

## FOMRE Newsletter – May 2015

Dear FRIEND OF MOORE RIVER,

### Will You Stay With Us?

The objective of Friends of Moore River Estuary is to protect the river and estuary. For 20 years our major focus has been to stop development and/or secure best practice and sustainable outcomes within the proposed area on the south side of the river. It is however, only one aspect of looking after the river. We are proactively involved in many practical activities to secure the health of the estuary.

### WE NEED YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO CONTINUE THESE ACTIVITIES

Membership fee are now due. Please will you assist FOMRE by completing the attached renewal form and \$20.00 membership fee? Thank you to all those who have already done so.

### STOP PRESS:

#### **Guilderton named *the* Western Australian Finalist for the National Australian Clean Beaches Award 2015.**

The Keep Australia Beautiful's *Australian Clean Beaches Award* celebrates and awards communities who actively work for a cleaner, more sustainable coastal environment. In 2015 it was Guilderton. The national winner will be announced in Sydney in July.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FOMRE's Annual General Meeting was held in April. The convenor's report is attached and makes for encouraging reading. As you will see FOMRE has been active in and around Guilderton over the past twelve months.

#### Précis

1. The MRC Outline Development Plan is approved. The Shire also finally approved Moore River Company's Foreshore Management Plan in December 2014. Subdivision has been approved subject to 41 conditions – (Shire of Gingin Minutes 19/08/2014 pg 160). Development cannot proceed until detailed design plans are passed by the Shire. There is no defined timeline.
2. Ongoing correspondence has occurred throughout the year with the Moore River Company, other stakeholders and the Premier about Foreshore setbacks and with the Shire Planning Department regarding the clearing of pristine bushland in the Northern Resort area of the ODP.
3. Our views and concerns are well known by those who make the decisions in government and FOMRE maintains a good working relationship with the Shire of Gingin.
4. Over 2014 FOMRE has diversified its approach in protecting the estuary by assisting in the implementation of water quality monitoring projects, rehabilitation work in and around Guilderton and marine safety on the river.
5. Most recent problems are a sudden and intense increase in 4WD access to the beach and Desert. We are told that concerted efforts are being made to prevent access to the area and applaud the Shire's resolution that would make all the land between Wilbinga and the river, Indian Ocean Drive and the ocean, vehicle free.  
Attached is recent correspondence to the *SunCity News* relating to the Shire of Gingin and the Moore River Company response to the scourge of 4WD vehicles on the Desert and Guilderton beach.

### WANTED

*We are still searching for assistance with developing the social media and website component of FOMRE. If you have expertise in this area and are available please call Linda Johnson to discuss!*



**FRIENDS OF MOORE RIVER  
2015 INVOICE**

Annual membership

\$20.00

**Members Name:**

**Address:**

**Telephone:**

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**Please remit:-**

**Cheques to: FOMRE. PO Box 1007 Guilderton, 6041**

**Bank Deposit to: Friends of Moore River Estuary:**

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