 1 large garlic clove, finely chopped
- 300 g Swiss brown mushrooms, thickly sliced
- 2 tablespoons dry sherry
- ½ cup (80 ml) beef stock
- 1 teaspoon cornflour
- ½ cup (130 g) light sour cream
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 2 teaspoons fresh thyme
- Pinch of grated fresh nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon ground paprika
- Pinch of cayenne pepper



Method

Cook the pasta in a large saucepan of salted boiling water until tender.
Meanwhile, heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in a frying pan over high heat. Add the beef and stir-fry for 1–2 minutes until browned all over. Remove from the pan and set aside.

Add the remaining 1 tablespoon oil to the pan, then reduce the heat to medium. Add the onion and fry for about 4 minutes, stirring frequently until beginning to soften, then stir in the garlic and mushrooms and continue cooking for a further 3–4 minutes until tender. Stir in the sherry and cook for a few seconds, then add the stock.

Stir in the sour cream, tomato paste, thyme, nutmeg, paprika and cayenne pepper and cook until it starts to bubble. Blend the cornflour with 2 teaspoons of cold water in a small bowl or jug and add to the mix to thicken. Return the beef to the pan and cook for a few more seconds to heat through. Season to taste.

Tip the fettucine into a colander over the sink and drain thoroughly. Add to the stroganoff mixture and gently toss together, then serve straight away. A little chopped parsley over the top makes it look a treat.

Guildie Gallery

As winter is relatively news and activity free – we are showcasing our spectacular spot on the coast. I'm sure lots of you have photos you would love to share and we'd enjoy seeing your efforts. So send us your best Guilderton photos for the next newsletter.





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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

City _____ State _____

- Email*

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- Phone*

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- Please return this form to the GCA 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