



Quarterly Newsletter – Mar 2018

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From the President. . . .

Hello Members

Welcome to my first President's report.

For those who don't know me, my family and I have had a house in Guilderton for approx. 24 years. Prior to that, we camped here every year since the caravan park first opened.

Some of you may remember when Peter and I owned the Moore River Roadhouse from 1997 to 2001.

And some of you may know me from the bottom shop, The Guilderton General Store where we are now.

We are starting this year with some new members on the committee which is great news. As we progress through the year and become more familiar with each other and form a great working relationship it is my hope that we can produce some exciting new projects and a cohesive community spirit.

Personally, I would like to see more community fun days, for example the resurrection of King of the River, kite flying days and sand castle building competitions to name a few.

If you have any other fun day activity ideas please let us know or if you can offer some expert advice or help that would be great.

I remember when Moore River had lots of fetes, sausage sizzles and cake stalls. Sometimes it wasn't about the raising of much needed funds but also about enjoying the day, even the hard work.

Sadly some of our older residents that helped build this little community have passed on, but we can honour them by keeping the tradition of community alive. Instead of remembering and reminiscing about the times that we had, let's give our new generations the experience of the real thing.

We could even have a reunion day if people were interested.

Looking forward to hearing from you. The new committee and their contact numbers are included in this newsletter.

Kerry Enright (President)

Meadow Hay Workshop

A Weekend Creative Workshop with WA State Living Treasure Nalda Searles

Date: 24th and -25th March 2018

Location: Guilderton Country Club, Wedge Street, Guilderton

Cost \$290 for the weekend (\$160 for one day workshop)

Weekend of Grass Sculpture and Basket Weaving

Moore Arts is delighted to invite you to join in an inspiring weekend of meadow hay weaving at the idyllic Moore River Estuary based at the Guilderton Country Club on 24-25 March. The two-day workshop includes: tuition by Nalda Searles, acclaimed artist and WA State Living Treasure. You will make things to use and display and learn skills that embrace traditional techniques. Creating a sculpture will extend your creative mind while working with natural fibres and grasses.

Each day includes refreshments: morning and afternoon tea, and lunch. On Saturday join your fellow artists and Nalda in an optional evening meal.

Nalda Searles



For more information, please contact

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Moore Arts – promoting art in the Guilderton Community

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.

FOMRE AGM is in March. Details in this newsletter.

Guilderton Community Association

Thank you to all of you who attended the AGM in January. There was much constructive discussion and comments from the floor.

We are pleased to have several new committee members this year and are looking forward to some fresh and exciting new events over the coming 12 months.

Your new committee is as follows:

President: Kerry Enright

Treasurer: Cathy Naussedat

Committee: Linda Johnson

Linda Buxton

Anne Gilkes Art Rep

Margo Paton

Kerry Jones

Karon Sorenson

Janet Horabin

Sheryl Aubrey

Peter Fry

We have yet to nominate a Vice President and Secretary.

Thank you to Les Buxton for his great job as Treasurer though out the last couple of years.

Easter is early this year and your Moore Arts sub-committee is very busy organizing the Easter Fair and a couple of workshops for this year. Please refer to the information in this newsletter about the weekend of 'Grass Sculpture and Basket Weaving', 24th and 25th March.

Clean-Up-Australia Day is on Sunday 4th March and we would love as many helpers as possible. Come pick up some of the unwanted rubbish along our river and beach and keep Guilderton as clean as possible. "It's not hard", just do it!

Cathy Naussedat

PYP GRASS??

If you were in Guilderton over the summer holidays, you might have noticed some big patches of brown vegetation around town. This is where weedy Pyp Grass has been sprayed. This spraying was the 1st stage of at least a 3 stage spray program to remove the rampant weed from the dunes and reinstate native vegetation. 4 sites were sprayed and the knock down has been good.

This project is being managed by MCC with funding from NACC's coastal program through funding from the National Landcare Program. The next spray is being planned for autumn 2018.

What is it? Pyp Grass (*Ehrharta villosa*) was introduced into Australia for use in dune stabilisation. However, as an aggressive invader with biological adaptations to dry situations it is known to smother and replace native vegetation, threatening the biodiversity of the Western Australian coastal ecological communities.

The coastal dunes at Guilderton are a key natural asset, providing ecosystem services to the town

including coastal protection, tourism and ecological services. What's the issue? The dunes at Guilderton have had Pyp Grass mapped, and the infestation extends continuously over one kilometre north from the mouth of the Moore River, with a further population a few hundred metres further north. It needs to be controlled before all native vegetation is pushed out.

Thank you Moore Catchment Council (MCC)

Friends of Moore River Estuary

Hello again to all our supporters as we start another year of watchful waiting over Moore River Estuary.

The whole 2099 ha of Plunkett's land at Moore River South remains for sale, as it has been since August 2015. The subdivision approvals remain in place, however, we are not expecting anything to change in the current economic climate.

Our position remains that MRS is no place for a suburb, an isolated cul-de-sac with no power, water, sewerage or easy road access. This fragile coastline should be preserved for the banksia woodland, tuart groves and carnaby cockatoos, which are all now listed; as well as all the other native flora and fauna, habitats and eco systems that developers would simply bulldoze.

The metropolitan area ends just north of Two Rocks and the 12kms of coastline to Moore River, inland across existing Nature and Conservation areas, should all be kept as an undeveloped green belt as a clear end to Perth city. This is the position FOMRE is putting to the State Governments 'Guilderton to Kalbarri sub-regional Planning Strategy' which is out for public comment. We think that the coastal towns should continue to service holiday makers and leave Lancelin and Gingin to be the service areas to grow in the Shire of Gingin.

FOMRE is still involved with NACC and the Dept of Water in water quality monitoring of the estuary. For 2 years now, we have been out 4 times a year to test the water at 5 sites. The data collected is kept by

DoW. We are looking at making a public portal so anyone can access this river data, as is being done in Victoria. We really need someone to take this on so please ask me if you are interested.

FOMRE continues our membership of CCWA, Urban Bushland Council and working with NACC and MCC. We also work with Gingin Water Group but are disappointed that the Shire is doing so little about the too frequent 'bar diggings' that so badly affect the estuary.



It is good to see less 4WD incursions on the riverbanks and beach this year, thanks to improved signage by the land manager at MRS. The Fisheries and Marine Safety officers have also been active, reducing unsafe 'hooning' on the river. As numbers of people in the river increase, it is good to see the safety improving too. The new jetties have reduced congestion at the ramp and the river pontoon is very well used.

Moore River Estuary remains a lovely place to be, any time of year, and we hope to see you here enjoying the place whenever you can. Even from afar, we appreciate your ongoing support as we continue our efforts to Protect Moore River Estuary. Your \$10 each year keeps us going!

Please check out our website at guildertonwa.com.au and feel free to contact us.

Linda Johnson Mob 0414 631 273



GUILDERTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Guilderton Community Library held another successful 'Trash n Treasure' on Sat 6 Jan. While labour intensive it has been our main fundraising effort over the past 6 or 7 years. Although it looks like it all just happens, many hours of work collecting, sorting, pricing and coordinating the day culminate in the ongoing success of this event.

After such a huge effort over the years we are taking a well earned break for the next couple of years and we will pursue other avenues to raise funds. The committee wish to thank the many people who have supported us with donated goods, given their time to help and of course all the 'buyers' who turn up annually.

Like the Library, the Trash n Treasure has created a fabulous community spirit and shows how resourceful small communities can be. The Moore Men's Shed have been a great help over the past few years and have also achieved good results with their sausage sizzle and sale of goods on the day.

With our great volunteers The Guilderton Community Library proudly continues to provide a wonderful resource in the coastal area and looks forward to another successful year.

In February "The Senior" newspaper did a front page item about the library from its commencement in 2006 through to today. Copies are available in the library.



Madeline Henshaw

Moore Arts



GCA Moore Arts presents the

Easter Art Show

**Saturday 31st March 9am - 2pm
Guilderton Community Hall**

Displays include artwork by local artists and art of the locality of Moore River
Craft by local artists, Photography of local interest, Sculpture, Ceramics and Jewelry

Come and enjoy this popular annual event and purchase a piece of local art as a lasting memory

Raffle with very good art prizes!

Guilderton Visitor Centre

The Guilderton Visitors Centre has had a very busy summer with increased sales and visitor numbers during December and January. We have had a good response from our volunteer group sharing the roster load over the school holidays when we try and open every day. Having said that, anyone interested in joining us and donating some time would be made very welcome. It is very rewarding to be able to chat to visitors about why they have come to the area and what they love about it.

Projects that we are working on this year

Website - www.guildertonwa.com.au

- Further develop the website so that it contains relevant information for locals and visitors and Increase the number of visits to the website, so it appears first in a google search on Guilderton.

Information Bay

- Working with the shire to upgrade the Information Bay. This upgrade will see more notice boards and better signage. The history of Guilderton is to go onto some of the new notice boards. This will outline a timeline of visitors to Guilderton, starting with the Yued people, early explorers and landowners through to what attracts people to Guilderton today. If you feel you have any interesting information or photos, please contact Kerry Jones 0437 903 138.

Regards Kerry Jones



Day in Guilderton Sunday 4th March 2018

The Guilderton Community Association will once again be holding a Clean Up on the Labour Day Long Weekend and would love your help!

Clean-Up Sites will be:

- Boat Ramp – 8am, bring a boat if you have one or just come along to help Clean Up Moore River's banks
- Foreshore – meet at the Visitor Centre, between 8 and 11am, turn up when you can to help Clean Up the foreshore and beach
- Or bring a trailer if you have one, to help Clean Up the road into town
- Groyne, 8-11am, turn up when you can to help Clean Up the north beach and dunes

FREE sausage sizzle at the Country Club at 12 noon for all helpers!

Phone Linda on 0414 631 273 should you have any queries

Be SunSmart Bring gloves

All Welcome

FOMRE 2018 Annual General Meeting

Sunday 4th March

5 - 7pm Sunset Cruise!

FOMRE's 2018 Annual General Meeting is upon us.

Please join us as we discuss the future of FOMRE whilst enjoying an evening cruise of the Moore River. Issues that concern the health and sustainability of Moore River estuary will be discussed. The protection of this relatively pristine area is our responsibility. (Bookings essential).

We DO NEED YOU!

RSVP: Diana Papenfus – 92931676 / 0407 906 620 diana676@tpg.com.au

ENQUIRIES: Linda Johnson – 0414 631 273 lindabob@gmail.com

NOMINATION FORM FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS 2018

Position	Name of Nominee.
	Signature of nominee.
Proposed by	Signature
Seconded by.	Signature.

Nominations should reach Diana Papenfus by Friday March 2nd 2018 or received on the day.

FOMRE MEMBERSHIP

We need you. If you have not renewed your subs for this year this year would you please consider doing so? Subscription rates are \$10.00 per person per annum.

2018 FOMRE membership \$10.00 per person

Members Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Mobile:

Email:.....

Please remit:-

Cheques to: FOMRE. PO Box 1007 Guilderton, 6041

Bank Deposit to: Friends of Moore River Estuary:

BSB No. 633000 Acc. No. 157419474

(Please STATE your NAME as REFERENCE when you choose the bank transfer option)

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: 633 000

Account: 145418018

Reference: your full name

Please note that our Constitution is available on our website

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