

# Quarterly Newsletter

Guilderton Community Association invites you to:

## ***BUSH POETS' CAMPFIRE***

**Easter Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April 6:00pm**

### **Gabbadah Park**

Mullins Street, Guilderton

- 🔥 Family picnic featuring Guilderton Bush Poet, **Brian Langley**, winner of the 2013 Golden Damper Award at Tamworth and **Greg Hastings**, founder of the Mucky Duck Bush Band, with Guilderton thespian **Peter Fry** as MC.
- 🔥 BYO picnic dinner, rugs or chairs, and for those who would like to take the microphone, BYO rhyming poem (subject to family suitability & time).
- 🔥 Damper & Billy Tea available (BYO mug if possible) for gold coin donation.
- 🔥 Bush Poetry, Music and Dancing from 7:00pm.
- 🔥 Everybody welcome.
- 🔥 Backup venue in the unlikely event of rain: Community Hall, Wedge Street.



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### ***SPECIAL FEATURES***

***Bush Poets' Campfire***

***Tidy Towns***

***Garden Competition***

## From the President's desk...

### ***New Committee:***

At our Annual General Meeting on 25th January, the following committee members for 2014 were elected:

<b>President:</b>	Gillian Lamont
<b>Vice President:</b>	Jim Laffer
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Gay Messer
<b>Secretary:</b>	Karen Barfield
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Peter Fry, Madeline Henshaw, Linda Johnson, Rod Lake, David Messer, Terri Mowle

### ***Committee Changes:***

We have lost three members, John Prince, Geoff Gilby and Allan Giblett, who have given outstanding service to the GCA and the community over a good many years. They leave the GCA Committee in very good order, and we would like to formally acknowledge their contribution and thank them for their selfless services.

**John Prince**, in his 91st year, is not yet ready for retirement, and he will dedicate this year to selling his book "Secret No Longer" and to sorting out the GCA archives. I don't believe that there will be a community association with a better set of records by the time he is finished. The community response and feedback to his book has been very encouraging. John also plans to be around over Easter to talk about the book to anyone who is interested.

**Geoff and Zoe Gilby** are now living in Quins Rock, but never miss an opportunity to come up to Guilderton whenever something is happening. Geoff is very happy to see the boardwalk open again, having spent much energy and given sound advice on this project over the years. Lastly but by no means least, we are very happy to announce that after 5 weeks in hospital, **Allan Giblett** is back in town and rearing to go. His body is on catch-up with the energy of his mind at the present moment, but the catch up will not take long with his determination and the support he is receiving from the community. To all three, your names are well and truly forged into the history of Guilderton. We wish you and your families well for the future.

And now to the present, we welcome four new committee members, all of whom have brought a new influx of energy and ideas into the committee and we have some exciting plans for 2014. They are Karen Barfield, Peter Fry and Terri Mowle who are all returning after a break for a second stint of service, and David Messer, who has too much to offer to stay in the sidelines with his wife already on the committee. We are a strong committee going forward and look forward to filling in the page for 2014 in the ongoing history.

### ***GCA Membership:***

We would not have a committee without our members, and we thank those of you who have renewed your membership and welcome new members who have joined for 2014. Membership runs from January to December and we have included a membership form in this newsletter. If you would like to receive our quarterly newsletters and/or have a closer involvement with the community please consider becoming a member by completing an application form.

***Liaison with the Shire:***

One of our major roles is to represent the community and to act as liaison between the community and the Gingin Shire. I am pleased to report that we have a very good relationship with the Shire, and this has been put to the test with the escalating compliance issues in recent weeks.

***Vehicles on the Beach:***

You may have noticed an increasing number of vehicles on the beach at Guilderton posing a danger to the beach faring public as well as damaging the delicate balance of the beach environment. Along with this very disturbing copycat syndrome of vehicles on the beach, there has been an increase in speeding and hooning in general within the township of Guilderton. Unfortunately a small minority of visitors hit Guilderton with the mentality 'we are out of Perth and we can do whatever we like'. Your committee leapt on this immediately, and Gingin Shire CEO Jeremy Edwards responded with alacrity.

Jeremy met with the Gingin Police, and together they planned to target Guilderton on the Labour Day long weekend with a joint ranger and police operation, which proved to be very effective. In preparation, the deteriorating fence all along the lower track to the groyne, from which vehicles were entering the beach and driving the entire length of the beach southwards and across the bar, has been replaced by a very substantial barbed wire fence. At the other end of the beach south of the river, the 'No Vehicles' sign has been re-erected. With the preparations in place, the joint targeted operation between the Shire Rangers and Gingin Police got underway on Saturday 1st March. Their presence was noticeable, and we certainly experienced a trouble free weekend. The Shire Rangers continued their good work with a high presence in Guilderton on the Sunday. Hopefully the message is now out there, that Guilderton does not fall outside of law re-enforcement, and bad behaviour will not be tolerated.

We are most grateful to Jeremy Edwards and the Gingin Shire Rangers. We are equally grateful to Sergeant Max Walker and the Gingin Police, the more so because Guilderton falls outside of the jurisdiction of the Gingin Police, and Sergeant Walker rostered himself back on duty on an off duty day, in order to supervise the operation. We would like to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all involved in the joint initiative.

***Boardwalk & Beach Access:***

We have had a busy start to the year with business as usual getting off to a brisk start with the Shire calling for funding submissions for 2014. Our main focus this year will be to work with the Gingin Shire to provide safe access to the beach. The committee has met with Jeremy Edwards and Linda Fidge, Community Development and Customer Services Officer, to discuss plans to manage the risk of the reopened boardwalk, and to provide safe access to the beach from the lookout at the top car park by means of a second timber stairway down to the beach. Unfortunately, with the government cutbacks in funding, much of the funding for the foreshore redevelopment program has fallen through.

In consultation with engineers, the Shire reopened the boardwalk on Christmas Eve, and will be taking measures to ensure its safety in future years. The Shire has received a quote for the timber stairway from the top lookout down to the beach, and have committed funding towards this project. The GCA is re-applying for funding from the Bendigo Bank and we are hopeful and that the Bank will look upon our application favourably. Once the stairway is in place, we will start a major restoration and revegetation of the dunes which are currently being destroyed by the unruly access from the beach up to the top lookout. Both the GCA Committee and Gingin Shire are very committed to this project.

***Proposed Projects:***

With funding more or less in place for this project, we are applying to the Gingin Shire for funding for two projects. One is for a **coin operated telescope** at the lookout tower. Gay Messer is the inspiration behind this project, which she has researched very thoroughly. The GCA will be researching the early history of the coast around Guilderton, and it is planned to follow up this project with a series of **information plaques/signs**.

***Cultural Events:***

Another project is for a program of two cultural events. The first event is the **Bush Poets' Campfire** and is the inspiration of Peter Fry, very ably aided and abetted by Karen Barfield. This promises to be a fun filled evening of entertainment for the whole family. Please see the flyer on the front page for details. The second event will be a **WA Youth Jazz Orchestra Concert** to be held at Gabbadah Park on **1st November**. This is the inspiration of David Messer. These are both inaugural events for what is planned to become a continuing program of culture in Guilderton. It will be refreshing to be able to attend events of this calibre without having to travel to the city. Invitations will be extended to the surrounding communities.

This is just the start, our ultimate goal is to make the name "Guilderton" synonymous with culture. Both events will be free entry, with the GCA meeting the cost of the Bush Poets' Campfire, and we are requesting funding from the Gingin Shire for the WA Youth Jazz Concert. Delys Brady is holding her usual **Easter Art Show** earlier on the morning of Easter Saturday, and funds raised will go towards the costs of the Bush Poets' Campfire, so please support this event. The GCA is very grateful to Delys for her hard work.

***Tidy Towns & Gardening:***

Madeline Henshaw has plans afoot for another Tidy Towns success for 2014 this year, which include a heritage garden with an old windmill re-furbished and erected on the original site of the stables on the Old Mill Road, and a history and heritage display. She would be interested in receiving **photos and stories of the early formation years**. The Gardening sub-committee would also welcome anyone who would like to dig in and assist once the rains arrive.

As you can see, we have lots to look forward to in 2014. We hope you will join us.

***Gillian Lamont***

President, Guilderton Community Association

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***"The essence of community, its heart and soul, is the non-monetary exchange of value;  
things we do and share because we care for others, and for the good of the place."***

***Dee Hock***

## Clean up Australia



Thanks to everyone who came out on Sunday 2 March to help and also to those unsung heroes who clean up our community all year round. Our haul for Clean Up Australia totalled:

- 37 bags were collected along the main road into Guilderton.
- 21 bags were collected by Beldon Scouts who covered the area east and along Silver Creek.
- 2 bags from along the river, an area that will need further investigation.

We weren't able to count the bags that other individuals collected but all in all the rubbish was down on last year. Thank you all for your support.

***Madeline Henshaw***

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## Moore River News Online

Congratulations to the Moore River News on the recent launch of their new website. Now everyone can access the journal on line.

If you would like to read the current or previous editions of the journal, please visit [www.moorerivernews.com.au](http://www.moorerivernews.com.au)

The GCA is grateful to the MRN for their continued support.



Our submission for this year will be a bit harder as we have been advised that there are several new entrants. Last year we made up the six in the Midwest Gascoyne and this year Tidy Towns have received eight entrants with some dropping out from last year and new towns entering.

Midwest Gascoyne entrants:

- Cervantes
- Coral Bay
- Dongara / Port Dennison
- Guilderton
- Kalbarri
- Meekatharra
- Moora
- Three Springs

So you can see we have some tough opposition!

There are 8 categories and we will again enter 5 of these. The Community Association has several exciting new projects that are being undertaken around town and these will be included in our submission.

Submissions close on 1 June 2014

**Madeline Henshaw**

## Guilderton Community Library



For those who haven't visited the library recently we have gone really upmarket.

We now have a complete barcoding system and our volunteers have undergone training to be able to use this new system.

Our thanks must go to Tony Millar for his help and assistance in getting this program up and running. Tony has been able to modify the package to suit our needs and has done an exceptional job.

After our success with the Monster Trash n Treasure stall we are planning on holding another one in the near future. If anyone has any items they would like to donate we will be more than happy to take them from you.

**Madeline Henshaw**

The Guilderton Visitor Centre has been operating now for ten years and run by a dedicated team of volunteers. From its inception the Centre has sought to give practical expression to some of the highest ideals of the Guilderton Community Association.

Firstly to share with strangers the natural beauty of this place; to help them enjoy their stay; and enthuse them with affection for Moore River. Our other principal objective is strongly linked to this. We want to conserve that beauty so it can be shared with future generations.

To help with the overall running of the centre we do sell some merchandise and also charge local businesses to display brochures. But these activities are incidental to our real objectives.

We may have a problem in continuing with these objectives next year because we are losing volunteers through illness faster than we can replace them.

The Guilderton Visitor Centre is too valuable a marketing asset for the regional tourism industry or for Gingin Shire to allow it to disappear. But if we can't continue to staff the Centre, it could be taken out of our hands and become a run-of-the-mill commercial visitor centre.

If this voluntary service is to cease a lot of the credibility for our commitment to the development of Moore River estuary for nature-based tourism will be lost too.

If you think GVC has value as the embodiment of GCA ideals, please give some thought to helping us staff and administer the Centre.

Phone Debbie on 9577 1005.

Richard Cleverly  
Chairman  
Guilderton Visitor Centre



# Guilderton Visitor Centre

## Secret No Longer

If you have missed out on a copy of a Secret No Longer do not despair as books are available for purchase at the Guilderton Visitor Centre and the Post Office so secure this wonderful book written by John Prince about the history of the Guilderton Community Association.

### GARDEN COMPETITION

2014

Last year we held a "Best Garden Competition" with two categories: **Contemporary Garden** and **Native Garden** and judging was held to coincide with our Tidy Towns Entry.

This year Guilderton's Tidy Towns Entry will be judged on July 21st and even though spring is normally the optimal time for gardens, we have decided to proceed with this timing.

If you feel your garden would rate, be it a bountiful vegetable garden, native or cottage style garden etc., please send your details"

Name:

Address:

Contact details:

With 2 photos only please to [bearmad1@bigpond.com](mailto:bearmad1@bigpond.com) clearly indicating that it as a garden entry.

**Judging will be held on Saturday 28 June** by an Independent Judge.

Good Luck

**Madeline Henshaw**

(08) 9577 1528 or 0415 902 038



## Membership Renewals are now due!

Your continued support for the Guilderton Community Association is greatly appreciated. Without your support a lot of work in the community would not be achieved — Thank you.



### Annual Membership

Family membership \$25.00 (GST free)

Member Name(s):	
Address:	
Telephone:	
Mobile:	
Email:	

**Please return this form to the GCA and remit:**

Cheques to GCA, PO Box 1101 Guilderton WA 6041

Bank Deposit to Guilderton Community Association Inc.

Bendigo Bank

BSB: 633 108

Account Number: 145418018

Reference: Please enter your surname as the reference.

Guilderton Library will accept membership payments between 10 am & 12 noon on Saturdays.

### GUILDERTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Guilderton Community Association is made up of residents and regular visitors to Guilderton who are interested in maintaining and sustainably improving the town now and for the future. The main aims of the association are to:

promote the interests of the Guilderton community;

assist in the improvement of the town in a manner which protects the natural environment of the Guilderton/Moore River area;

conserve the natural environment of the Guilderton/Moore River area; and liaise with the Gingin Shire Council on behalf of the Guilderton community.

In order to carry out these aims the Association is involved in a broad range of activities, including:

Bringing items of town maintenance to the attention of the Shire, such as the foreshore toilet block, the groyne, road signs etc;

Cooperating with the Shire of Gingin in relation to large projects for town improvement, most recently the building of a new Guilderton Community Hall as an addition to the existing Guilderton Country Club;

Carrying out small maintenance tasks around the town, such as the revegetation of the information bay; and

Organising participation in community events.

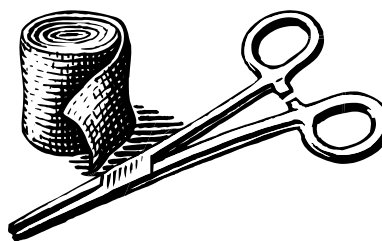
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## **Mark this date in the Calender**

The GCA are delighted to advise that a very special Concert will be held at  
Gabbadah Park on  
Saturday 1st November



### **NURSE PRACTITIONER IN THE LOWER COASTAL SECTOR OF THE SHIRE OF GINGIN**

A Nurse Practitioner working for Silver Chain (funded by Medicare Local) is working in the lower coastal sector every second Thursday commencing 6 February at the following centres:

Redfield Park: 8:30-11:30

at the First Aid Post - follow the blue signs

Guilderton: 12:15-14:45

at the Community Hall – Wedge Street

Woodridge : 15:00-17:00

at the Community Hall – King Drive

Clients can ring direct and make bookings on the following mobile number – 0418 804 643 or can drop-in and wait for an appointment at the times specified for any particular centre. Costs for accessing Ange Patras are covered by Medicare.