

Quarterley Newsletter - June 2018

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The Guilderton Lighthouse

At the place where 40 guilder coins were found from a ship that was wrecked in 1656, stands the red brick lighthouse that was established in 1983.

In 1931, forty 17th Century silver guilder coins were found in the sand hills near the entrance to the Moore River. They were believed to be from the wreck of the Dutch ship, the *Vergulde Draeck* ("Gilded Dragon") that had foundered on a reef just north of Moore River near Ledge Point in 1656. The wreck of the ship, which had been carrying a valuable cargo which included silver coins worth 185,000 guilders, was not discovered until 1963.

The lighthouse is the only major navigation light between Fremantle and Jurien Bay, and is also the last to have been built in Western Australia.

Constructed in specially tapered red clay bricks, 32 metres high and the base 7.5 metres in diameter. Placed on top was the white metal lantern house containing a triple bulls-eye lens that displayed a light that had a range of 22 nautical miles. The light is 76.75 metres above sea level.

<http://www.lighthouses.org.au/lights/WA/Guilderton/Guilderton.htm>

The Presidents Report

Hello everyone. This is just a short report this month to keep you informed on what some of the projects are that have been carried on, started or still on hold.

Linda Johnson has become Vice President, Cathy Naussedat is our Treasurer and Kerry Jones is our Secretary. The Information Bay area at the entrance to the township is slowly progressing with lots of help from Kerry Jones. Linda Johnson is still liaising with the 4 wheel drive people over designated tracks to the north of Guilderton and I have put out feelers for another Art Trail for next year.

Thanks to Anne Gilkes and The Moore Arts committee we have had a successful couple of events with the Easter Art show and the Grass Weaving Workshop weekend., with still some more Art Workshop events to come this year. Information on Watercolour Painting Workshop and Mosaics Workshop is included in this newsletter. We have applied for BEN numbers to be placed in the township and placement of those signs are being considered as we go to print. BEN signs are important so that if there is an emergency we just use those numbers so the emergency services know the exact location etc.

The controversial parking meters are in and the Ranger is having a ball issuing fines. Please make sure that you have your resident parking sign on display in your vehicle windscreen to avoid any unnecessary fines or confusion.

As we head into winter, keep warm and safe on our roads. If you know of anyone wanting to join the association our new email address is guildertongca@gmail.com. Or they can pick up forms from the Guilderton General Store and Moore River Post Office next time they are in town.

Kerry Enright

GUILDERTON CLEANS UP!

Sunday March 4th saw over 60 people take to Guilderton's river, roads, beaches, tracks and Silver Creek on Clean Up Australia day.

As crowds took to the river and beach for fun, others gave a couple of hours to remove rubbish from this lovely place. It was a beautiful day and not too hot! Phew!!

Many thanks to 1st Beldon Scout Group, who are allowed to camp in Silver Creek to thank them for their great efforts, in what has become an annual event.

Thanks to the 4WD club who brought 4 vehicles and 8 people to clean up the tracks and beach north of the lighthouse, for the first time. This group also gives invaluable help in revegetating this area of bush in our annual June planting day. Many thanks also to the river team of Bob and Richard, Jo and Hannah, Mike and Margo, Linda and Clive and Maggie, who brought down a boat-load of rubbish from the riverbanks.

Thanks to the road team of Gillian and Neil, Diana, Les, Jim, Eleanor and Rod and also the foreshore team of whoever Linda could persuade to help. At the groyne, Linda and Cathy scoured the road, bush and beach for rubbish as well.

And thanks to the Guilderton Country Club for donating a sausage sizzle for the workers, beautifully cooked by Anne and Bevan. Cold drinks and watermelon saw us all feeling nearly normal again.

And we also thank the locals who do clean ups over the rest of the year! We hope that others appreciate our efforts and decide to always put their rubbish in a bin.

Linda



Some of the Workers



Another Great Bunch of Helpers



And Some of the Rubbish!

The Easter Art Show was a resounding success with wonderful Artists displaying their work. The day was very pleasant with warm temperature and mild winds blowing. Many locals and visitors enjoyed the day. Displays included pottery, oil painting, water colours, photography, mosaics, jewellery, paper flowers, wood sculpture and grass weaving. We would like to thank the artists, volunteers who help set up and cleared away at the end and others that just leant a hand as need be. Maggie Schmidte did a magnificent job selling raffle tickets—you just could not go past Maggie without succumbing to her laughter and fun on the day—and there were great prizes to be won, donated by the artists of the day. Thank you.

Thank you Moore Arts committee—Anne Gilkes, Gill Treichel, Delys Brady, Elizabeth Eaton and Mariner Tutavaha

Cathy Naussedat

Jude Scott Watercolour Weekend

Date: 30th June – 1st July 2018

Location: Guilderton Country Club

Cost \$220 plus optional evening meal

Moore Arts and **Jude Scott** invite all keen and aspiring artists to join this exciting weekend of watercolour painting at the idyllic Moore River Estuary.



If you have never been to the beautiful little town where the river and ocean meet, and bird life

abounds now is your chance to join the group for some plein air painting the magical river here is a must! With tuition in watercolour and drawing. If you also wish to use pen, and wash and work on sketching, this will be a great opportunity to do so.

We will be based at the Guilderton Country Club on 30th June – 1st July 2018. The two-day workshop includes: tuition by Jude Scott with morning and afternoon tea, lunch on both days and an optional Saturday evening meal (average cost \$25-\$35).

For more information please contact:

Anne Gilkes: agilkes@westnet.com.au

Mariner Tutavaha: m.tutavaha@yahoo.com

Or phone Anne Gilkes on 0427 687 053, or

Mariner Tutavaha on 0417 980 929

See Jude's website at: <https://www.judescott.co/>

Moore Arts

Promoting art in the Guilderton Community

Clearing of Wetlands.

The Gingin Shire recently cleared wetland and escarpment vegetation along Silver Creek Road and Whitfield Street in Guilderton. This appears to be in breach of the Guilderton Fire Management Plan which was supported unanimously at the Shire of Gingin ordinary meeting on 15/06/2004. The Plan established 9 categories of fuel control. Silver Creek Road and Whitfield Street were category 4, which reads:

Species Protection Area:

Fuel reduction managed by local volunteers as able.

No residents were informed that the Shire was intending to clear and mulch prior to the mulching machine arriving in townsite. The machine operators were approached and didn't continue. Shortly after, the chief Fire Officer arrived saying, in no uncertain terms, clearing would go ahead even after being made aware of the current Guilderton Fire Management Plan.

At the bend in Silver Creek Road the escarpment drops into a gully. The bottom of this gully was completely blanketed in *Lepidosperma gladium* (sedge) spreading from the high water mark to the edge of the escarpment and slowly advancing up the scarp to the road verge at the top. This dynamic, which stabilised the scarp and filtered the drainwater feeding into the creek and Moore River at this point, was a perfect ecosystem. There is now nothing between the road verge and the high water mark – except the drain.

The land rises from the gully forming into an escarpment along the banks of the Moore River. The clearing continues along the road verge to the lookout where the *Billardiera* is now mulch. Guilderton is the only WA coastal location of this native creeper. And it is doubtful the Pink Fairy Orchids just before the Silver Creek Road bend will ever return.

Having given away the enjoyment of strolling down these roads, does it make us feel any safer? Certainly in the gully it has encouraged weed invasion.

Elaine and Vic McCartin

(a very concerned resident)

FRIENDS of MOORE RIVER ESTUARY

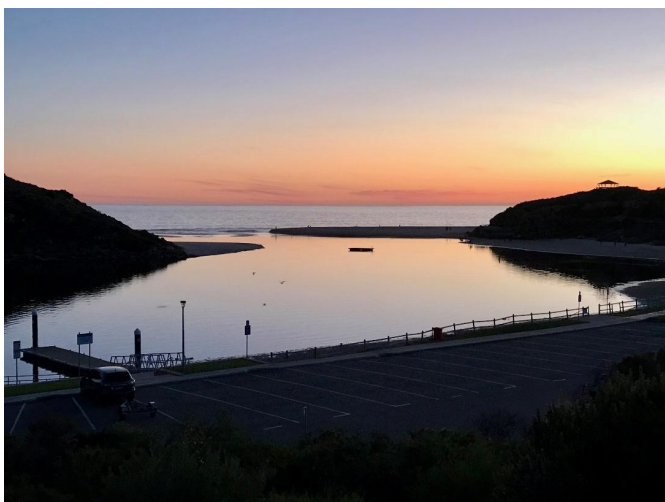
Thank you to all those who came to the Friends of Moore River Estuary AGM in March. We passed our new Rules and these can be found on our website at guildertonwa.com.au

We really appreciate the membership of so many locals and visitors and their appreciation of the potential to protect the wonderful asset that is Moore River Estuary. As we have said before, the best protection would come from co-ordinating the nature and conservation reserves between the city limit at Two Rocks and the estuary into one 'proper' park. This park would then be spared 'urbanisation' and be able to provide for the recreational needs of the people in Perth's northern suburbs. It may also be suitable for wind power generation and other non-invasive uses?? The limited forestry use is also sustainable in our view.

Protecting the land between the city and estuary, coast and IOD would also preserve the northern catchment area of Gngara water mound and guarantee the homes of Carnaby's cockatoos, the threatened banksia woodland (3 of the 4 listed species live here and are also identified in Plunkett's ODP on their land), and tuart groves. A treasure trove indeed!

The 2099ha that is owned by Moore River Company and has been for sale since August 2015 remains an obstacle in making a proper park. We have made a submission to the Guilderton to Kalbarri Strategic Plan, both suggesting that the plan should be Wilbinga to Kalbarri (to take in the whole north of metro area), and that a protected park be made from the city limit to the estuary, and coast to IOD.

We continue our quarterly water monitoring and have just completed May's. Next one in August.



***Absolutely Beautiful Estuary with
'Smoke Haze' Sunset!!***

FOMRE membership is \$10.00 per person and we would love your support in order to continue our lobbying and work behind the scenes. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further details.

Linda 0414 631 273

Guilderton Community Library

The library continues to run smoothly with the help of our fabulous volunteers. If you are not yet a member and taking advantage of over 5800 titles it may well be worth a visit.

We are looking into the prospect of running some writing workshops later in the year but for now it is business as usual.

Madeline



Autumn is a wonderful time in Guilderton

'View over Silver Creek'

Just to remind you that our website is:
www.guildertonwa.com.au

And we have a new email address:
guildertongca@gmail.com

If you have not paid your membership this year we would love you to continue to support your community group by becoming a continuing or new member. Membership form is included in this newsletter.

We appreciate your membership and so does Guilderton.

Julie Polette Mosaics Workshop

Date: 25-26 August 2018

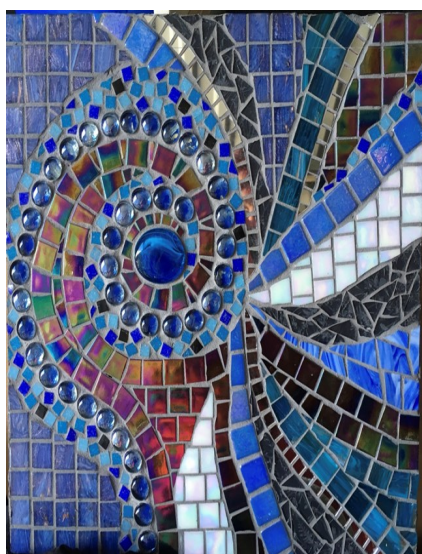
Location: Guilderton Country Club

Cost: \$290 (includes most materials)

plus optional Saturday evening meal

Moore Arts and Julie Polette invite you to a mosaic workshop at the idyllic, Moore River

Estuary. We will learn techniques and approaches to creating beautiful mosaics.



The workshop

Topics to be covered:

Make a design on a 30 x 30cm wooden board, learn to use the tools for creating your design; gluing tiles and pieces to your work board; learn about grouting;

have a finished project to take home. Make a second mosaic piece using assorted choices of shapes or your "anything goes" design (no grout technique).

We will be based at the Guilderton Country Club on 25th and 26th August 2018. The two-day workshop includes: tuition by Julie Polette with refreshments: morning and afternoon tea, lunch on both days and an optional Saturday evening meal (average cost \$25-\$35).

For more information please contact:

Julie Polette: juliepolette1968@gmail.com

Anne Gilkes: agilkes@westnet.com.au

Program Please bring your own ideas for designs. Julie will provide assorted tools to share, tiles, boards etc. It is advisable to have your own compound tile nipper and Julie will purchase this on your behalf if you pre-order*. Please bring glasses/ safety glasses.

Saturday: Meet at Guilderton Hall, 9.15 am

9.30 - 1.00 pm - Design and glue all pieces on a 30 x 30 board; • Use of cutting tools

Morning tea 11 - 11.15

Lunch 1.00 – 1.45 pm 2.00 – 4.15 pm • Continue creating the first mosaic and finish the project.

Afternoon tea 4.15 – 4.30

Dinner: 7 pm Meet at the Country Club (optional at own cost)

Sunday: Meet at Guilderton Hall at 9.15 am

9.30 – 12.00 Create an "anything goes" mosaic • Julie can provide shapes (eg: dragonfly/butterfly, etc or a mirrored photo frame- Pre order please) • Participants can bring specific items to include, family keepsakes, jewellery, special beads, buttons • Julie will demonstrate grouting of Saturday's project..

Morning tea 10.45 - 11 am

Lunch 12.00 – 12.45 pm at the Country Club

1.00 – 3.00 pm - Guilderton Hall • Continue creating the second mosaic • Julie will provide sufficient grout to complete Saturday's mosaic at home

3.00 – 3.30 pm Afternoon tea Show and Tell session during afternoon tea (including your work from Saturday).

The workshop will close at 4pm.

For more information please contact by 23rd June 2018*: Anne Gilkes: agilkes@westnet.com.au

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Julie Polette: juliepolette1968@gmail.com

Or phone Anne Gilkes on 0427 687 053; Julie Polette on 0410582817 *This will give us time to put in a group order for the compound tile nippers.

Guilderton Visitor Centre

We have had a busy couple of months with the unseasonal beautiful weather bringing lots of visitors to the estuary. We have some new stock and the latest travel brochures so both the locals and the trickle of grey nomads, that will soon be a steady stream, can see all the lovely places to go in WA.

There has been a lot of disquiet about the paid parking but we can only tell visitors what the Shire tells us. The Rangers are certainly being fastidious in applying the new rules so we urge you not to forget your parking permit if you want to park on the foreshore. You should get a new one with this year's rates notice.

Easter and the school holidays were especially busy but now we are in for our quiet 4 months and so will only open on weekends as well as Wednesdays in the July holidays.

As always, we rely on our fantastic volunteers to run GVC and we would love a couple more volunteers to share the roster. If you can do a day a month or just a day in the holidays, please talk to me.

Do pop in when you are passing. We have the free Shire directories, Bendigo bank calendars and all sorts of free information for you and your visitors, as well as an interesting range of low price gifts.

Happy winter everyone,

Linda 0414 631 273





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 10th June 2018
Where: Meet at car park above North Groyne, Guilderton
Time: 9:30am onwards. Lunch provided.
RSVP: Rachel 9653 1355 / 0409 296 264 or mcc.nrmo@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



Supported by the Guilderton Community Association & 4WD Club of WA





We had a great day last time!!

Take a walk alongside Silver Creek and enjoy the Flora and Fauna

GCA Membership Application / Renewal Form 2018

\$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

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