

## Quarterly Newsletter - March 2021

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### Presidents Report

Hello everyone

We held our Annual General Meeting in Jan this year, which was very low in numbers, so it was a very quiet meeting. We held our elections and Sam Collard chaired the meeting while elections were called. I was once again elected President. Linda Johnson is Vice President and Maggie Schmiedte joins our team as treasurer as we said goodbye to Cathy Naussedat. Linda Buxton and Anne Gilkes stay on as committee members and Kerry Jones our secretary leaves us as well. Thank you to both our ladies leaving us for their hard work and dedication to the committee. We now look to replace Kerry Jones as our secretary, so if anyone would like to take on this most rewarding role, please feel free to contact us.

We held our first committee meeting for 2021 on the 16th Feb.

Some things to look forward to in the next few months include the Art Exhibition in April. Also, Youth Week will be held all over the Shire of Gingin and activities will be held throughout Guilderton. Helen Sutherland from the Shire has been doing a good job in organising activities for our youth so look out for further information regarding this week. It was scheduled for last year but like many things it got cancelled because of Covid19. Fingers crossed it all goes well this year.

Clean up Australia Day is happening again and any help is welcome. We have the scouts group again coming to help us. We are looking for more membership for our community association so if you have a neighbour or a friend or two who you think would like to join please encourage them to do so.

This year we will be looking for any ideas so that we can get together more often in a social setting or an activity but it requires people to manage these things. Unfortunately, when it is just a few of us we get more things to do than we can manage, so the more the merrier.

Look forward to seeing you all in our beautiful little town of Guilderton; where the river meets the sea.

*Kerry Enright*



***Australia Day on the foreshore***

## **Guilderton Library**

### **CHILDREN'S PAINTING ACTIVITY**

Our Painting Activity that was held in the caravan park on Tuesday 5 January was a fabulous success. We were given a kayak for the children to paint. Not only were the children eager, there were grandma's, mums and dads all wanting to make their mark. This is the 3rd year we have held an activity and each year it gets bigger. Not sure what we'll endeavour next year.

### **CHANGE OF HOURS**

After lengthy discussions with the Committee we have made the hard decision to only open the library on Saturdays. We have noticed a decline in Wednesday patronage and with winter coming we felt this would be the right time to change. Naturally should things change we will review further down the track. So our new hours will be: Saturdays only from 9.30 to 11.30 am

Madeline H



Gingin President Wayne Fewster and St John Ambulance Lancelin and Coastal Districts volunteer Bob James at the unveiling of the new beach emergency number sign Guilderton foreshore. Picture: Anita McInnes

The Beach Emergency Numbers (BEN) system – named in honour of fatal shark bite victim Ben Gerring – is a coding system that aims to improve emergency response times by installing signs with unique codes at public beach access points.

These signs provide specific location information, vital when emergency services are deployed in the event of a shark sighting, attack or other beach emergencies (including capsized boats and fires).

Guilderton has several BEN signs located at frequently used swimming and fishing locations in the town. Next time you are in town, make a point of locating as many as you can so that you are familiar with them in case of an emergency.

BEN sign locations can be viewed on the [Shark Smart activity map www.sharksmart.com.au](http://www.sharksmart.com.au)).

### **Guilderton Visitor Centre Report— GCA AGM 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2021**

GVC was affected by Covid19 in not operating between mid-March and September.

Our financials reflect our reduced activity but still leave us in a good position for the future. Thanks to Linda and Gillian for keeping these so well.

Our rates of visitors, enquiries and sales were similar to a year ago but I am getting far more telephone enquiries these past months.

We are still open on weekends, public and school holidays year around, whenever a volunteer is available. Our website is invaluable for visitors enquiring about facilities, accommodation and services anytime.

Thanks to our sub-committee of Sharon, Linda, Wendy and Kerry and our dozen wonderful volunteers who keep the place open. We always welcome more.

*Linda Johnson*



**Guilderton Visitor Centre** was nominated in this year's Shire Community Group category in the Citizen of the Year Awards. We didn't win, but it is good to be recognised for the thousands of volunteer hours given to provide our valuable service as a Visitor and Information Centre.

We are open 9.30 to 12.30 on weekends and holidays and would love to have more volunteers. We welcome you to come for a look too!



***The Lindas accepting the certificate from Shire President Wayne Fewster***

*Linda Johnson 0414 631 273*

**Clean Up Australia Day** is at the end of February, on the long weekend. Sunday the 28th commencing at 8am to 12noon, when all helpers are invited to a sausage sizzle and drink at the Country Club.

Scouts are coming from Beldon to camp in Silver Creek, Scouts from Gingin are coming for the day and will go with the boats going upriver to clean the banks; Linda B will be at GVC for volunteers for the foreshore and beach; Kerry will lead a road team from the Country Club and a 4WD team will come down the track from Seabird. It's a great effort so please encourage others to join in. There is a sausage sizzle and drinks at the Country Club at 12 noon for all helpers.



***Kerry and Ron lead the road team and would love a couple more cars to meet them at the Country Club at 8am to help***

It's a great effort so please encourage others to join in.

Phone Linda if you can help: 0414 631 273.



**Music in the Park**

**Jan 2021**

**Excellent weather**

**Great fun for all**



**PYP GRASS** - MCC managed to score not 1 but 2 projects in 2020 to tackle the Pyp Grass infestation at Guilderton. We've tried in vain to get more funding to extend the Pyp Grass spraying program at Guilderton after funding ground to a halt in May 2018, but got knocked back at least 4 times. So to score 2 grants in one year is great.

What is Pyp Grass? Pyp Grass (*Ehrharta villosa*) was introduced into Australia for use in dune stabilisation. However, as an aggressive invader with biological adaptations to dry situations it is known to smother and replace native vegetation, threatening the biodiversity of the Western Australian coastal ecological communities.

The coastal dunes at Guilderton are a key natural asset, providing ecosystem services to the town including coastal protection, tourism and ecological services. Pyp grass smothers native vegetation, so it is important to spray off so that native plants are able to re-establish themselves. The grants also provided funding for some native seed collection and also community planting events.

Thanks Rachel Walmsley and her team at Moore Catchment Council

## **A CALL OUT TO NEW VOLUNTEERS - MOORE ARTS A CREATIVE EXHIBITION**

Planning is underway for the Annual Easter Exhibition to be held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2021. Our artists who were unable to exhibit last year are very keen to exhibit this year.

For many years Delys and Gillian have been our artistic advisers and enthusiastic designers of the exhibition. Not an easy task when the number of exhibitors and the range of exhibits have grown over the last few years – exhibiting in an attractive way all the artwork that has been offered has been up to them and they have always created an amazing display. This year will be different as Gillian and Delys are no longer available for this important role.

**We are now looking for an equally enthusiastic person who will take on this activity for the 2021 exhibition. Delys who has been involved with the exhibition since its inception 26 years ago, is willing to assist whoever takes on the main role.**

If you would like to take on this creative and important role, or if you know someone who would love to be involved in this way, **please email Anne Gilkes on [agilkes@westnet.co.au](mailto:agilkes@westnet.co.au) or phone Anne on 0427 687 053**

Moore Arts Committee



The poster for the Moore Arts Guilderton Easter Arts Exhibition and sale features a central white rectangular area with bold, stylized text. The text reads: 'annual GUILDERTON EASTER ARTS EXHIBITION and sale Easter Saturday'. To the left of this central area, the word 'Moore' is written vertically in a large, white, serif font on a dark green background. To the right, there is a vertical strip of four colored squares (white, tan, green, white) and a seashell illustration. At the bottom left, the text '9am to 2pm' is displayed in a green, sans-serif font. At the bottom right, the text 'Guilderton Community Hall' is displayed in a black, sans-serif font. The entire poster is set against a background of various colored squares and rectangles in shades of green, blue, and tan.





## **Environmental Report— GCA AGM 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2021**

Last year we were affected, like everyone else, by restrictions put in place to control Covid19.

Volunteers in Guilderton still achieved a lot.

In early March we participated in Clean Up Australia, as we do each year.

In 2020 the Beldon Scouts again camped in Silver Creek and removed the rubbish there.

At 8am, 4 boats took to the riverbanks and cleaned up past Woodridge while another team meets at the Country Club and cleans up the road into town from the highway.

From the Visitor Centre 'anyone willing' signs on and goes along the foreshore, coast and groyne area to remove the rubbish wherever they find it. A 4WD team comes in at Seabird and cleans up the track down to the lighthouse. It's a fabulous effort, rewarded by the Country Club who provide a sausage sizzle, drinks and watermelon at noon.

Thanks to all involved and all are welcome again this year.

The past 6 years have seen the fencing and revegetation of 22ha of the dunes west of the lighthouse. Much of it was done with plants grown from seed we collected 4 years ago, and now 'that job' is done. Thanks to Moore Catchment Council (MCC) who made it possible and everyone who helped!

In 2020 the last of those plants were used to revegetate the dunes on the corner of Mortimer Rd and the track to the groyne. MCC also has a pyp grass control spraying programme in place and this planting complements that plan.

In September MCC held a 'seed collectors workshop' where several of us got licensed and have collected lots more 'provenance seed' off the dunes to be turned into plants by Apace nursery ready for future local rehabilitation plantings.

These free events are open to everyone and advertised in GCA newsletters and MRN.

Friends of Moore River Estuary continue to watch for any signs of movement at Moore River South. The 2099 ha have been for sale for over 5 years and remains a poor plan.

Our main aim now is a proposal for a Regional Park between the city limit at Two Rocks, the estuary, the ocean and IOD. Wilbinga Regional Park would allow for lots of recreational use with 4WD tracks, camping and possibly windmills, etc, but all controlled and with the aim of protecting this rich banksia woodland, home to many valuable species like the Carnaby's black cockatoos.

FOMRE continues to work with the Dept of Water to do water quality testing at the 5 sites on the estuary every quarter. We are pleased to report good oxygen levels and other signs of a healthy waterway.

Preventing people cutting through the sandbar is still a major problem as this behaviour prevents proper flushing of the estuary and results in silting up of the deeper holes which are fish refuges. We are lucky that the estuary is fed by so many clean springs as Gingin Brook dries up in summer now and the flows from Moore River are less as the climate dries.

Moore River estuary remains a beautiful, natural haven for birds, fish, animals the bush and people to enjoy. Thanks for respecting this very special place.

More information on our website at [guildertonwa.com.au](http://guildertonwa.com.au)

Linda Johnson (0414 631 273)



*Jurien Bay Regional Herbarium Group invite you to...*

## **2021 COAST CARE FORUM**

**Jurien Bay Country Golf Club - 19<sup>th</sup> St.**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

**Registration and Morning Tea 9:30am**

**Supported by Coastwest and NACC NRM**

**A day filled with Guest Speakers, presentations and a chance to exchange with other Coast Care groups from Guilderton to Geraldton.**

**Light lunch provided. The day closes approximately 3pm.**

**\*\*\*RSVP by Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March, So important for catering!\*\*\***

**Email: [jbayherbarium@gmail.com](mailto:jbayherbarium@gmail.com) or phone/ text Jenny: 0418 950 189**



Department of Biodiversity,  
Conservation and Attractions



## **New Holland Honeyeater** - often seen in our backyards at Guilderton

**Scientific Name:** [Phylidonyris novaehollandiae](#)

### **Description:**

The New Holland Honeyeater is mostly black and white, with a large yellow wing patch and yellow sides on the tail. It has a small white ear patch, a thin white whisker at the base of the bill and a white eye. This honeyeater is an active bird, and rarely sits still long enough to give an extended view. Sexes are similar in looks, but females are slightly smaller in size. Young birds are browner and have a grey eye.



### **Similar species:**

One very similar species is the White-cheeked Honeyeater, *Phylidonyris nigra*. This species has a single large white cheek patch and a dark eye. The two species frequently occur together.

### **Habitat:**

The New Holland Honeyeater is common in heath, forests, woodland and gardens, mainly where grevilleas and banksias are found. It is an inquisitive little bird.

### **Feeding:**

New Holland Honeyeaters are active feeders. With long, slender beaks and a tongue which can protrude well beyond the end of their beaks, New Holland Honeyeaters are able to probe for nectar in the deep flowers of ***Banksias* and *Grevilleas***. Other food items include fruit, insects and spiders.

### **Breeding:**

The New Holland Honeyeater's cup-shaped nest is made of bark and grasses, bound together with spider web. It is lined with soft material and is placed in a bush or tree, anywhere from ground level up to 6 m. Both sexes feed the chicks. A pair of adults may raise two or three broods in a year.

### **Calls:**

The voice comprises a loud 'chik', a fainter 'pseet' and some chattering notes. If danger, such as a bird of prey approaches, a group of honeyeaters will join together and give a loud alarm call.

Cathy Naussedat



# GCA Membership Application / Renewal Form 2021

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

**Member Name:**

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**Postal Address:** :

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**Phone:**

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**Email Address:**

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**Signature:**

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**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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