



Guilderton Community Association

Quarterly Newsletter – June 2017

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From the Committee. . . .

Hello Members

Well the wet has finally come and all the fauna in town is having a good drenching. The ocean has had some high tides and swells and the coastline has lost some of its sandbanks again. Fishermen are dragging in quite a bit of seaweed, as well as having some good catches.

Easter holidays were busy with Art shows, sales and lots of activity on the river. Over the past few months the Bush Medicine workshop, visit to Muchea Nursery and Chittering Landcare, and also Native Plant workshops have kept the locals

busy and learning more and more about our wonderful landscape.

We invite all of our members to join us for another planting day on the North Dunes on 11th June. The re-vegetation was very successful last year having rain shortly after planting and then some wonderful downpours in January and February.

The Moore Arts committee would love to see as many budding painters attend the Watercolour Workshop organised for the first weekend in September – see details in this newsletter.

The bridge over the Moore River, on Indian Ocean Drive is having major work done to it, with a single lane only for North and South bound traffic. We encourage all drivers to be patient and stay safe while this inconvenience adds just a little time to the trip.



Leave your footprint in the sand and nothing else

And lastly, there is quite a lot of concern over the unruly and inappropriate behaviour on the desert at times. Waterslides are creating gullies on the slopes and rubbish is left, along with poor language that drifts across to the homes and people enjoying the river on the Northside. If you are aware of persons responsible, please encourage them to make a change and correct such actions.

Cathy Naussead (committee member)

Subscribe to Moore Catchment Council so that you can be added to their mailing list. It is free and you receive newsletters and interesting information about the region direct to your email. Go to www.moorecatchment.org.au



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 11th June 2017
Where: Meet at car park above North Groyne, Guilderton
Time: 9:30am onwards. Lunch provided.
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.
- Bring gloves, trowel/shovel, bucket if you have them
- Bring a water bottle with plenty of water - planting 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



Guilderton Visitor Centre

Hi to everyone from the Guilderton Visitor Centre. What a busy time it has been, with school holidays, Easter then Anzac Day, which made for a very good April and the best part of May. There have been numerous comments made to us on the amount of information we have available and how interesting our little Visitor Centre is. Always good to hear positive feedback

New volunteers to our team have been a great boost to us, making it easier to fill the rosters. We can always welcome more!

While the weather has continued to be extraordinarily beautiful, visitors are still coming.

The rain has been welcomed and there is a chill in the air. Winter is coming, so enjoy the serenity.

Linda Buxton

We would like to recommend that our members take out a free subscription to Moore River News, which is now the only local newspaper. Published monthly, you will be advised when the latest newsletter is available for viewing on their website. Go to the website www.moorerivernews.com and register. It is free and very worthwhile. Alternatively you can also email mrnews@iinet.net.au asking to be added to the list.

The Bush Medicine workshop

On the 10th March the room was overflowing with people for this much anticipated day of learning about what nature has to offer.

Viv Hansen, a Noongar woman of Balladong and Wadjuk people talked about and showed us native plants, such as Oldman Saltbush and Balga Gum.

Groups of people were then organised to cut up Eucalyptus and Melaleuca leaves for boiling in olive oil and then adding beeswax to make a balm used for tired muscles and as a skin moisturiser.

Participants were then guided in the use of various plants for herbal pot-pourri, which can be used to help respiratory and sleep issues.

We thank Viv and Moort Hansen for the sharing of their knowledge and for the samples of balms and pot-pourri. Viv has recently published a book “Noongar Bush Medicine: Medicinal Plants of the South West of Western Australia” which is available via : <https://uwap.uwa.edu.au/products/noongar-bush-medicine-medicinal-plants-of-the-south-west-of-western-australia>

Rachel from MCC has promised another workshop in the future for those that missed out this time.

Cathy Naussedat

GCA Report

Visit to Muchea Tree Farm and Chittering Landcare

On Friday 21st April, some GCA members and other locals, accepted the invitation from Moore Catchment Council to meet at Muchea Tree Farm for a ‘behind the scenes’ exploration of this fascinating facility.

A hard working team work to reproduce the trees and bushes of the South West and Wheatbelt of WA. Many of these are unique to the fantastic ‘biodiversity hotspot’ that surrounds us in WA. Many of the plants are very hard to grow and more is discovered each year as different propagation methods have varying results. ‘Potting up’ takes seeds from specks to tiny plants then bigger and bigger specimens, while grafted cuttings grow on in other areas of the nursery. The losses along the way are great and everything is

‘hardened off’ under shade then in the sun before it is ready for planting or sale.



This specialised tree farm provides thousands of plants for revegetation works and sells to other nurseries and retail outlets and also direct to the public.



Thanks to Rachel and MCC and all at the Tree Farm for a most interesting visit. I’ve planted my box full of seedlings and look forward to some lovely flowers as they grow.

We then visited Chittering Landcare for a delicious lunch and presentation of the marvelous

Landcare and rehabilitation works that this group carries out in the local area.

It was an inspiring and educational day and a pleasant drive through the countryside. I recommend MCC days to anyone who can make the time to come along.

Linda Johnson

The Gingin Shire uses its website and Facebook page to promote local sporting groups and community events for free.

Website: www.gingin.wa.gov.au

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ShireOfGingin/

If your group is having a fundraiser or event that is open to members of our community, then you can drop us a line on 9575 5138 so that we can help with its promotion.

The Shire covers from Gingin to the coast and from Lancelin to Woodridge.

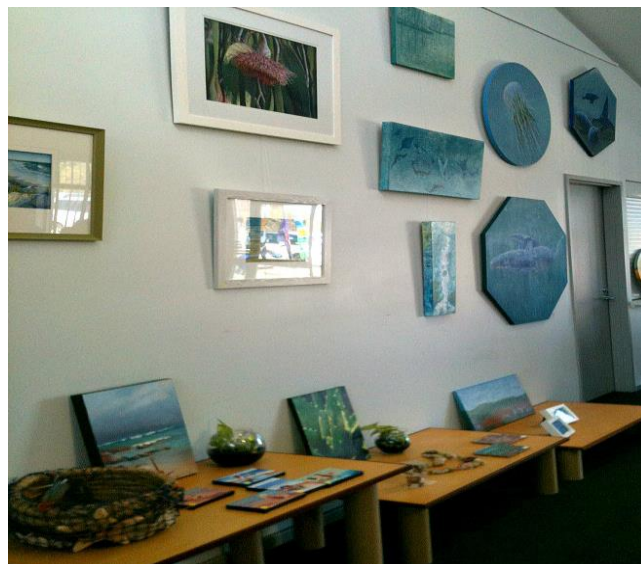
NEW ARTISTS ADD COLOUR AND VARIETY



Guilderton once again put on an exhibition and sale of art on Easter Saturday with a high standard of artwork. The number of artists exhibiting rose again this year, adding to the variety of art

displayed with Moore River and its environs as the theme.

The day was warm and sunny and the hall looked splendid with the improved hanging space. A large number of interested visitors attended, many arriving as the doors opened, others coming after a trip to the beach. We offer a big thank you to all who attended and to the volunteers who contributed their time and skills.



MOORE ARTS

Anne Gilkes

GUILDERTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Our Community Library continues to offer readers a large selection of literature. New books have been arriving in regular intervals over the last few months with members being able to make special requests for novels that have been seen in media releases.

Membership is \$5 annually and there is a large selection of novels to choose from.

Open every Saturday from 10am to 12 noon.

Madeline Henshaw

FOMRE

Friends of Moore River Estuary held its AGM in April and is set for another year 'protecting Moore River'. We share the Guilderton website so please read all about us via savemooreriver.org or guildertonwa.com.au. Come join us. We always welcome new members.

Our March water testing with NACC and Dept of Water went well as the river had refilled after the rainfall and sandbar breaks in Feb.

Testing is done at 5 sites, at depths between 20cm from the top and 50cm from the bottom, at each site. The average temperature on March 9th was 25 -27°C, and the dissolved oxygen was 4-6 at the surface down to 1 or 2 at the bottom. Above 4 at the surface is considered healthy for wildlife so our birds, fish, plants and other animals still have a great place to live. The pH is slightly alkaline, which is expected on our limestone coast. We also measure specific conductance and turbidity and will do our next run on May 26th. Contact me if you would like to know more.

Bob continues to take Photomon shots of the coastline and northern dunes for ongoing records with NACC.

We have received the results of the beach microplastics sampling which was done last year. The project was all around the WA coastline and all samples showed the existence of microplastics, the tiny particles that plastic breaks down to and that are doing so much harm in our environment as they are indigestible. The level in Guilderton was low but it makes us aware of how important it is to dispose of all plastic so that it can't get into our oceans and waterways.

The estuary is looking full and beautiful as we enjoy this warm, sunny autumn. As the winter rains arrive, the sandbar will no doubt break again and be in and out for a few months. I hope you

can find time to enjoy the quieter time in Moore River.

Linda Johnson
Mobile: 0414 631 273

Native Plants Workshop in Seabird

On the 29th April a group of locals attended a workshop organised by Hamish Longbottom from NACC.

Cassie from Apace nursery in Fremantle presented a very informative talk on a large number of native plants from our local area. Samples were passed around and our knowledge of plants used for re-vegetation was greatly increased. The botanical names, however, were quite a puzzle to many of us.



Hamish helped us to understand the potential of our own backyard gardens and the possibility of designing them to be more water friendly and more native based.

Thank you Hamish and Cassie for an excellent day. We also thank the Seabird Community for a delicious lunch and a very informative day.

Cathy Naussedat



Jude Scott is an award winning artist

Jude has an exciting and refreshing approach to teaching watercolours

Morning and Afternoon Teas and Lunches included during the weekend

Hosted by Moore Arts and the Guilderton Country Club

Web Address for Jude:

<https://www.judescott.co/>

For more information and to book your place for this exceptional weekend please contact one of the following:

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2-3 September 2017

Jude Scott Watercolour workshop

A weekend of painting watercolours

Moore Arts and award winning artist Jude Scott are holding a watercolour weekend workshop in the Guilderton Community Hall, which is part of the Guilderton Country Club complex. Morning and afternoon teas, and lunches provided by the Guilderton Country Club are included in the price of \$220 per person.

Day 1. Morning- How to work out just what to paint, analysing and drawing up the subject/scene.

Afternoon-Painting the scene/subject. How to produce the marks, wet in wet? Dry brush? Warm or cool?

Day 2. Water-movement on water/ reflections on still water and how to achieve these marks to get the desired effects. A morning painting and another in the afternoon in preferred subjects

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: 633 000

Account: 145418018

Reference: your full name

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