

Quarterly Newsletter June 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

Hello to all our members and supporters. Thank you to all of you who pay their \$15 each year so that we can meet our obligations as an Association. If you have any questions about what GCA is and what it does, please see our website at guildertonwa.com.au Our Rules can be found here too.

As winter arrives, with the first serious storm front last week, town is very quiet again.

The estuary has been very full since January and was expected to break soon due to the rains of the latest storms, however it didn't survive the visitors of the long weekend sadly. Vast volumes of river water flowed south in the ocean as the prevailing north westerly blew hard. The bar closed with the next high tide, as it often does when broken prematurely. The tides quickly rebuild the sandbar until the winter pattern sets in as it does once the storms arrive and take the huge volumes of sand from up and down the beach. Then the bar weakens and the estuary goes into the winter pattern of more rain and many bar breaks.

The estuary is beautiful in all its phases!

We are pleased to be able to tell you that the Stephens Crescent boardwalk will be repaired and safer again soon. Co-operation between the Shire and Lower Moore River Working Group will see extensive repairs undertaken. Works can begin once the Shire's plans are complete, and as the river levels and the volunteer work force allow. If you would like to be involved - please contact LMRWG's Bob on 0417 186 805.

At this year's AGM we were asked for seating so people could watch the tennis courts. Many thanks to Tracy from the Shire who had the old seat in her shed, Moore Mens Shed for the timber to repair it, Richard Prince for the spare old table top to mount it on and Bob Johnson for the paint job and putting it all together. It is mounted under a shady tree, out of the retic and with a great view of the tennis action. A

great example of community co-operation, we hope you enjoy using it.



Guilderton Cafe has hardly been open in the nearly 2 years that Belgravia has had the lease for it (and the caravan park), and the cafe has been closed entirely since January this year. Last year the Shire allowed Belgravia to split the cafe/shop lease and Sun City Group took over the shop as part of their Two Rocks IGA operations. Locals have been thrilled by the service, variety and freshness of produce that we have enjoyed since they took over. On May 30th the Shire held a special meeting about the debacle the cafe had become. According to the minutes of that meeting, the Shire paid Belgravia \$75,000 in order that the lease could be released and they then awarded it to Sun City Group (with a plan to recoup the cost at \$15,000 a year over the next 5 years). We look forward to seeing some real improvements in services soon. We thank Juicy Box and some other food vans for your efforts to fill the gap left by the loss of the cafe.

Guilderton parking meters were reviewed by the Shire at the Council meeting of May 16th. The recommendation that the 12 hour a day, 365 days of the year, \$2 an hour or \$10 a day fees remain without being revisited before 2029, failed to pass thankfully. The vote was lost 3/4 and the subject will be revisited at the June meeting. The GCA committee is well aware of the many problems that the paid parking has created for our visitors and the businesses that service them.

The last 5 years has seen many complaints and a very noticeable drop off in visitor numbers using the foreshore carpark.

The promised revenue going to foreshore upgrades has seen much lower reserves than we were led to expect.

If the 127 bays each attracted \$10 daily then the revenue would be nearly \$250,000 a year. Less than 20% of that is collected and then the Shire allocate 7.2% to the Recreational Boating Fund and about a third of all revenue goes on 'operating costs'.

All the revenue from the many fines goes to other Shire funds and after 5 years there is less than \$200,000 in the 'Guilderton Foreshore Reserve'.

Last year the Shire created the Guilderton Foreshore Working Group with Councillors and 5 community volunteers. They are to report to the Shire's Caravan Park sub-committee but have no say in the larger questions of foreshore usage (which your committee think should also be addressed) as the current use of the whole foreshore has well outlived its relevance and usefulness.

Over the 5 years we have asked many times, for a review of the parking and for a reduction in the application of the fees.

Should they only apply in peak periods we could agree that they might be acceptable in such a restricted parking area, however we have always been refused any reduction as the Shire is apparently desperate for the funds they collect. We don't think we should be the only town in the Shire to have paid parking and any comparison to metropolitan beaches is irrelevant.

We have come to the point where we think that the fees have been so contentious for our visitors for the whole 5 years that they should now be removed.

We understand that many of our members are ratepayers and have parking permits so are not concerned about this issue but your committee thinks it is important for the future of the town that we are more welcoming to our visitors. We hope to be able to tell you soon that the Councillors have reconsidered and can manage their budget without this imposition on Guilderton.

Saturday mornings on a long weekend used to see a full carpark. This June 3rd sees the Ranger on a beautiful Saturday morning with very few cars to patrol.



Linda Johnson
Vice President

Moore Arts Report

The annual Easter art exhibition was held on Easter Saturday at the community hall with 12 artists displaying and selling their work. We had record crowds pass through the doors with many artists receiving good sales. One of our local artist “Jud House” set up her easel and painted during the morning and chatted to visitors about her work.



The exhibition work presented was hugely varied with photography, woodwork, resin art, paintings, mosaics, cards and much more. The raffle was also a great success with artists donating prizes and the arts council raising over \$300. If any members are interested in

this exhibition, please contact Kerry Jones 0437903138 to get more details about the event in 2024.



The Easter weekend also hosted the last of Moore Arts - art and craft markets in Gabbadah Park for this season. The town was still very busy with holiday makers staying for the second week of the school holidays and twenty stall holders displayed a range of items for sale.



Woodridge Community Association kindly provided a breakfast sausage sizzle, drinks and bacon/egg rolls whilst Juicy Box provided coffee and juices. Our next markets are planned for Sunday 24th of September and Sunday 17th December so keep an eye out for our reminders closer to the dates.

Kerry Jones
Moore Arts Coordinator

Guilderton Visitor's Centre

After such a busy April, Guilderton Visitor Centre (GVC) has had a very quiet May.



The Easter Monday launch of our new Adventure Kids Nature Activity booklet was very successful with Percy the Pelican, entertainment for the kids and Noongar man Fred Mogridge giving us a welcome to country.

GVC worked with Moore Catchment Council who found a grant for Kylie to make the booklet which is free at GVC and both shops. There are 20 activities and you can get a stamp for each activity as you complete it at GVC or the shops. Coastcare Heroes have completed 10 of the activities and earned a certificate and a red frog from GVC.

Our website at guildertonwa.com.au has lots of information about things to do, local service providers and Guilderton's history as well as details of any upcoming activities. Check it out!

We rely on volunteers and welcome enquiries.

Linda Johnson
Visitor's Centre Coordinator
0414 631 273

FOMRE Report

We held our AGM in April and are now in our 30th year of opposing Moore River Company's plan for a suburb at Moore River South.

We continue pushing our plan for Wilbinga Regional Park between the city limit at Two Rocks, the estuary, the ocean and Indian Ocean Drive, an area five times the size of Kings Park and home to endangered Carnaby cockatoos, tuart trees, listed banksias and very healthy coastal bushland.

We are water testing on June 8th with DWER (Dept Water and Environmental Regulation) and welcome visitors to these trips.

Thanks to all our members for renewing their annual \$10 membership. More information is available at guildertonwa.com.au or ring Linda on 0414 631 273.

We welcome your interest and ideas as we continue to Protect Moore River Estuary.



Enough for now!! Linda xx

Linda Johnson
FOMRE Chairperson

Community Library Report



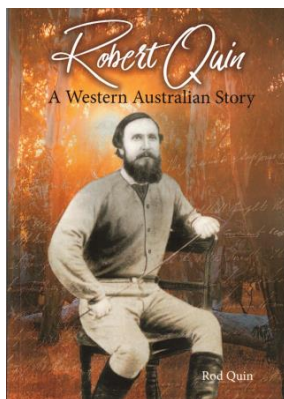
The Guilderton Community Library's fund-raising efforts with the Moore Men's Shed on Easter Saturday Open Day was extremely successful and the FREE children's painting activities proved most popular.

Over the last few months, we have received a large quantity of exceptional quality donated novels. Along with our normal purchases, there are two books that are proving to be very popular. These are:

The Life & Times of John Beazley 1840—1912 The great grandfather of the Honourable Kim Beazley AC.

Also Robert Quinn, A Western Australian Story. Robert Quinn, a surveyor, arrived in Western Australia in 1863 and spent twenty-three years surveying roads and properties in Gingin, Bullsbrook, Bindoon, Chittering, Dandaragan and Victoria Plains. Married three times, his second and third wives were Sarah Ann and Martha York from one of the earliest settler families in Gingin.

His Biography, Robert Quinn, A Western Australian Story outlines Robert's origins in Ireland and his work as a royal engineer on the Ordnance Survey of Britain before his migration to Western Australia. The book



goes on to portray the rewards, hardships and heartbreaks of his life in the early years of the colony.

Madeleine Henshaw
Community Library Coordinator

Like us

GCA has a new presence on line and so welcomes and invites social media enthusiasts to join up and like our new Facebook page. On Facebook you need to search for “**Guilderton Community Association**” & simply by hitting “**like**” you will receive

regular postings of happenings and locally relevant news.

Our Facebook page has a direct link to our GCA website. We will be promoting local events & projects and encouraging the community to get together and support local fund-raising.

You can now know about and enjoy all the wonderful activities Guilderton has to offer.

Katie Enright
Project Coordinator

Secret Chef

Tortellini in a leek and herb broth

Ingredients (for 2)

Butter

Leek (1 large), halved lengthways, washed and chopped

Clear chicken stock 1.2 litres (homemade is best)

Storebought spinach and ricotta tortellini

1 heaped tblsp finely chopped fresh parsley

1 heaped tblsp finely chopped fresh dill

Salt and pepper

Parmesan to serve



Method

Heat ½ tsp butter in a pan and cook the leeks until softened. Add the stock and simmer for 10 minutes, then add the tortellini and simmer until cooked. Stir in the herbs, season to taste and serve immediately with a sprinkle of parmesan.



Green beans almondine

Ingredients

½ teaspoon fine sea salt

500g green beans, trimmed

1 tablespoon butter

¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

¼ cup sliced toasted almonds

Parmesan cheese

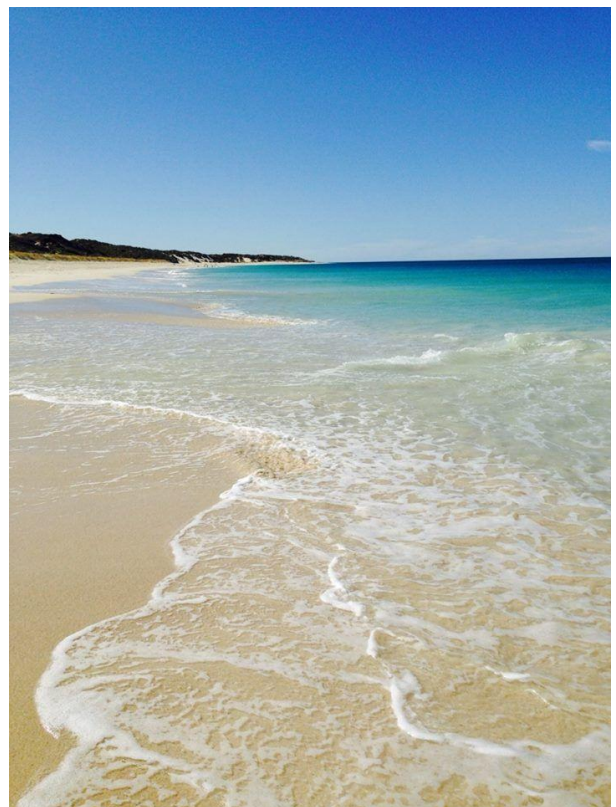
Method

Fill a pan two-thirds full with water. Add the salt, and bring to a boil. Add the green beans, and cook for 3-4 minutes. Drain & cool in cold water to stop the cooking process & retain some crunch.

Place the pan back on the stove and heat the butter and pepper over medium-high heat.

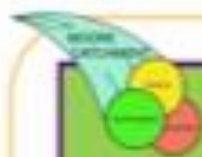
Add the beans and cook for 3 minutes. Plate and garnish with the almonds and the grated parmesan cheese.

Serve and enjoy.



Guildie Gallery





Community dune planting day



HELP repair the Guilderton dunes

We need your help to plant
1,000 native seedlings and protect them
with tree guards.



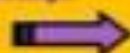
When: Sunday 18th June 2023

Where: Meet at car park corner of Mortimer/Forrester st, Guilderton

Time: 9:30am - 12:30pm. Lunch provided.

RSVP: <https://events.humanitix.com/guilderton-community-planting-day>

More info: Rachel text/phone 0409 296 264 or
mcc.nrm@bigpond.com



SCAN ME

- Please be sun smart, bring a hat, wear closed shoes and long trousers
- **Please be Covid-19 smart.** Bring gloves, trowel/shovel, bucket if you have them
- Bring a water bottle with plenty of water - planting is thirsty work



This Moore Catchment Council project is being funded through
the new NRM Program



natural resource
management program



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GINGIN

Supported by the Guilderton
Community Association &
Shire of Gingin



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORM 2022

\$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