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## Quarterley Newsletter - Mar 2019

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### **The Presidents Report**

Hello Everyone

Where have the months gone! The year is moving way too quickly. I hope you all had a good Christmas and a safe one too.

We had our Annual General Meeting on the Australia Day long weekend. The attendance was down from last year, but our membership is steady. Your committee has shrunk a little but I'm the president for 2019, Cathy is Treasurer and Kerry Jones is Secretary. We would love some more committee members and we need a Vice President. So, if you are interested please let us know.

We won't find out until May whether we have been successful or not in getting our grant from the Tourism Council for another Art Trail. Fingers crossed we will. Anne and the Moore Arts committee are busy organising their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Easter Art Exhibition.

I myself have approached the Men's Shed again to see if they will give us a day in the next school holidays for another kite flying day. If anyone is interested in coming down and helping or flying a kite it was great fun last year. Wednesday 17th April—see you there.

Until we have support from our Council or organise some fundraising with the committee, our business (Guilderton General Store) will sponsor some activities for the children that are here for the holiday period. This has yet to be discussed at our committee meeting. If anyone wants to donate time or art and craft supplies, please feel free to contact me.

I'm thinking of maybe just doing some simple arts down under the new veranda that is supposed to be happening in March. Again, fingers crossed, as it was supposed to be already built. Or blowing bubbles from all sorts of different things. Maybe some simple science things that I have seen on Facebook? I feel it's important to offer something. People who attended our last kite flying day have been asking us at Christmas time when the next one will be.

There is not much else to report at the moment. If you have any information or news you would like to share, please feel free to contact us.

I (personally) am also thinking of doing a memory collection of photos of people, stories, photos of Moore River old and new and putting it on a USB and have it play in the Café and or Visitors Centre to showcase our beautiful little spot. So, if anyone has any of the above, please email them through and I will get my act into gear. I also will discuss this at our next meeting. This idea is in response to some of the old timers passing and I think it is a shame that we have nowhere to remember them. There was a lovely little movie clip on Lost Perth site, of Moore River in the 60s or 70s, which I have downloaded to kick start this off.

Have a good Easter everyone. Travel safely.

Kerry Enright

**Friends of Moore River Estuary** are sorry to report that the WA Planning Commission has given Moore River Company another 4 year subdivision approval at Moore River South. They have attached onerous conditions which we believe will be expensive and time consuming to meet. Between these conditions and the state of the market for such new suburbs, we expect to be reviewing Plunkett's next attempt in 2023! As far as we know they would still like to sell their 2099ha altogether.

We would still like to see the whole Wilbinga area, from Two Rocks to the estuary, protected for the future and we take every opportunity to push for this possibility with other interested parties.

Water quality monitoring is in doubt since the NACC's Coastal and Marine programme has been discontinued. We will talk to DWER about further testing so we can continue to keep on-going records that have been made about the estuary.

Our AGM will be at Easter and we welcome anyone interested to become a member for \$10 a year.

Our aims and history are fully explained on the [guildertonwa.com.au](http://guildertonwa.com.au) website and I'm always happy to answer questions.

The estuary remains a healthy ecosystem, a lovely place to be and a great venue for many happy occasions.

Linda Johnson 0414 631 273



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## Guilderton Visitors Centre

The Visitor Centre was asked for input on upgrading to the Guilderton Visitor Information Bay in 2017. The entry statement the GVC proposed has now been installed. However, it is not shown to its best advantage and we would like to improve the impact by installing a 'background' of a light colour. We hope to complete this and the upgrade of the Guilderton Visitor Information Bay during 2019. Businesses will be given free advertising in the upgraded Guilderton Visitor Information Bay by providing a 'Car Door Magnet' advertisement. Local businesses and services are also encouraged to list on the website we share with the GCA and FOMRE: [www.guildertonwa.com.au](http://www.guildertonwa.com.au)

As our supply of Guilderton pamphlets was running out we successfully applied for a Gingin Shire Community Grant. New pamphlets were designed based on the previous one with new and extra information added. We have included new photos and the new Gingin Shire 'Dog Prohibited Area' and added points of interest around town to the main map.

The foreshore parking situation remains a vexed issue for visitors and many of them ask our volunteers about the situation. All locals are reminded to use their parking permit and remind their guests to do the same or purchase a ticket. We are keen to find out how the funds raised by parking fines have been used in the town. Our volunteers on roster are also required to use a permit when parking in our allocated bay.

We would love to have a few more volunteers to help share the load, especially through the school holiday periods. The more volunteers, the lighter the load.

Sharon Staude (Chair GVC)

**HAPPY EASTER to ALL OUR MEMBERS and THOSE THAT JUST LOVE THIS PLACE.**

STAY SAFE ON THE ROADS AND TAKE CARE ON INDIAN OCEAN DRIVE  
—especially as they are doing more roadworks between Yanchep and Woodridge.

**GCA Moore Arts  
presents the Easter Art Show**

**Saturday 20th April 2019 9am - 2pm  
in the Guilderton Community Hall.**

This year is going to be a celebration of 25 years of Moore Arts.

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



Come and enjoy this popular annual event and take home a piece of local art as a lasting memory. Raffle with very good art prizes!

Thanks Anne Gilkes

***Cake Stall and Sausage Sizzle available as an important fundraiser for the Guilderton Golf Club***

**Come Fly your Kites**

**Wednesday 17th April 10am to midday**



**Meet on the River Foreshore**

**Community Fun Day—All invited**

Bring your own kite or Make a kite

Learn to fly a kite or Show someone else how to

Come fill the sky with our kites

Enquiries Kerry Enright 0437 672 673

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**Tending The Tracks Alliance**

TTTA was formed last year as an alliance between 4WD groups and conservation groups. The aim is to facilitate responsible 4WD access to our beaches and bush, while educating 4WDers about the areas they are in and how to look after them and so reduce further the damage.

TTTA has received a grant for several projects it has planned, between Wilbinga and Dongara. GCA is one of the founding members of TTTA as we identified the 4WD problems north of Wilbinga to the river and also the hope of a single track from Guilderton to Seabird that might see less damage along this coast.

**Boats on the river** are a great source of fun and a wonderful way for families and friends to spend many hours together. The irresponsible few who insist on speeding with little regard for the safety of others or the damage they do to riverbanks are receiving fines as Fisheries Officers photograph their behavior and prosecute them. I'm happy to say that most people 'do the right thing' these days and keep to 5 knots. Many thanks!

**Breaking the Sandbar** is a selfish act of vandalism that does damage to the river upstream as it reduces the flushing that comes when the river is full enough to break naturally. It also makes boating less safe as the channel narrows, and it contributes to the 'silting up' too. We are very lucky that the estuary is groundwater fed as the inflow from Moore River and Gingin Brook is much less reliable these days due to our drying climate.

**Gingin Water Group** are working with landowners throughout the Shire, and the Dept of Water, to understand our water supply better and to make better decision on water use.

Linda Johnson

## Banksia

There are 173 ***Banksia*** species, and all but one occur naturally only in Australia. Banksias were named after Sir Joseph Banks (1743-1820), who, in 1770, was the first European to collect specimens of these plants.

Several banksias are listed as rare or threatened. ***Banksia brownii***, the **Feather-leaved Banksia**, is named after the famous botanist Robert Brown (1773-1858) who accompanied Matthew Flinders to Australia. It is restricted to a few locations between Albany and the Stirling Ranges in Western Australia.



***Banksia Brownii* (Feather-leaved Banksia)**



***Banksia verticillata*, the Granite Banksia**

The Granite Banksia is restricted to a few sites on or beside granite outcrops from Albany to Two Peoples Bay in WA.



***Coast Banksia (Integrifolia)***

Not so rare, this hardy ***Banksia*** grows very well in coastal areas and can tolerate salt spray. Plants may grow to 25 m, but are often smaller. The dark green leaves have a silvery underside, which adds to the beauty of the foliage. The pale yellow flowers open from late summer to winter. Plants are frost tolerant.



***Banksia Menziesii*** grows as a gnarled tree to 10 metres or as a lower spreading shrub, 1-3 metres.

There is also a yellow and white coloured variant.

Ref <https://www.anbg.gov.au/banksia/>

Ref [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Banksia\\_menziesii](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Banksia_menziesii)

## GUILDERTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY UPGRADES

Due to space being desperately needed and many of the books looking tired and yellowing the committee decided to cull some books over the holiday period. Through our library system and a computer generated report we were able to specifically identify books that had never left the shelves over the past 9 years.

So with the help of four volunteers over 4 days and many long hours we were able to free up much needed space and replace some of these books with more current and popular titles. We were able to clear some of these excess books at our holiday book stalls.

*A visitor who came into the library over the holidays remarked that we had a much greater variety than her own library. This has always been our aim so hopefully this means we have achieved just that!*



Our volunteer base is very strong and we have some excellent people that are always ready to help you and also support the community. As the saying goes "Many hands make light work" so we would love to welcome some new volunteers to help share the load. So if you can spare a couple of hours on a Saturday morning every few weeks, we will gladly welcome you to our band of merry helpers. No experience is necessary. If you are new to the area or would enjoy the social contact this is a fabulous way to meet others in your community.

Please contact Madeline on 9577 1528 or [guildertonlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:guildertonlibrary@gmail.com)

Allan Giblett (Gibbo) A long term resident of Guilderton. Passed away 24th Nov 2018.

Allan's huge contribution, over many years, to the Guilderton community, in every way, for all projects was outstanding. Including GCA President and committee member for many years. Projects to be particularly remembered are the Library building and the fitting out of the Visitor Centre. Always willing to lend a hand whenever there was a need. In his later years Allan was often seen walking along the river frontage and the beach. He will always be remembered for his passion for this town.

Thanks Allan

## GCA Membership Application / Renewal Form 2019

**\$15 per person with each paid up member over 18 years entitled to vote**

**Member Name:**

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**Postal Address:** :

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**Phone:**

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**Email Address:**

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**Signature:**

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**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** .

**Please note that our Constitution is available on our website**

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