

# Quarterly Newsletter

Guilderton Community Association invites you to

## Bush Music in the Park

Easter Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 7pm

Gabbadah Park, Mullins Street Guilderton



**Music, Dancing & Poetry**

**Damper & Billy Tea for a Gold Coin  
Free Family Event – BYO Rugs & Mugs**

## MARCH 2015

### Featuring



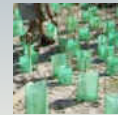
On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March, despite the rain, 75 volunteers helped clean up our piece of Australia.

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Representation has been made to the Shire in regard to escalating numbers of vehicles on the foreshore.

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A Community Planting Day is scheduled for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June as part of the North Guilderton Restoration Project.

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## EASTER ART SHOW

Easter Saturday 4th April 9am – 2pm

Guilderton Community Hall, Wedge Street Guilderton

Please join us for another fabulous display of local arts and crafts.  
Great raffles, activities for the children and more...

**Cake Stall, Sausage Sizzle, Plants & Bric-a-Brac.**



## President's Report from January's AGM

The Guilderton community has a high level of volunteerism drawn from a small pool of permanent and semi-permanent residents. This saw the Guilderton Community Association win the *Tidy Towns Community Actions and Partnerships Award* for the second year running, thanks to all the community and an excellent submission put together by *Madeline Henshaw*. In reality we go about our activities busily within our groups in different ways.

The GCA Committee set the goal last year to endeavour to pull the community together. This goal, coupled with some fresh energised blood on the committee, gave rise to the *Bush Poet's Campfire*, the *Celebration of Guilderton* and the *WA Youth Jazz Quintet Concert*. The Celebration went one step further in that it pulled together sponsors, politicians, Yued Noongar people and the community in what became a celebration in the full sense of the word.

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Amidst all this activity, the GCA Committee took over the management and day-to-day operations of the *Guilderton Visitor Centre*. This was not planned, and has been very difficult for all parties. I would like to acknowledge and thank the members of the former board for their many years of service.

The primary role of the GCA is to liaise with the Shire of Gingin, and in so doing to look after the needs of the township and the community. We have in recent years built up a very good relationship with the Shire, and this is eventuating in some exciting new developments for Guilderton in 2015.

The first will be the *Stairway to the Beach*, a project which is sponsored by the Shire and the Gingin Branch of the Bendigo Bank.

The *Bendigo Bank grant of \$40,000* was provided to the GCA as its contribution to the project. This represents a very generous contribution to the community, and I would urge our members to support the Bendigo Bank in any way that they are able.

This stairway will not only provide access to the ocean beach from the top carpark, it will start the process of restoring the foreshore dunes which have become badly degraded by people trampling across them in order to get to the beach.

The second major project is the *redevelopment of the foreshore* and revamp of the *boat launching ramp*. This project will be funded by the Shire of Gingin and Royalties for Regions.

The GCA Committee has also been working closely with the Northern Agricultural Catchment Council, Moore Catchment Council, the Shire of Gingin and other government agencies to bring to fruition the *North Guilderton Restoration Project* - 22 hectares of degraded dunes fenced off, with a trail walk and interpretative signage - and a second project involving interpretive signage on the foreshore and at the top lookout.

We thank all the sponsors for these improvements which raise the image of Guilderton, whilst helping to protect the natural environment.

It's a lengthy list of achievements which would not have been possible without a lot of hard work from the GCA Committee and its Sub-committees.

I would like to thank everyone involved for their support and enthusiasm.

Our plan this year is to cut back a little so that we are able to continue to focus on the Visitor Centre operations. We are also in the process of putting together an *Arts and Events Sub-committee*, something which has not been filled in recent years, and will be focusing on the *Easter Art Show* and *Bush Music in the Park*.

In addition, the Moore Catchment Council has been successful in obtaining a grant to help us rehabilitate the North Guilderton dunes. In doing all of this, we plan to keep sight of our goal to pull the community closer together.

We will be seeking volunteers to help re-vegetate the dunes, providing an opportunity for members of the community with limited time, the opportunity to contribute.

Gillian Lamont

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## Please meet your 2015 GCA Committee...

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## Guilderton Library

Please join us at the Guilderton Community Library on **Saturday March 28th** when we will be visited by a delightful **Guest Author**.

**Rachael Johns** is an English teacher by trade, a mum 24/7, a supermarket owner by day and a writer by night.

Her novels are outback fiction – red dust to the big smoke. She lives in rural Western Australia with her husband and children. All of her stories mention small country towns which each and every one of us will either have visited or heard of.

Rachael is a bubbly effervescent person who will delight everyone who meets her. You can meet Rachael at the library **between 10am to 12 noon** and join us for a coffee and chat.

**Madelaine Henshaw**

## Clean up Guilderton

Guilderton residents made a wonderful effort on Sunday 1st March as they cleaned up our piece of Australia. Despite heavy rain saturating most of us, we collected 2 skip bins of rubbish including some very large objects.

75 volunteers cleaned up the road into Guilderton, the riverbanks up to the desert, the foreshore, the beach, the road from the groyne and the Silver Creek area, after which the GCA hosted a sausage sizzle at the Country Club.

Many thanks to the **Beldon Scout Group**, the **Navy Cadets from TS Canning**, the trailer drivers, boat skippers and members of the public who provided great help. Thanks to the **Gingin Shire** for the skip bins and equipment plus **Anne and Bevan Gault** for managing the BBQ and **Gillian Lamont** for her delicious cakes.

**Linda Johnson**



## Friends of Moore River Estuary

**FOMRE's AGM** will be held on **Easter Saturday 4th April at 4pm** in the community hall. Everyone is welcome to come and hear about our ongoing efforts to protect the river and surrounding land. Membership is \$20 a family per year, now payable and open to everyone, as are committee positions.

Moore River Company's Outline Development Plan and Foreshore Management Plans are now approved, both promising protection of the estuary. FOMRE will continue to monitor for any breaches of those promises along with any other activity that may damage this precious area.

We are working with GCA and the Shire on the increasing problem of 4WD vehicles accessing the coast and river foreshore, and with the Department of Water to monitor the health of the estuary.

We have been opposing development of land at Moore River South for over 20 years and welcome any new friends who would like to join us. Please contact me if you would like to join the committee.

**Linda Johnson**, Convenor of FOMRE – phone 0414 631 273.

## Guilderton Visitor Centre

Guilderton Visitor Centre has had a busy summer supplying visitors and residents with maps and information about our area. Our stocks of local gourmet foods, gifts, toys and novelties are selling well and being replenished often.

We now have 3 noticeboards outside the Visitor Centre where we advertise local events and information. So, if you need information or would like to know what is going on around town, please drop by. We are located on the river foreshore and open **9am to 12 noon on weekends, public and school holidays.**

Being totally volunteer run we are always looking for more people to help. Please call me if you would like more information.

**Linda Johnson**, Volunteer Co-Ordinator  
Phone: 0414 631 273



## Vehicles on the Beach

Your GCA Committee has joined with FOMRE to make representation to the Shire in regard to the escalating number of vehicles and campers on both the beach and river foreshores.

The Shire has brought in a local law prohibiting vehicles on the beach, and the rangers are issuing infringement notices. If you see vehicles on the beach, please **phone the Rangers on 9575 2222.**

If you are able to take photos and/or record offending vehicle registration numbers, please send them to [gillianlamont@bigpond.com](mailto:gillianlamont@bigpond.com), and they will be forwarded on to the Shire.

Please help us break what seems to have become an escalating copycat syndrome.

## Do you have a photo?

The GCA Committee is hoping to obtain a detailed photo of the **Shipwreck Plaque** which sadly was stolen from the lookout in or around November 2014. While a lot of research went into the information it provided, the Shire is unable to locate the original wording.

Should you be able to help us with this problem, please phone Gillian Lamont on 9577 2730 or email [gillianlamont@bigpond.com](mailto:gillianlamont@bigpond.com).

## North Guilderton Restoration Project

**Stage 1** of the North Guilderton Restoration project has been completed through NACC and the MCC with Federal Government funding. There is now cable fencing in place, designed to restrict vehicle access. The **Djena Koorl-iny Coastal Trail Walk** through the sand-hills to the beach includes descriptive signage to provide walkers with knowledge of the local environment and details the importance of the area to the Yued people. I would like to thank the **Department of Parks and Wildlife** for the erection of the fence, **NACC** and the **Moore Catchment Council** for the purchase of materials, and the **Yued People** for their advice relating to the Djena Koorl-iny trail. Also **Ashley Robb** from NACC and **Rachel Walmsley** from MCC for their tireless efforts in completing this stage of the project.

**Stage 2** will involve the planting of some 2,000 shrubs and bushes native to the area from funds obtained through the MCC's WA Natural Resource Management Program with appropriate brushing (the laying of native plant material) funded by the Shire of Gingin to provide protection for the seedlings. Planting will take place from **9.30am on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June**. While 4wd club members have kindly offered to assist us on the day, we will require additional volunteers and ask if you can please email [jim.laffer@bigpond.com.au](mailto:jim.laffer@bigpond.com.au) if you have some time available to help. The event will be followed by a light lunch with a suitable array of refreshments.

**Stage 3** will be held in abeyance until there is resolution of the Pastoral Leases (Lime Peaks and Leschenaultia) due by July 2015 as to whether the excised (un-cleared areas) will be designated as Conservation Reserve or Unallocated Crown Land. Further, it is most likely that the land will be claimed for the purposes of Native Title.

**Jim Laffer**

# 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.*



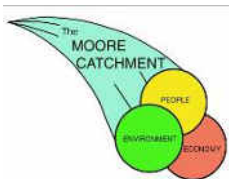
**When:** Sunday 7th June 2015

**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](mailto: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*



# 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:** -----

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**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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**If ever you've wanted to try golf, here is your chance...**

**Easter Sunday 5th April 9am – 11am**

Guilderton Country Club, Wedge Street Guilderton

**Free Tuition and Use of Clubs, followed by Sausage Sizzle.**

Adults and older children welcome. Enquiries to Phil 0419 937 826

**Guilderton Community Association**

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