

Quarterly Newsletter - June 2020

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GCA Report

Hello everyone

Very quiet in Guilderton once the Regional Borders were enforced at the beginning of April. A number of residents were using their holiday homes as a base and have taken the opportunity to prune and tidy up the 'bushland' surrounding their houses. The storm in March did not cause too much damage around town which was good to see.

Your committee has not been meeting due to the Covid19 restrictions, but very little has been happening over the past few months anyway. No golf, or tennis and playgrounds were shut down. The Visitor Centre and Library had to also shutdown.

Locals were very active in watching out for those of us who were in town and fortunately no cases of the virus occurred in our local area.

This weekend and the long weekend saw a huge influx of people to the town and the weather was a real blessing. *Cathy N*

Gabbadah Park BBQ

The BBQ in Gabbadah is out of use as it is in quite a bad state. We are hoping to have the



artwork reused and a new BBQ facility installed to encourage the continued use of the park by families visiting and holidaying in Guilderton.

Phil Smeeton undertook this project with support from the Shire and equally importantly from Simon Gilby. Simon carved the limestone - the year 2000, and fish, tree, goanna and other depictions.



Elizabeth Eaton



Community dune planting day









repair the Guilderton dunes

***We need your help to plant
1,500 native seedlings and protect them
with tree guards.***



When: Sunday 12th July 2020
Where: Meet at car park corner of Mortimer/Forrester st, Guilderton
Time: 9:30am - 12:30pm. 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
- **Please be Covid-19 smart.** Bring gloves, trowel/shovel, bucket if you have them
- Bring a water bottle with plenty of water - planting is thirsty work




We will also be giving away FREE native seedlings to take and plant at home
 Lots of tree & shrub species available ! 2pm @ Country Club

This Moore Catchment Council project is being funded through WA NRM Program and National Landcare Program

Supported by the Guilderton Community Association







Guilderton's Facilities

Hasn't town been peaceful? Many of us have enjoyed the quieter times but it has been hard on some of our members and businesses in the area.

The tradies might have been busier than expected as many of us undertook repairs, renovations and cleanouts in our homes and gardens, but others haven't been so lucky. They will be pleased to see things returning to 'normal' as time goes on.

The Shire reopened the **caravan park** at full capacity as soon as they could and it has been busy every weekend since. The unseasonally beautiful weather has encouraged visitors and many more may come as they are still restricted from overseas and interstate travel.

June, July and August are usually the quietest months in Guilderton but that may be different this year??

Guilderton Visitor Centre shut its doors as required in March but we have put any current notices on our noticeboards and provided brochures to the shops.

Our reopening will depend on restrictions being lifted further, as we cater to visitors who might not be easily traced should any Covid outbreak occur, and our stock would be difficult to keep sanitized. We hope to reopen by September but maybe sooner.

Guilderton Country Club has done a wonderful job over the lockdown restricted times by providing a takeaway service on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings for locals. The Sunday roasts have been especially popular and it has been very generous of some locals to have funded meals for our emergency workers and some other worthy locals. The Club could not have done this without the reduced pay accepted by the cook Emma, Manager Michael and their trusty volunteer helpers. Many thanks to them all.

The Guilderton Golf Course has been open, with restrictions, and has provided a welcome opportunity for exercise and fun for many of us. We are now able to run competitions on Saturdays and Wednesdays again in what will be, a very abbreviated season. **The tennis courts** have reopened and we are pleased to see the town **playgrounds** back in operation. It's just a pity that the Shire has decided to bring the parking charges back too!

Linda Johnson

Friends of Moore River Estuary

How unusual, and marvellous, to see the sandbar solid into June. What a boon to the natural ecosystems upstream, the trees that have had such a good soaking and the wildlife that is so abundant in the estuary. Less boat traffic makes for a cleaner river and it has been a pleasure to go for a paddle, with very little algae, as the deep tannin coloured water has protected all that lives in the estuary.



Silver Creek has had a really good soaking too, even if access has been rather limited lately! The Regional boundaries restricted the tourist terrorists and the local ratbags in their vandalism of the bar and we can plainly see the lie to their excuse that digging the bar out 'doesn't matter cos it was going to go anyway!' Yes, it does matter. Nature will see the bar go when the pressures are right, and in the area that it should break through. We are so lucky to have this natural process, if only everyone would respect and protect it!

On Friday 12th June we will be doing water testing in the 5 sites of the estuary where we have worked with Dept of Water for the last 4 years.

As far as the development at Moore River South is concerned, we can only hope that the economic consequences of Covid19 make this even more unviable than ever. The December fires certainly exposed the folly of building a new suburb in the cul-de-sac between the estuary and ocean.

Our AGM in April was postponed and we hope to have it on Saturday afternoon 26th September. Save the date! Thank you to all our members who have paid their \$10 annual membership. Please check the website at guildertonwa.com.au for more info.

We hope that you are enjoying this lovely place as often as you can and stay safe for the winter.



The ocean washing over the bar at high tide, after the storm in late May.



The Guilderton Community Library has now reopened with strict Covid guidelines. Our members have embraced these guidelines with only two members in the library at any one time to cover social distancing.

The break has enabled us to tidy some sections and introduce lots of new novels and some talking books.

Everyone is welcome to join for \$5 annual membership, which equates to less than .10c per week to access many great novels.

Why not call in and see our huge selection.

Madeline Henshaw

Rose Mallee



The many faces of Eucalyptus Rhodantha (Rose Mallee) in the Midwest bush. Super Rare and Super Special.

Did you know there are only 400 trees left in the wild existing in a couple of locations in the Midwest, including one (the biggest) population in the Moore River Catchment? This population was saved from being cleared by a local farming lady who told her family she didn't want that area cleared as she loved the Rose Mallee – bravo to this lady!

Moore Catchment newsletter

There are a few Rose Mallee trees around town. Lets look after them and even maybe some of us could plant a few more of this beautiful and fascinating native tree.



No Covid restrictions for our native visitors enjoying the peace and quiet of the bare coastline!!

FREE SCREENING FOR HEARING IN LANCELIN AND GINGIN TO RECOMMENCE

When: Every second Friday of the month commencing June 12th

Gingin (am) 8:30-11:30am

Location: WA Country Health Service / Unit 4, Gingin Business Centre / Brockman St Gingin

Lancelin (pm) 1:30-4pm

Location: Lancelin Library / 255 Vins Ways Lancelin

Please Book: lionshearing.org.au / or 1800 054 667 / book@lionshearing.org.au
Offer currently for adults only.

GCA Membership Application / Renewal Form 2020

\$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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