

Quarterly Newsletter

Tidy Town Entrant

Guilderton on the Moore River



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From the President's Desk...

There has been much activity since our last newsletter and I have a long list of special thanks as this activity has involved a great deal of teamwork from our members and the community.

Bendigo Bank: We have been very fortunate to secure a funding grant of \$40,000 from the Bendigo Bank to go towards a partnership project with the Gingin Shire to construct a timber stairway from the gazebo at the top carpark down to the ocean beach. This stairway will have a mid-way platform and will be constructed directly over one of the

worst erosion paths. It will also include rectifications to the existing boardwalk from the caravan park to the ocean beach, and the application of sealant to the existing boardwalk to improve longevity.

It is anticipated that this stairway will stop the present destructive custom of people climbing over the dunes in order to reach the top carpark and the beach. As an extension to this project, the dunes will be fenced off and re-vegetated as the need dictates.

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The GCA extends a big thank you to the Gingin Branch of the Bendigo Bank for support and assistance with this project. We encourage members of the community to support the Bendigo Bank which prides itself on its commitment and involvement to rural communities in particular. We also appreciate the funding and work that the Gingin Shire will be putting towards this project.

Audit of Accounts: The GCA is grateful to *Stephen Fidge*, Manager of the Gingin Branch of the Bendigo Bank, who kindly audited the GCA accounts and is currently auditing the accounts of our two sub-committees - the Guilderton Visitor Centre and Library. This is yet another example of the Bendigo Bank's involvement in our community.

Bush Poets' Campfire: The success of this wonderful event must be attributed to our thespian committee member, *Peter Fry*, who managed and compered the event with great flair, supported by Karen Barfield and her able team. I would like to add my thanks and appreciation to all involved, along with a special thank you to the *Guilderton Bushfire Brigade*, who donated their services "in appreciation for work done for the betterment of the Guilderton community".

Art Work: New Art Work on the walls of the Guilderton Community Hall provides a wonderful finishing touch to the building, a result of the monies raised and the efforts of the former GCA Arts and Events Sub-committee. In particular, we would like to thank *Julie Rouse* who headed up this sub-committee.

This sub- committee has been responsible for the many art works around town, which give Guilderton a character all of its own. Unfortunately, we have

not managed to procure a person or persons to take this work forward, and would be very interested in hearing from anyone in the community who might be interested in assisting the GCA with direction in the arts.

Easter Art Show: In the absence of an Arts and Events Co-ordinator, a special thank you must go to *Delys Brady* and *Maggi Schmiedte* who have kept the Easter Art Show going on behalf of the GCA for a number of years, and put on another excellent exhibit, assisted this year by GCA committee members, *Gay Messer* and *Terri Mowle*. The proceeds have been going towards the art works in town generally, and this year towards the Bush Poets' Camp Fire, which was a free event.

Water Fountain: This is another product of the former GCA Arts and Events Sub-committee. It unfortunately fell into disrepair this year, as shown in the photos (right), and we are grateful to the Shire for fixing the plumbing, and to *Bob Johnson* who volunteered many hours to artistic mosaic repairs. Thank you Bob, we really appreciate your work.

MCC: The Moore Catchment Council and in particular the Natural Resources Manager *Rachel Walmsley* continue to be very supportive of happenings in our community. Of late, Rachel has been busy delivering Carnaby's Cockatoo feeding species of plants to groups in Guilderton, giving rise to many hours of digging and planting in and around Guilderton.

Bus Tour: The GCA hosted a wonderful lunch prepared by *Linda and Bob Johnson* and *Madeline* and *Graeme Henshaw*, assisted by *Terri Mowle* for the recent Turquoise Coast Conservation Bus Tour.

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Water Fountain before...



... and after



Following lunch, the group split into two groups and, in *Rachel Walmsley's* words, "On offer was the highly popular Moore estuary boat cruise run by *Phil Cook*, a local environmentalist passionate about the protection of the Moore River, or an informative town tour with 'Secret No Longer' author and long-time resident *John Prince*. Both trips were well received."

Tidy Towns: *Madeline Henshaw* has worked tirelessly towards Tidy Towns 2014 and we wish her and her team good luck in the forthcoming judging.

The Gingin Shire will be hosting the Mid-West Gascoyne Presentations in Guilderton on 29th August, and this is an opportunity for us to show-case Guilderton to entrants and visitors from Coral Bay, Kalbarri, Murchison, Northampton, Dongara, Cervantes, Meekatharra, Moora and Three Springs.

Heritage Garden: This initiative forms a large part of this year's submission for Tidy Towns, with the original well and water trough resurrected and an old windmill re-erected at its former site in Silver Creek. Our very supportive councillor, *Sam Collard* is the "hero of the day" who has made this happen, assisted by *Graeme Henshaw, Vic McCartin, Phil Cook, Dean Brady, Shaun and Dennis Cronin, and Neil Lamont.*

After a long weekend's hard work, it was wonderful to have this history and heritage returned for all to appreciate in the years to come.

In preparation for this work, the Guilderton Gardening Group of *Sharon & Dave Britten, Madeline & Graeme Henshaw* and *Neil Lamont* have been working hard to partially clear the area and replant native plants - a work which is ongoing, and ably assisted by our erstwhile and hardworking Shire Gardener, *Tracey Hagan*. A big thank you to one and all.

Photo Album: *Madeline Henshaw* has been collecting historic photos from many members of the community, and with *Dave Britten's* skillful assistance, a photo book commemorating the history of Guilderton has been generated for display in the Guilderton Community Library. It is wonderful that this early essence of Guilderton has been captured before it is lost forever. Well done and thank you to Dave and Madeline.

In writing this report, I feel overwhelmed by the wonderful support that we have from our committee, our members and the wider community. Our goal is to continue to foster and build on this community spirit.

Thank you,

Gillian Lamont



To view these and other photos included in the Heritage Album edited by Dave Britten and published on the Internet, [Click Here](#).

Easter Arts & Crafts

The GCA wishes to thank **Delys Brady** for her tireless efforts in organising this wonderful event for the community. In addition the continued support shown by **Maggie Schmiedte** in organising the finances for this event for the past few years is very much appreciated. In 2014 these funds went towards the Bush Poets' Campfire - a very successful event which was enjoyed by many members of the community.

Gay Messer

Bush Poets' Campfire

Easter Saturday evening saw over a hundred people gather in Gabbadah Park on a lovely autumn evening listening to bush poetry and ballads.

Lots of happy families attended and there were picnics, freshly cooked damper and billy tea, a raffle, some singing and even a bit dancing.

Award winning poet Brian Langley recited ballads which gave us all a chuckle and he shared the latest verse to 'Moore River Blues Revisited Again'. Brian's wife Dot provided appropriate retorts to much of his cheek.

Greg Hastings had songs to sing and tales to tell, as did Christine Bolt and 3 walk-up poets from the audience. Peter Fry kept the night flowing while his team of helpers cooked damper and billy tea at what was a marvelous 3 hours of nostalgia and fun.

Many thanks to the Volunteer Fire Brigade who kindly donated their time, the Ranger and Shire for their support and co-operation, and GCA committee members. Maybe this will become an annual event?



Lower Moore River Working Group

The LMRWG have been quietly working behind the scenes again this half of the year with volunteers planting and also watering plants that were put in in Silver Creek, Diamond Island Road, Rest Area on Wanneroo Road and the beach dune area.

The major work so far has been the new pathway from the car park in Silver Creek to the picnic shelter and fishing platform. This will give access to people with disabilities to access the area. A group of school children came up from Perth to help out. It is great to see school groups helping out the community.

Our AGM will be held on Sunday 20th July at 10am in the Guilderton Hall. We urge everyone to attend and maybe even volunteer your time. All office bearer positions will be declared vacant and a new committee formed.

Terri Mowle



Trees to feed Carnaby's Black-Cockatoos

In June Guilderton was supplied with 1000 native trees and bushes, free of charge, to be planted around town to provide feed for Carnaby's cockatoos.

Rachel Walmsley from Moore Catchment Council, and a grant, made this possible, and we are now hoping to see enough rain to get them well established. 350 banksias, hakeas, tuarts and marris were planted on the golf course reserve, 300 down Silver Creek way, another 100 in the new community garden area by the windmill and the rest in private gardens and along Diamond Island Road.

Thanks to Rachel and the locals who did the planting. We all benefit again!

Linda Johnson



North Guilderton Trail Walk Signage

Rachel Walmsley, the Moore Catchment Council Natural Resources Manager, has done a wonderful job designing signs for the North Guilderton Trail.

The trail starts at the upper groynes car park; the directional signs are now in place and the trail is ready to be walked.

A team from the Department of Parks & Wildlife installed additional signage to provide guidance to visitors to the North Guilderton area and to support dune rehabilitation.



Welcome to the **Djena Koorl-iny** coastal trail

This walk trail takes you north on a wonderful walk through the fragile coastal heath vegetation with marvellous views over the Indian ocean. At the half way return point, the trail arrives on the white sandy beach. Take a moment to admire the ocean before heading south back to the groynes car park.

The trail has been named in the Noongar language by the Yued people, the Traditional Custodians of the land. Djena Koorl-iny (pronounced Jens koorling) means 'go on foot'.

What are dunes? Dunes are characteristically buffers between the ocean and the land environments. They provide important habitat for flora and fauna, and help to protect urban infrastructure and farmland.

Why protect them? Protection of dune vegetation is critical for maintaining a stable dune system. If dune vegetation is disturbed or destroyed, there is a high risk of erosion and creation of blowouts.






Vehicles driving on the dunes are causing devastating consequences. Instead of one access track, there are dozens which have resulted in extensive erosion and habitat damage. Rehabilitation works are taking place to close tracks and encourage drivers to use designated tracks instead.

Please think before driving on the dunes ! Follow the new designated access tracks.
To protect the dunes DO NOT MAKE NEW TRACKS.

This trail is part of the North Guilderton Coastal Restoration project which aims to rehabilitate and conserve the fragile dune system of Guilderton.

Thank you to the below organisations for their input and financial assistance.











Distance: 1.6km (allow 45 mins)
Grade: Moderate. Soft sandy track with inclines until half way, beach return

Follow marker posts  **and please watch for 4WD vehicles**

Remember !! Wear a hat, sun cream and closed shoes. Take plenty of water with you.
Warning !! High tide may compromise return beach access at point !
Snake warning !! Dugites and other venomous snakes live in the dunes

Moore River

By Sophie Kelly (aged 12 years)

Nan and Pop have a shack by the beach;

The veranda out front is baby blue;

Nails are missing in the floorboards and

Life buoys hang from the roof.

Everything happens at the big glass table,

The big tree envelops the veranda

And honeyeaters sing inside it.

*We sit outside and watch the whitecaps in the ocean
and the crayfish boats bobbing on the horizon.*

The sun burns down on the hot sand,

I can smell dead fish and sea salt.

We dive into the ocean and

The feeling of relief flows through me

As the freezing water surrounds me,

The waves dump down and a pool of white bubbles

Is left behind.

We stumble down the stone steps

Onto the jetty,

The tea trees around me sway in the breeze,

The birds and ducks bob on top of the cool water.

We step off the jetty and into a little bay

Where we get ready to swim,

I wade into the tea coloured water and

Feel the placidness of the river.

We walk through the shadowy night,

I can feel the strong wind against my legs

And hear the waves crashing against the rocks.

We walk in silence

Hearing nothing but the dog's paws clipping on the road,

Little blobs of light highlighting the dusky night,

I look up and see the moon, bright and comforting,

Guiding us through the town,

The holiday town I love.

Save the Date

WAYJO in Concert



We are delighted to advise that a very special Concert will be held at Gabbadah Park on **Saturday 25th October 2014**, featuring a Jazz Quintet from the West Australian Youth Jazz Orchestra (WAYJO).

WAYJO is an exciting and innovative organisation, which counts amongst its long-term supporters people such as James Morrison, Kate Ceberano, Joe Chindamo, Darryl Somers and Graham Lyall, all of whom have performed with them from time to time. Don Burrows is their Patron

Further details of this not-to-be-missed event will be provided closer to the date.

David Messer

GCA Tidy Towns Sub-committee

proudly announces & congratulates the
winner of the

Best Garden Competition for 2014

Sharon and Dave Britton

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Additional Boat Launching Ramp

Early in 2012, the GCA received a petition to reinstate a boat launching area close to the current Silver Creek toilet and parking facilities. Although the GCA Committee did not support the petition, it put the petition forward to the Shire, on account of there being 143 signatures. In February 2012, Council received the petition and Shire Officers sought comments from the Department of Water and the Department of Transport, and while there was no objection to the proposal, there were requirements for the Shire to undertake planning studies for recreational boating along with foreshore management planning. The Department of Transport further encouraged the Shire to expand the scope of the planning study beyond Moore River and Guilderton and include the Shire's entire coastal region.

The Shire has recently received funding from the Department of Transport Recreational Boating Facility Scheme (RBFS) and is currently in the process of undertaking a study for the feasibility of a boat launching facility within the Shire of Gingin. As part of the process, a consultant will be appointed to undertake the feasibility study, community engagement will be undertaken and members of the GCA and the Guilderton Community will be able to have input into the future location of an additional boat launching ramp.

In addition, the Shire has placed an application into the Country Local Government Fund Regional Component for funding towards up-grading the existing boat ramp and building a new jetty at

Moore River. It is envisaged that the Shire will receive this funding towards this project.

Furthermore the Moore River South Development has provision for a boat launching facility upon the ocean.

Council subsequently considered all these factors and resolved on 20 May 2014 to advise the GCA that it will not be undertaking a planning/feasibility study for the installation of an additional boat launching facility in the Moore River at Guilderton.

The GCA Committee did not support the petition on account of the safety of river users and the preservation of the river banks, towards which the Lower Moore River Working Group work tirelessly. Furthermore, GCA AGMs for many years were asked to address the problem of safety on the river, and, since the Department of Transport imposed changes in 2009, this problem has reduced significantly, despite increased visitors to Guilderton and general river use. The committee feels that the community has supported this view having demonstrated close to unanimous opposition to a power boat launching ramp on the south side of the river.

The GCA encourages the petitioners, association members and members of the Guilderton community to participate in the community engagement when it is advertised.

Gillian Lamont

President, Guilderton Community Association

Fracking

As Australian offshore oil and gas production winds down, the Government and huge corporations are looking to explore Australia's underground gas reserves with 21st century technology that makes it possible to extract gas up to 5 kms underground.

Unfortunately, the 'hydraulic fracturing' that makes this possible can also cause many unintended consequences to land stability and water tables. It also uses toxic chemicals and vast amounts of water, and produces enormous quantities of toxic water, air and land pollution in some cases. It is an imminent threat to WA's environment in the Kimberley and Mid-West.

For more information or to purchase an informational DVD for \$5, please call Linda Johnson 0414 631 273



LMRWG AGM

Lower Moore River Working Group

Annual General Meeting

**Sunday 20th July at 10:00am
Guilderton Hall**

Election of new office bearers.

All members of the General Public & Community Groups are invited to attend.



Primary Health Care CLINICS

Exciting news!!! – A new Nurse Practitioner clinic for Coastal Residents



- Are you having ongoing difficulties with your Chronic Disease Symptom Management?
- Are you or someone you know, struggling with the management of conditions such as Dementia?
Or Parkinson's disease?
- Do you have any other health difficulties that require a comprehensive health assessment?
or
- Just need follow up post hospital presentation/
discharge?
Or Need a script and can't get in to see the GP

Be informed! Drop in and have a chat or a check-up. Community Visits also available on request. The clinic is free, confidential and open to everyone. It will be run weekly by a nurse practitioner who will collaborate with your GP.

Days: Every Monday and Wednesday

Time: 8:30-5pm **No bookings required**

Venue: Redfield Park, Guilderton Country Club and Woodridge Hall

For more information, ring Ange on 0418 804 643

Please note that the clinic is available for both Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal people



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