



Guilderton Community Association

Quarterly Newsletter – Dec 2016

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From the President's Desk . . .

Hello Members

Our AGM is scheduled for Saturday 28 January 2017 at 9.00 am and it would be good to see you there. There are, as always, positions to be filled and given that Gillian and myself are not continuing next year, the positions of Secretary and President are vacant. I hope you will all give some consideration as to if you are able to fill any position on the GCA committee.

At the AGM you will be required to consider voting for some changes to our constitution. These are required to comply with the new Associations Incorporation Act of 2015. While we have 3 years to make the changes we decided to get the job out of the way.

Gillian of course will be sorely missed. Her contributions as President, Secretary and committee member have been outstanding and I would like to thank her for her contribution to the community. Fortunately, whilst they are planning to spend more time in the city, both Gillian and Neil are not lost to Guilderton entirely.



You may have received a notice from the Shire which advises there will be:

- resurfacing and realigning the parking area at the river foreshore and boat ramp,
- installing a finger jetty between the two new boat ramps for easier launching and retrieval and
- installation of parking meters to assist in dealing with congestion, and to help defray costs of rubbish removal etc.

It should be noted that residents will be given 'residential windscreen stickers' to allow for their parking without charge. This work has commenced and is scheduled to be completed before Christmas.

Dean Brady



We wish all our Members and their families and all who visit and enjoy Guilderton and appreciate its natural habitat and relaxed atmosphere, a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year Season.

The Guilderton Community Association would like to acknowledge and thank the Shire of Gingin for their contribution of funds to cover 50% of the Association's Public Liability Insurance.

Guilderton Community Association AGM Notice is enclosed as well as Nomination Forms. AGM is on 28th January 2017.

GCA Report

Guilderton Community Association is the group of residents, landholders and visitors to Guilderton who advocate on behalf of our community.

Membership of the GCA is changing to \$15 a year per member and each year, on the Australia Day Saturday, we hold our AGM. Members receive quarterly email newsletters about GCA activities and invitations to all events.

Our annual events include Clean up Australia on the 1st Sunday in March, the Easter Arts Show and the June planting day re-vegetating the dunes near the lighthouse. Sub-committees run the Visitor Centre and the Library while the Arts Group create their own events.

We are all volunteers and the energy available for projects very much depends on the willing within the community.

If you would like to know what is happening in town or to have a say in what happens, please join. We welcome new ideas and committee members, especially from newcomers to town. Our community stalwarts are an aging bunch and would be very pleased of new blood. You can speak to any of the committee about your talents and you can join at the forthcoming AGM.

The objects and purposes of the Association are:

- to promote the interests of the Guilderton community
- to encourage, advance and assist in the improvement of Guilderton in a manner which protects the natural environment of the Guilderton-Moore River area
- to conserve the natural environment of the Guilderton-Moore River area and
- to liaise with the Gingin Shire Council on behalf of the Guilderton community.

Guilderton LIBRARY



On behalf of the Guilderton Community Library we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Our Annual Trash n Treasure will be held on Saturday 7 January from 8 am to 3pm at 21 Whitfield Street (next to Tuppin House). There are some fabulous bargains available: furniture, toys, homewares etc.

Please come along and support our Trash n Treasure as it is our major fundraising event for the year.

Madeline Henshaw



WRITERS WORKSHOP

Ever wanted to write your life story or that of your family? Well a few of us took advantage of the course being offered by Guilderton Library on the first weekend in September. Annie Girard, our 'teacher', what a lovely lady; not only did she give us the confidence to start, she also offered to publish our efforts in a booklet that will be kept in the Guilderton Library. We started by choosing three of our own photos and then wrote a story for fifteen minutes about the photos. By Sunday she worked her magic on us to bring the stories to life and connect them. Amazing! Can't wait to see the finished product! People with no writing skills (or so they thought) read their efforts aloud and fascinated us with their ability to bring a photo alive with words.

The ladies who worked in the background received a lot of praise and thanks. Julie Rouse for having the idea and making it work. Maddie, Julie and Jae for providing us with a scrumptious lunch and morning tea. The icing on the cake was that Annie donated her time for free, so the profits after expenses will go to the **Downs Syndrome** charity and our **local St John's team**. The Guilderton Library is a wonderful local resource.

Ann Stroud

Guilderton Visitor Centre

Guilderton Visitor Centre volunteers were invited to New Norcia in October.

Eleven of us had a wonderful day being shown around the town and learning about the history and plans for this historic site. Their Visitor Centre had invited others from Avon Valley so it was a great opportunity to meet people who also help visitors to our area, and to exchange ideas.

The hotel provided our delicious morning tea and lunch so we left feeling very pleased with all we had seen and learnt. We will definitely recommend New Norcia to those looking for a day trip on a 'not so nice' day here. It takes about an hour and a half to drive there and the countryside we drove through was at its' Spring best for us too.



Thanks to New Norcia Visitor Centre for the day and thanks to all our Guilderton Visitor Centre volunteers for all they do. If you have mornings free on weekends and school holidays and would like to join us please phone Linda.

Linda Johnson Mobile: 0414 631 273

Stopping the spread of invasive Pyp grass

Sections of Guilderton's primary dune system are currently being degraded by infestations of Pyp Grass (*Ehrharta villosa*) and the biodiversity of surrounding vegetation is being undermined as a result of the spread of this aggressive invasive weed. In response to this threat, Moore Catchment Council commissioned a survey of the Pyp grass extent in Guilderton and possible management actions. The report was presented and discussed at a community

workshop held in Guilderton on the 7th November.

Rachel Walmsley MCC's NRM Officer said "Pyp Grass was introduced into Australia for use in dune stabilisation but unfortunately it is now destroying vast hectares of native vegetation by smothering and out-competing the dune plants. It appeared in Guilderton more than 30 years ago and now covers nearly 13ha between the river and the lighthouse which is extensive compared to other coastal towns in the region. It has a fast-growing rhizome system and each plant can spread up to 9 metres per year."



Linda Johnson with Pyp Grass rhizome

Estimates put the cost of herbicide control works at around \$90,000 as it is quite difficult and expensive to get the weed under control. Our next step is to obtain funds to start the Pyp grass control works but it will take at least 3 years to eradicate the weed from Guilderton.

Western Botanical was commissioned to produce the management report, and project manager Martin took the workshop group through the report and we discussed the areas for priority.

Thanks go to Northern Agricultural Catchments Council through the Australian Government's National Landcare Program for funding this project.

Cathy Naussedat



Native seed collection workshop







Join Moore Catchment Council and
APACE nursery to learn how and when to collect
seed from native dune species

Learn to identify native dune plant species
and species which are weeds

Help collect local provenance seed to propagate for the June
2017 North Guilderton dunes community planting day

When: Friday 9th December 2016
Where: Meet at car park above North Groyne, Guilderton
Time: 9:00am until 12:30pm. Lunch provided. (Option to carry on collecting post lunch)
RSVP: Rachel 9653 1355 / 0409 296 264 or mcc.nrm@bigpond.com

- Please be sun smart, bring a hat, wear closed shoes and long trousers. We will be in the bush and there are lots of prickly plants!
- Bring secateurs and gloves if you have them
- Bring a water bottle with plenty of water - seed collecting is thirsty work

This Moore Catchment Council project is being funded through NACC's coastal program funded by the Australian Government's National Landcare Program







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MOORE THAN JUST GOOD DATA

The great work continues with NACC's Healthy Estuaries project with more estuary monitoring at Moore River. In the last monitoring session for the year collaboration was the name of the game when Jurien Bay and Guilderton locals joined forces to share their experience and knowledge.

Coastal and Marine Project Officer Hamish Longbottom said "The human component of Healthy Estuaries is just as important as the data we are collecting. Getting people out into nature, learning about the estuarine environment and connecting with other people is what makes this

such a great project".

Estuary monitoring for the Hill and Moore Rivers kicks off again in February 2017 and NACC will continue to support estuary monitoring volunteers to collaborate and learn from each other. "Estuary monitoring volunteers have a critical role in ensuring our estuaries are looked after. Without them we are missing out on a lot of important information about these systems".

Bushfire Exercise

Guilderton Residents and visitors would like to say thank you to the Fireies who came into town on Sunday 27th November to conduct a Bushfire Exercise in preparation for the upcoming summer season.



Local government volunteer bush fire brigades and DFES career and volunteer fire and rescue services gave up their time to be involved in this invaluable exercise. Thank you.

We hope that all home owners have done as much as they can to prepare for the hot, dry season just around the corner.

Cathy Naussedat

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Guilderton Community Association

Saturday 28th January 2017 at 9:00am

Guilderton Community Hall, Wedge Street, Guilderton

Nominations close on 21st January 2017

Nomination forms may be given to a Committee Member or posted to:

Guilderton Community Association

PO Box 1101, Guilderton, WA 6041

For further information contact the GCA at gillianlamont@outlook.com

Nomination Form

I hereby nominate:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

For the GCA Committee position of:

Signature of Nominee:

Date:

Nominating member's details:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Signature:

Date:

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
GUILDERTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
AGENDA**

Date: Saturday 28th January 2017
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Venue: Guilderton Community Hall, Wedge Street, Guilderton
Chair: Dean Brady

- 1. Attendance Register**
- 2. Apologies**
- 3. Acknowledgement of Country**
- 4. Minutes of AGM of 23rd January 2016**
- 5. Matters Arising**
- 6. Presidents Report**
- 7. Treasurers Report**
- 8. Election of Office Bearers and Committee for 2017**
 - President nomination:
 - Vice President nomination:
 - Treasurer nomination:
 - Secretary nomination:
 - Committee Members (Up to 10 Committee Members allowed)
nominations:
- 9. Special Resolution for change of membership fee to bring the membership fee in line with the New Law Requirements under the Associations Incorporation Act 2015**
'that Membership fees be changed from \$25 per family to \$15 per person with each paid up member 18 years of age and over being entitled to vote.'
- 10. Special Resolution for Changes to the Constitution to bring the Rules in line with the New Law Requirements under the Associations Incorporation Act 2015**
'that the Rules of the Guilderton Community Association Incorporated be changed as marked on the copy of the Rules sent out to Members with the Notice of AGM.'
- 11. General Business**
- 12. Closure**

GCA Membership Application / Renewal Form 2017

\$15 per person with each paid up member over 18 years entitled to vote

Member Name: _____

Postal Address: : _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Signature: _____

Please return this form to the GCA and remit \$15 per person by:

Cash to the Visitor Centre or

Cheque posted to GCA, PO Box 1101 Guilderton WA 6041 or

Bank Deposit to GCA at Bendigo Bank

BSB: 633 100

Account: 145418018

Reference: your full name

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