

Quarterly Newsletter March 2022

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President's Report

The Guilderton Community Association held the AGM in January and although we had a better turn out than last year, we could always benefit from more people attending. It was great to welcome Shire representation in attendance at our AGM.

From great beginnings and with lots of people's involvement over the years, sadly we have dwindled to a handful of dedicated regulars. We need more PASSION people. I realise our association members are getting older and there is a need to encourage our younger family members to contribute to our great little town and encourage them to join.

We need you to mark in your 2023 calendars (around the January long weekend) NOT to do anything except come to GUILDERTON - enjoy it's natural beauty and come to our AGM.

I will be relentless this year in trying to improve our membership and attendance numbers. PLEASE COME & JOIN US.

The GCA committee this year was sad to lose Amanda as our secretary but pleased to

welcome Bruce Maguire and the return of Kerry Jones. The rest of our continuing committee are of course myself as President, Linda Johnson as Vice-president, Maggie Schmeidte as Treasurer, with Linda Buxton and Anne Gilkes as attending members.

Amanda has kindly offered to work in the background doing grant applications for us as an honorary committee member.

GCA (via our intrepid Linda Johnson) has written to the Shire regarding the income from the parking meters and the fines (which we thought would be spent in Guilderton), the toilets, and also the non-opening status of the General Store – highlighting that many visitors were not returning to Guilderton mostly because of these three things.

At the January AGM, The Gingin Shire President Mr Wayne Fewster said that the money from parking meters was going to be placed in an account for use in Guilderton, but that the fines income instead went into Shire general revenue.

We have been told the public toilets on the foreshore will get a small upgrade with septic pumps, painting and refit. I'm assuming some of this parking money will be used for that.

At the AGM the caravan park and shop were Also discussed. Since then, the caravan park has had a horrendous attack on the manager and his brother-in-law, complicating issues. The shop still has not commenced renovation work and so continues to not provide a general store service. GCA is following up with

questions needing clarification with this and other issues affecting us all. These include:

- information regarding the requested upgrades to the Guilderton lighthouse access road,
- progress of the requested river mouth signage,
- the results of the foreshore river wall inspection report if completed, and
- the Guilderton information bay history panels.

We eagerly await Gingin Shire Council's response.

Christmas Carols in The Park

GCA held their inaugural Christmas Carols In The Park event last year, thanks to the hard work of Amanda Williams who managed to secure a grant to fund it. Rob West led us off in song but was unable to complete the entertainment for the evening. Nonetheless nature provided a beautiful evening for an excellent turnout.

Easter Blues, Jazz and Swing

Because the originally booked entertainers were unable to do the gig, there is some grant money that Amanda had secured which the Shire have agreed can be used for an Easter gig. As a result, Amanda has organised a tribute to Blues, Jazz and Swing on Easter Saturday the 16th April at Gabbadah Park with our inimitable local star Rob West with four other acts. It is free to all and starts at 6pm. Food vans will be there so mark the date in your diary and come along.

Money, money, money

The association has yearly ongoing costs that we have to raise money to cover. We now have 3 types of insurance policies we need to cover volunteers and events, and the premiums have doubled, and now include web site fees & accounting fees. This is why we have been trying to raise money from raffles

held at our Carols event and our next function. We have also been collecting bottles and cans for the 10-cent return money. So if anyone wants to collect for us, bottles, cans etc can be dropped off at the Moore River Roadhouse where they collect them for us. Also our number is C10358781 for those of you who want to do it from home. One for you, one for us.

The above needs are also why your membership fees are so important. If you haven't paid them, **please** can you do so at your earliest convenience?

I have been told recently that St John's ambulance will no longer be paying for our defibrillator repairs or supplies, so this is going to fall to the community or go by the wayside. Redfield Park is already supplying all their first aid equipment themselves with a little support from the Shire and Bendigo Bank. So far, we haven't had to deal with this ourselves. I have always provided first aid and equipment when I was at the foreshore from my own pocket but I am unsure on how we go forward with the defibrillator. Apparently, the defib can cost between \$200 to \$700 to maintain annually.

I brought this up at the AGM and the **Guilderton Community Library** has kindly donated \$500 towards the first service. If anyone else wishes to donate that would be wonderful. The defib has saved a couple of lives and is an important piece of equipment we need in our community. If you can't donate cash - please donate your cans and bottles. If everyone did that at least once a year it would help greatly and would soon add up.

Sculpture by the River

The Moore Arts Group is financing another sculpture in gorgeous Guilderton and someone peeked under the covers, so we have heard it's a Fabulous Fish. Because of the placement that has been stipulated by the Shire, the cost of installation has increased to nearly as much

as the sculpture itself. To offset this cost, Anne Gilkes is going to apply for a grant. We're all looking forward to this awesome addition to our public art pieces in Guilderton.

Many thanks to Anne and her group for all their hard work, however she notes they would love some more people to join Moore Arts group - as would GCA, the visitors centre and I'm sure the library volunteer groups.

Covid is raising its ugly head again so please stay safe all of you.

I would like to thank the wonderful ladies and our new man in our committee for their dedication and hard work.

Kerry Enright
GCA President



Containers for Change

We're currently collecting containers for change. We will be putting all money towards community projects. If you'd like to leave your cans and bottles - the **Moore River Roadhouse** is collecting and handing them in for us.



Membership

All members who have been non-financial for three years will sadly be lost from our database. Please complete the form at the end of the Newsletter and stay with us.

We need you!!

Community Library Report



AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

You may all know by now that the library was nominated for an award at the Australia Day celebrations. We were announced runner up in the Australia Day Community Citizen of the year awards under the category of Community Groups. Congratulations to Gingin Outdoor Activity Space Group for their fantastic nomination. Also, our sincere congratulations to our own volunteer Mel Locket for her award of Community Citizen of the Year for 2022. Another library member, Dot Branch received an award for Community Citizen of the Year (Senior). Our volunteers do a fantastic service for our library and the community. We are extremely proud of each and every one of them. The award is on display in the library.

At the recent GCA AGM in January we were advised that the community defibrillator would need servicing every four years. St John's are no longer responsible for the servicing of these units and the cost would fall back onto the community. Our committee has decided to make a "one off" donation of \$500 towards the next outlay.

Happy reading everyone.

Madeleine Henshaw
Community Library Coordinator

Moore Arts Report



Great news in the progress of the planned sculpture as the Shire has approved in principle the installation of the whimsical fish on a pole raised above and fixed

inside the pole at the end of the fishing jetty. We had planned to put the sculpture on a wooden pole on the grassed area at the Moore River foreshore but it was not approved due to unforeseen difficulties with this plan.

Now we are hoping to raise the extra funding required for a more complex installation at the end of the jetty. If all goes well, we will have the sculpture completed in July and installed soon after. The sculptor is Adrian Toomey of Blue Ocean Gallery, Green Head.

See you all at the Easter Art Show! Proceeds from this fab annual event provide us with the opportunity to commission community artworks, so please ensure you buy an art piece or a squillion raffle tickets. 😊

Anne Gilkes
Moore Arts Coordinator

Addition from the Editor

On behalf of GCA and the community at large, I would like to thank Anne for her sterling efforts at keeping us art cultured over the many years of her voluntary service. She is stepping back from the coordinator role as have some other fabulous stalwarts, including Elizabeth Eaton, Gill Treichel and Mariner Tutavahu.

We are very happy Hal Schmeidte and Joel Collins remain from that earlier committee and welcome new committee members Kerry Jones, Linda Buxton with advice from long-term member Delys Brady (28 years now).

Thank you all so much for your enthusiasm and efforts!

GCA Moore Arts presents the Easter Art Show



**Saturday 16th April 2022
9am - 2pm in the Guilderton
Community Hall**

Displays include work by local artists and art showcasing the Moore River locality. Crafts by local artists, photography of local interest, sculpture, mosaics, ceramics, jewelry and more

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

If anyone is interested in entering their work, please contact Kerry Jones on 0437 903138 or karcjones@bigpond.com for more information

FOMRE report

The water quality testing of Moore River was postponed due to a Covid contact but is rescheduled for Friday March 11th.

We welcome observers & volunteers to come and see us at work with the Department of Water & Environmental Regulation. RSVP to Linda on 0414 631 273 for 9am at the boat ramp on the Friday.

The FOMRE AGM will be on Sunday 10th April in the afternoon, further details will be sent to members.

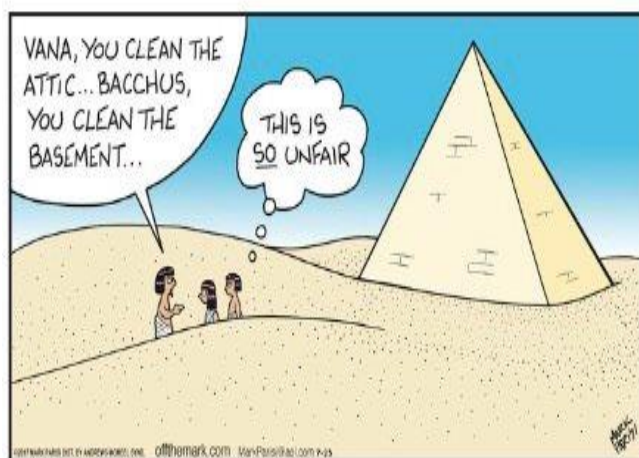
Although it's been a quiet year, we'll give you an update and answer any questions you may have.

Linda Johnson
Vice President

Visitor's Centre report

The two Lindas Buxton and Johnson have indicated recent busyness, with regular complaints continuing to be received about the shop closure and the state of the public toilets. They remain hopeful for increased volunteer numbers to allow daily opening during busy periods. If you have some free time please call in – you'll be made very welcome.

Ed
From GCA minutes



Day Guilderton

Sunday 6th March 2022

The GCA 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 help Clean Up the road into town. Bring a trailer if you have one and meet at the Country Club carpark at 8am
- Groyne and beaches – 8am to 11am, turn up at the Visitor Centre for bags to collect rubbish when you can to help Clean Up the beach and dune areas

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**

GCA presents the Easter Blues and Jazz evening
Saturday 16th April 2022
6pm start

FREE & ALL WELCOME



Food vans, coffee vans & our
wonderful St John ambulance will all be there.

Our blues and jazz musos include
our very own Rob West & Moore River Music

See you there





GCA

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORM 2022

\$15 Single Membership \$30 Double Membership.

• Member Name(s)*

• Postal Address*

• Street Address

City _____ State _____

• Email*

• Confirm Email

• Phone*

• Please return this form to the GCA and remit 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 the Bendigo Bank:
BSB: 633000
Account: 145418018
Reference: Please use your surname as the reference