

Quarterly Newsletter



Peter Fry, Gay Messer & Gillian Lamont at Bush Music in the Park

A crowd of close to three hundred turned out on a beautiful Easter Sunday evening to join in the fun at GCA's Bush Music Event at Gabbadah Park. Greg Hastings, cofounder of the Mucky Duck Bush Band, Brian Langley, famous city/bush poet and his partner Dot, along with Nancy Coe with her wonderful accordion music, and thespian poet, Peter Fry, shared their passion and wit with the crowd in a night filled with poetry, music and dancing. It was wonderful to see so many of the audience join in the dancing and share their poetry.

The GCA would like to thank the musicians and poets, Moore Men's Shed who supplied ample and tasty rounds of damper and billy tea, and the Shire of Gingin for their sponsorship of the event.

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From the President's Desk...

A lot of work has gone into preparing the submission for Australian Clean Beaches. We will be looking for as much help as possible to do a cleanup in order to present Guilderton at its best for judging on the 19th June. If you are able to lend a hand, please present to the Guilderton Country Club Car Park at 4pm on Sunday 14th June.

One of the projects that caught the eye of the state judges is the North Guilderton Restoration Project. We will be moving onto the next stage of this project and having a planting day on Sunday 7th June. A flyer is included in this newsletter with all the details.

You will see from the photo on the flyer just how barren of vegetation these dunes have become. Now that the area is fenced off from invasive 4WD vehicles, it is time to start planting.

If you are able to spare a couple of hours to help us that morning, it would be really appreciated. More hands will make light work, and there'll be an opportunity to mix with other workers over lunch, provided by Moore Catchment Council.

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The interpretive signage on the foreshore, at the lookout and at the Groyne will form an integral part of our Clean Beaches' submission, and I would like to acknowledge the enormous effort Rachel Walmsely, Natural Resources Management Officer at the, Moore Catchment Council, has put into working on these signs.

We are presently working on a set of map and walk trail signs with Rachel, and we hope to have these up in time for the judging day as well.

One of the aspects which comes across very strongly in our submission, is the way the community manages the impacts of tourism by enhancing the development of Guilderton as a nature-based tourist asset focusing on the education of visitors.

This summer has seen a lot of problems with vehicles on the beach and our much loved 'Desert', boats speeding on the river and vehicles speeding on the roads. The GCA has written to the relevant authorities requesting more help with these matters, and the Gingin Shire

has sent supporting letters. Our concern with respect to the speeding on the river is for swimmers as well as for the preservation of the river banks, and on the roads, for the people (often children) walking where there are no footpaths.

We have discussed completion of the Guilderton town centre dual-use path network with the Shire and they have undertaken to review these pathways within the entire Shire to provide an indicator of where and when they should be built. Please keep an eye out and take heed of the notices in our newsletter concerning all these issues.

With respect to vehicles on the beach, the Shire passed a local law last year prohibiting vehicles on the beach for 4kms south of the Groyne, giving more grist to the Ranger to issue infringement notices.

Please don't feel you are being a nuisance by calling him on the number provided in this newsletter. The Ranger assures us that he does want to hear from us, as he can't be everywhere at the one time.

And with respect to vehicles on the desert (and the beach), Shire CEO, Jeremy Edwards organised some very successful joint patrols with the Moore River South Development Company, Department of Parks and Wildlife and Shire Rangers in order to break and put an end to this escalating problem. We are very grateful to the Shire and the Rangers for the level of support given to us on these serious matters.

And now to a good news story to end my report. The Australian Maritime Services Authority (AMSA) has undertaken to have new signage manufactured and installed at the site of the lighthouse in the 2015/16 financial year. This is in response to a letter written to AMSA by Guilderton resident Allan Giblett requesting that former information boards about the lighthouse be restored.

The GCA and the Shire wrote letters of support to go with Allan's letter, and are very pleased with the promised outcome.

Gillian Lamont



Fun at Bush Music in the Park (photo courtesy of Bob Johnson)



Moore Men's Shed serving damper and billy tea

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Guilderton – National Finalist Australian Clean Beaches Award

For those who have not already heard, Guilderton has been selected as the Western Australian finalist for Keep Australia Beautiful's Australian Clean Beaches Award 2015. This program celebrates and awards communities who actively work for a cleaner, more sustainable coastal environment.

Guilderton was selected for its outstanding achievements in coastal and waterway conservation, and will now be competing against Bondi Beach in NSW, Richardson's Beach in Tasmania, and Port Julia, York Peninsula in South Australia, along with some others.

The GCA has been the driving force behind Guilderton's Keep Australia Beautiful successes, and will be the submitting body for Australian Clean Beach Award 2015 on behalf of the town.

Two initiatives in Guilderton's state entry that impressed Keep Australia Beautiful state judges include the construction of a timber stairway leading from the outlook gazebo at the top car park down to the ocean to provide safe access to the beach and help to restore the foreshore dunes from further degradation, and the North Guilderton Coastal Restoration Project which was created to help protect native vegetation unique to the area.

National Judge, Averil Bones, from Keep Australia Beautiful will visit us on 19 June 2015 to learn more about Guilderton in a day-long programme involving all the stakeholders. The Shire of Gingin will host the day.

The national awards will take place in Darwin in September.

Easter Art Show

The Guilderton Easter Art Show attracted a steady stream of visitors with a fine display of art and craft from local artists in a not to be missed show that has become entrenched as part of Easter in Guilderton.

The Guilderton Community Association supported this show and would like to thank all the artists and supporters.



If you see Bad Behaviour or Speeding on the River...

Complete a **Marine Safety Complaint Report** and return it to the Department of Transport.

Forms are available on www.transport.wa.gov.au

or from the **Guilderton Visitor Centre**
(open 9-12 weekends and holidays)

Marine Safety and Fisheries WA do their best, but are limited in the time that they are able to patrol the Moore River in Guilderton, and ask the Guilderton Community to assist by reporting incidents of non-compliance. All complaints are followed up, most likely with a warning in the first instance.

If you see Vehicles on the Beach...

Phone the Shire Ranger on
9575 2222



Rubbish left from 4WD Campers on the beach

If you see Bad Behaviour or Speeding on the Roads...

Are you fed up with the bad behaviour and hooning on the roads of the small minority of our visitors who spoil it for everyone else?

Phone Lancelin Police on
9650 1100

You are not being a nuisance. The station needs complaints to be able to ask for extra patrols at Guilderton in peak times.

Vehicles on the Beach and Desert

Shire President, Michael Aspinall, proposed a motion to Councillors on 17th March (that was carried unanimously) that Council refer the proposal for establishment of a Prohibited Area under the Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Act 1978 over an area of land bounded by the Indian Ocean to the west, Reserve 49994 (Wilbinga Reserve - Department of Parks and Wildlife) to the south, Indian Ocean Drive to the east and Barragoon Road and the Moore River to the north to the Shire's Department of Regulatory Services for further investigation.

A Discussion Paper in relation to the implications of this proposal is being prepared. The GCA commends President Aspinall on his initiative, and acknowledges and is appreciative of the support given by Councillors.



ANZAC Day 2015



Luke and Jack Ellis, Pippa and Ellie Connor
(photo courtesy of Linda Ellis)

Everyone expected the 100th year celebration to be a special event and the Guilderton Country Club made plans accordingly. The weather was perfect and a good crowd of around 250 people attended.

Unfortunately our Councillor, Sam Collard, was unavailable but we welcomed ex RAN, Phil Flavell, to lead the proceedings. We received great support from the RSL in revising our service for this special year. The Shire of Gingin donated a new wreath and nobody could escape the significance of the Bugle sounding "The Last Post".

After the service, about 150 participants enjoyed a cooked breakfast in the club which was followed by the Digger's Cup that has now become a traditional event in Guilderton. Teams of four players enjoy a novelty game of golf followed by lunch in the Club and then a bowling event. No experience required other than a sense of humour. This is a great event to sample these games and to meet new people from our local community and regular visitors.

Put it your calendar for next year, Monday 25th April.

Bob Johnson, President Guilderton Country Club

Guilderton Country Club

Guilderton Country Club is your local licensed venue in Guilderton. Situated on the Shire reserve in Hall St, the Club is a community asset run by its members. Membership is open to the whole community, and visitors are always welcome. This is a great place to meet up with others within the community, relax with a beer or a glass of wine and enjoy a hearty meal.

The Club is open every day except Mondays and Tuesdays. Dinner and bar snacks are available each night and lunch is served on Saturday and Sunday. It is also a great venue for special occasions such as weddings and birthdays. Do visit the Club's Facebook page for details on up-and-coming events.

The Country Club is essentially a sports club with golf, bowls, tennis, pool and darts. Volunteers run the golf course and bowling green and maintain their playing areas for summer and winter competitions. Both sports clubs are always looking for new members and welcome casual visitors on an honour box system.

Bob Johnson

Guilderton Visitor Centre

As the days shorten and cool, GVC is ready for the grey nomad parade! We have in stock current brochures for attractions near and far in WA and a new brochure about Guilderton. Also look out for new Walk Trail signs which will be around town soon, as we try to enhance visitors' experiences of our town.

Our stock includes gourmet olive oil, honey, jams and pickles, as well as a delightful range of gifts at very reasonable prices.

We are open on weekends and public holidays between 9am and 12 noon, and every during school holidays.

Friends of Moore River Estuary

FoMRE has held its AGM and is set for a year of watching to see if Moore River Company (MRC) progresses any development plans at Moore River South. Both the Outline Development and the Foreshore Management Plans are available for viewing at the Visitor Centre or from Linda Johnson.

Protection of all land between the Two Rocks border, Indian Ocean Drive, the ocean and the river is of great interest to those of us who wish to protect the estuary. The recent incursions of 4WDs through this land is of great concern to FoMRE and GCA. We are working with the Shire and MRC to see that this area is not destroyed by vehicles, so that we can all continue to enjoy our boating and leisure pastimes on the desert and beaches, as usual.

FoMRE are also keen to better understand the estuary. We have plans, with the Department of Water (DoW) and the Northern Agricultural Catchment Council (NACC) to set up water quality monitoring in the estuary later this year. This is complicated and requires an expensive meter so we are indebted to NACC and DoW for making this possible.

Membership of our group is \$20 per family per year. We welcome new and old members as our numbers prove our relevance in these ongoing issues. Please email our secretary at diana676@tpg.com.au if you would like to join us.



Reflections on Moore River

My story began with my partner and I thinking of purchasing some land at Margaret River, and so we began looking under M in the land and properties for sale section in the West Australian.

There was nothing which quite suited, but under the M section, of course, were properties for sale at Moore River. My partner who is from WA had never been to Guilderton whereas I, a Victorian, had been several times and really liked the place.

So we looked at and made an offer for a small cottage which was not accepted, but by then we were under the spell of the seaside haven. The following weekend we were back to view other properties which were for sale, and this time we found and purchased the beach shack which has been our refuge from city life and the beginning of a beautiful relationship with this wonderful place.

As I have often said "**The Guilderton treasure is not buried, it is all around us**".

Old Friends (The Moore River Estuary)

The silvery snake slithers to the sea mouth swollen, balloon like it yearns to meet its vast and salty friend.

When spring and tide collide and wind and moon consent to unlock the smooth and sandy gate.

Sleek silver and salt converge and with a turbulent embrace mix and mingle swapping stories of their separate lives.

When time and tide, and cosmic clocks decide the meeting ends.

Sand joins with sand and thus suspends the hug and handshake whirlwind romance, the fleeting, frothy water dance.

Though part of the serpent's body through the mouth is spent, the sister spring offers replenishment.

Peter Fry

Clean up for Clean Beaches

Your help is needed for an hour or two!

Sunday 14th June at 4.00pm

Meet in the car park of the Country Club

Bags and gloves supplied

GCA Membership Application / Renewal Form

\$25 for Family or Single Membership (or all people who live at the same address)

Member Name(s): _____

Postal Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please return this form to the GCA and remit \$25 by:

Cash to the Visitor Centre or Community Library or

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

Bank Deposit to GCA at Bendigo Bank

BSB: 633 108

Account: 145418018

Reference: Please enter your surname as the reference.

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GCA can now be followed on
Facebook & Instagram



Community planting day



Help repair the North Guilderton dunes.

We need your help to plant 2,000 native seedlings and protect them with tree guards.



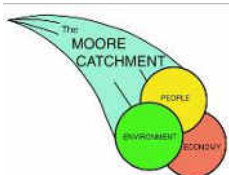
When: Sunday 7th June 2015

Where: Meet at car park above North Groyne

Time: 9:30am onwards. Light lunch and refreshments provided

RSVP: Rachel 9653 1355 / 0409 296 264 or mcc.nrmo@bigpond.com

- Please be sunsmart - bring hat, glasses and sunscreen
- Please bring gloves, own shovel or trowel and bucket
- Wear boots and suitable clothing



This Moore Catchment Council project is being funded through Western Australian Government's State Natural Resource Management Program

