

Quarterly Newsletter - Dec 2020

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GCA Report

Hello everyone

Merry Christmas to all our members and your families. I can't quite believe it is that time of year again. What a strange year it has been! Just a short note from me this time.

I hope everyone has been keeping well and healthy. I encourage everyone to make time to come to our AGM next year in January. We are losing a couple of committee members and I thank Cathy Naussedat and Kerry Jones for all their hard work and effort they have put in.

We are looking for a new secretary and a new treasurer for 2021. So please feel free to put your hand up and join us.

Over Covid we have been meeting at Linda and Bob Johnsons house and enjoying their view of the river while we meet. I also thank all our committee for the time they put in.

The October School Holidays was quite busy, but the town has been reasonably quiet since then. I am sure we will have the usual busyness of Christmas and look forward to seeing many of your faces over that period.

We need to actively seek membership for our association, so if you know anyone who would like to join or members of your own families, we welcome you all. The Association has not been doing any active fund raising so we rely on the membership funds to pay some of bills, insurance, web costs, so membership is very important to us to keep us running.

We have started collecting cans and bottles that receive the 10cent return money. You can drop them off at the Guilderton General Store or if you have a container for change place

near you and you would like to donate your cans and bottle to the association our number is C10358781. You need to quote that number and they deposit the money into our bank account.

I hope you all have a lovely Xmas and a Happy and safe New Year. Look forward to seeing everyone at the AGM.

Regards Kerry Enright



Happy and Safe Christmas to All

Guilderton Library

Every year in January, the Guilderton Community Library hold a free event in the caravan park for all guests as well as the wider community. This year it is going to be very different. Come long and join in the fun.

Christmas wishes to everyone from the Library Committee.

Madeline Henshaw



A poster for a 'BIG PAINTING ACTIVITY' at the Guilderton Community Library. The top features the library's name in white on a red banner with red paint dripping down. Below this, the words 'BIG PAINTING ACTIVITY' are written in large, bold, black letters. A yellow starburst contains the text 'Join us for a free painting activity'. To the right is an illustration of a blue paint bucket with orange paint and a yellow star. Below the bucket are several colorful, abstract paint splatters in red, green, orange, and purple. The date and time are listed as 'Tuesday 5 January 2021 10am - 12'. The location is 'meet at the lawn area outside the camp kitchen in the Guilderton Caravan Park'. At the bottom, it says 'ALL WELCOME come and join the fun' with a yellow star icon.

Vacswim is on again this Summer

You should have registrations in but for any further information please ring the instructor. Diana on 0407 906 620

Update from Rachel at Moore Catchment Council on the June revegetation work in Guilderton

I was down in Guilderton checking on the Pyp Grass weed spraying. Met up with Geoff and Jonno from Western Botanical who are spraying the Pyp with a grass selective herbicide. It's hard work as they are spot spraying through the natives.



Geoff was really impressed at the knock down from the last spray in 2018 and was also super impressed at the revegetation the community completed in July.

I was not impressed with the pillock who drove a 4WD through the dunes over some of the plants and tree guards! The WB team were there for the rest of the week while the weather held up. This a good project worth funding, as progress is being made. Thanks go to the State NRM Program for funding this project.

Rachel

Guilderton Country Club Christmas Event

Kids' Xmas Party is on Sunday 20th December from 11am. Members, please book in early so that Santa can fill his gift hamper!

Visitors (non members) are most welcome to book and bring their own contribution for Santa to distribute. We are arranging some special children's activities for the morning!



Guilderton Visitor Centre

Have you ever been into the Visitors' Centre and seen what we have to offer? If not, you may be missing out on some valuable information for your next holiday. We pride ourselves on the wide selection of tourist brochures we have on hand. They cover much of the state and each one has very informative and useful information on caravan parks, local attractions and important contact numbers for many towns and districts.

Don't forget we also have local produce and great little gifts which would make suitable Christmas presents for friends and relations. Summertime is our busiest time and we are on the look out for new volunteers who can help out on our roster. If you can help us please contact Linda for more information on 0414631273. Our opening hours are weekends, school and public holidays between 9.30 and 12.30pm so why not drop in and have a look around.

More information on the Guilderton area can be found on our website www.guildertonwa.com.au Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a great New Year.

Wendy

A fun Friday down in Guilderton learning about native seed collection.



Richard from APACE took us through licencing, and practical collecting and processing methods. We also collected a load of seed from several natives to grow for the Guilderton dune restoration projects. Good work team!!! Thanks to the State NRM Program for funding this project.

The seed grown will be used for future plantings on the dunes. Richard was amazed at how healthy our plants are but the weeds are a problem so we will need a couple of working bees with forks digging out the pelargonium (geranium) and onion weed.

The Country Club fed us well and we are so lucky to have these days provided to us free.

Thanks Rachel for getting the grants!

From Rachel at Moore Catchment Council

Seed collecting day was a great success on 4th December. Rachel, from Moore Catchment Council gets the grants for these events, and all the revegetation the GCA members and friends have done on the north dunes. We last collected 4 years ago and have planted all those plants so it was time to make some more.



We collected from the 8 or 9 species that were ready then sorted the loot ready for APACE nursery to grow them on in Freo. This is a very successful project that helps preserve the wonderful biodiversity we have in our town and surrounds.

Thank you to all our members for your support over the last 12 months. We hope that you will continue to support the various groups and committees working to maintain this beautiful part of Western Australia. Stay safe and well over the Christmas and New Year period ahead.

Friends of Moore River Estuary

held their delayed AGM in September and are ready to carry on for another year.

All of Moore River South is still For Sale and we are pursuing our idea of 'Wilbinga Regional Park' to protect the coast and bushland between the city limit and the estuary area.

Our latest water quality monitoring, with the Dept of Water, was held on November 27th. Despite the estuary having been at an extremely low level for much of November, we were able to get to all five sites to test.



The ten day bar opening saw salt sea-water push further up to near Silver Creek, especially in the deeper water, in the salt wedge that sinks below the fresh water at the surface. Oxygen levels were good at all sites and there was little algae, probably as we haven't had much warm weather yet. Lots of seaweed came in with the seawater while the bar was open so the bottom of the river is thick with it in places.

Bird, insect and fish life are so well balanced in the estuary, we hope that there will be no problems over summer. We wish all friends lots of fun here over summer.

You are welcome to contact me with any queries.

Linda 0414 631 273

Summer Suite of Events
GINGIN Community Bank, Shire and Events Bendigo Bank

SHIRE OF GINGIN & BENDIGO BANK PRESENT

AUSTRALIA

DAY PICNIC BREAKFAST
26 . 1 . 2021

NEERGABBY GROUNDS, GINGIN BROOK RD

BREAKFAST FROM 7.30AM • OFFICIAL PROGRAM FROM 9AM

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES • CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY • COMMUNITY CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Community Citizen of the year Awards
Australian Day

ENQUIRIES • CONTACT THE SHIRE'S EVENT TEAM ON (08) 9575 5162 / events@gingln.wa.gov.au

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MUSIC

IN THE PARK
9 . 1 . 2021

GABBADAH PARK, GUILDERTON

5.30-10PM • FREE ENTRY

LIVE BAND • CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES • FOOD & DRINK AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

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I wonder if you have noticed the magnificent Christmas trees blossoming alongside the Indian Ocean Drive. They are particularly striking in the burnt out bush areas between Yanchep and Woodridge. Their trunks are blackened from the fire event in December—January this past Summer. But their orange coloured flowers are incredibly brilliant this season. Amazing what nature does to recover from such disasters.

This article is taken from the Council to Community Newsletter from the Shire of Gingin.

Cathy Naussedat

What is the Noongar significance of the moojar tree (*Nuytsia floribunda*) commonly known as the Western Australian Christmas tree. It is said that the moojar is regarded as "highly spiritual" because it is associated with the spirits of the dead who according to the 'old people' "camped" on the branches and flowers of the tree on their way to Kurannup – the land of the ancestors across the Western ocean. The cultural significance of *Nuytsia floribunda* is well established in the early ethnohistorical records. Daisy Bates in an article in *The Australasian* (1926 in Bridge 1992: 150) refers to it as the "ghost tree" and in a later publication (1938) "the tree of souls." Her Noongar informants call it the moojarr or "Kaanya Tree" (kaanya, meaning recently departed soul). Bates emphasises that this tree was sacred to all Bibbulmun people throughout southwestern Australia from Jurien Bay to the east of Esperance. She categorically states that:

'No living Bibbulmun ever sheltered or rested beneath the shade of the tree of souls; no flower or bud or leaf of the tree was ever touched by child or adult; no game that took shelter beneath it was ever disturbed.' (Bates 1938 in Bridge 1992: 153)

Bees are so **important** to our livelihood as they help to **pollinate** most of the crops we eat and many that feed farm livestock. In fact, nearly two-thirds of **Australia's** agricultural production **benefits** from honey **bee** **pollination**.

Around 65 per cent of agricultural production in Australia depends on pollination by European honeybees. The importance of pollination by honeybees to our horticulture and agricultural industries should not be underestimated. In Australia, 35 industries are dependent on honeybee pollination for most of their production. Crops vary in how much they rely on or respond to pollination by bees. Some industries, such as almonds, apples, pears and cherries, depend almost totally on bees for fruit and nut production. Due to the large number of wild European honeybees in Australia, the vital role of pollination is not widely recognised or valued and only a small proportion of agricultural producers manage the process through paid pollination. The potentially devastating impact of exotic pests such as Varroa mite, which is yet to reach Australia, pose a significant threat to honeybees and our pollination services.

Like honey bees, native Australian bees also feed on nectar and pollen from flowering plants. Native bees can also act as pollinators, fertilising plants by moving pollen from one flower to another. Recent research suggests that a range of native insects, including native bees, play an important role in the pollination of crops such as macadamia, blueberry and mango.

In some cases, native bees are actually better pollinators than honey bees. Flowers of tomato and eggplant only release their pollen when vibrated at a specific frequency. Honey bees are not able to buzz at the correct frequency and so cannot pollinate these types of flowers. But some Australian species — such as blue-banded bees, carpenter bees and teddy bear bees — are excellent buzz pollinators, vibrating their bodies at exactly the right frequency to release pollen and facilitate fertilisation.

Like bees around the world, Australian native bees are under threat from habitat loss, insecticide misuse and climate change. Some of our native bees feed primarily on native plants, so the conversion of bushland into agricultural or urban land can remove their valuable food sources.

Improper use of broad spectrum insecticides can kill bees, along with other beneficial insects. Neonicotinoid insecticides have lately attracted attention as a potential cause of bee declines but it is important to remember that any broad spectrum insecticide — including organic preparations such as permethrin — can harm bees.

How can we help our native Australian bees? Bees need flowers, so one of the simplest things you can do to help our native bees is to plant as many flowers as you can. Aim for a mix of species, with something in bloom at all times of the year.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Guilderton Community Association

Saturday 23rd January 2021 at 10.00am

Guilderton Community Hall, Wedge Street, Guilderton

Nominations close on 16th January 2021

Nominations are invited for all positions, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and committee members.

Nominations can be:

- given to a committee member
- posted to Guilderton Community Association - PO Box 1101, GUILDERTON WA 6041
- emailed to guildertongca@gmail.com

Please phone Kerry Enright 0437 672 673 or Linda Johnson on 0414 631 273

if you require further information

Nomination Form

I hereby nominate:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone No _____

Email _____

For the GCA position of _____

Signature of Nominee _____

Date _____

Nominating Member

Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

GCA Membership Application / Renewal Form 2021

\$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: 633000

Account: 145418018

Reference: your full name

Please note that our Constitution is available on our website

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