

Quarterly Newsletter March 2023

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President's Report



The position of GCA president remains vacant after out-going president Kerry Enright was unable to renominate due to family commitments. Our heartiest thanks to Kerry for her wonderful commitment to Guilderton, the community and the GCA.

If you would like to become involved and nominate to become GCA president please get in touch with us. We believe you will find your involvement rewarding.

Vice-president's Report

Hi to all our members and readers as GCA continues our work in Guilderton for another year.

Thanks to all those who came to our AGM on Jan 21st and welcome to new committee members Wil Cuperus, Katie Enright and Zac Gomersall who have volunteered to join the

longstanding committee with Bruce Maguire as Secretary, Maggie Schmiedte as Treasurer, Linda Johnson as Vice President, Linda Buxton for Visitors Centre subcommittee and Kerry Jones for the Arts subcommittee. We thank outgoing Arts coordinator Anne Gilkes for her sterling work over many years! We love the Whimsical Fish!!

Please note that the position of President remains vacant and we welcome a volunteer to take this on. The Library subcommittee reports to the committee but chooses not to attend committee meetings.

GCA is an Association under the Act, so membership is important. At \$15 a person a year we think we offer good value and welcome everyone to join. You need to be a member if our insurance is to cover your volunteering, and we love our volunteers!! Both Visitors Centre & Library have their separate bank accounts, while the Arts funds are held within GCA accounts. A special thank you to Maggie for so capably keeping track of this most important aspect of GCA's accountability. Each February Gingin Shire opens their grant application window until March 31st. The public liability and insurances that GCA pay for our members and volunteers is subsidised \$500 through this process and other community groups are also able to apply for grants. Please see the Shire website for more details.

The GCA committee meets on a Monday bimonthly and also welcomes Shire councillors as visitors to keep us abreast of Shire directions.

GCA is part of the Lower Coastal Community Alliance, where people from Woodridge, Sovereign Hill, Redfield Park, Seabird and Guilderton meet every 3 months to discuss common issues.

If you are interested in local affairs or want to be informed about local events, I suggest you take up the free subscriptions to both Moore River News and also ask Julie Polette to add your email to the mailing list through lowercoastalgroup@gmail.com

Communication has always been a challenge in our area but this really helps. Lots of fantastic projects and events happen in Guildie and we welcome you to be part of them. Welcome to 2023!

Linda Johnson
Vice President

Shire Council Liaison

AGM attendee suggestions for Council consideration include:

- (i) Due to safety concerns for pedestrians, there is a request for a footpath along Mortimer Road from Mullins Street to Gordon Street. A request was also received for the urgent repair of the footpaths on Edward Street (north of the roundabout) and from Edward along Wedge Street to the Country Club.
- (ii) A repeat of the air conditioning request for the Guilderton Community Hall.
- (iii) There is a need for seating outside the tennis courts under the trees where people can watch friends/family play tennis.
- (iv) A request for information from the Council on how to address the need for street lighting on the corner of Mortimer Road and Guilderton Road (where there is an unlit steep drop down to the golf course area).

From the recent GCA meeting, the following issues arose:

Estuary health & closure

GCA/FOMRE were unhappy with the Council's media statement, the blame on agriculture with no mention of the

contribution of the illegal sandbar break which it is presumed led to the low water levels, increased temperature and hence the bacteria/amoebae flourishing.

GCA requested the site and details of the testing done prior to the recent closure of the river to swimming. We are also keen to learn what measures the Shire plans to take to ensure the ongoing health of the estuary water and improve communication with GCA/FOMRE and the community.

Stephens Crescent boardwalk

GCA formally requested a copy of the boardwalk safety report and a demolition report which we believe has been commissioned by the Council. Also requested are previous details such as architect drawings, repair requests or any prior allocations of monies concerning the boardwalk which may or may not have been used. GCA reiterated that community support for the boardwalk being repaired and not demolished is very high as evidenced by a recent public demonstration (not connected to GCA) of their sentiments about this valuable tourist asset.

It is noted from the 2021-22 Gingin Shire Annual Report under priority 4.1.1 (Support the development of the Shire as a premier destination in accordance with the Northern Growth Alliance Tourism Strategy) that the Moore River boardwalk replacement item was **deferred**. We can only take this to mean that the primary strategy would be **replacement and NOT demolition**.

Playground equipment plans

Concerns about the reduction of playground equipment and the complete removal of some near the tennis courts were expressed. GCA requested clear reasoning for the move and any Council plans to replace/renew playground equipment.

Rubbish disposal during tourist season

The lack of summertime community skip bins usually provided by the Council has been sorely missed this year. An alternative was suggested that during peak tourist periods litter can be minimised through emptying bins twice weekly.

Café closure

GCA and its members are concerned about the closure of cafe and lack of provisions for tourists and locals. The food/coffee vans are poor substitutes for a good cafe.

Caravan Park

GCA continues to receive ongoing complaints about the caravan park administration and maintenance.

Parking

The Guilderton foreshore parking meters/charges are due for review by April and GCA requested input because of our concern about Council implementation over the past 5 years. A major concern is for Guilderton's future as a tourist friendly destination.

Guilderton Foreshore Working Party

It was expressed that progress seems painfully slow. GCA has asked to be advised as to what the process will be?

Moore Arts Report

Moore Arts has been running some very successful art and craft market days and our third one is coming up on Sunday 5th March. This is a long weekend so we are hoping for large crowds and have 16 stall holders booked in. Woodridge Community Assoc will be providing a sausage sizzle and Juicy Box van will be there for refreshments. The idea behind these markets is to promote the local art and craft talent that exists in our community and give these artists an avenue to sell some of their work. Stalls include photography, macrame, mosaics, crochet, resin art and much more.

Our annual art exhibition is fast approaching Saturday 8th April in the community Hall in conjunction with the golf club annual fundraiser. This is a fun event with lots of great food and pre loved treasures. Come down and support these wonderful local events.

We will also be holding another art craft market on the easter long weekend - Easter Monday 10th April in Gabbadah Park.

Kerry Jones
Moore Arts Coordinator

Guilderton Visitor's Centre

We have had a busy summer with lots of visitors and lots of questions, especially about the safety of the river, the cafe and where to get a coffee, the caravan park and the parking charges.

We are pleased to see John Punch back with hire canoes whenever he can, and we see many happy people who have taken Moore River Tours Kids cruises up to the desert, or Cooky's Discovery Cruises and charters. Give him a ring if you fancy organising a trip on 0439 093 766.

Ranger Rachel has been busy educating visitors about where dogs are allowed (and not allowed!) and has 4-legged Ranger 4 to help her. We all agree that education is better than fines!

Our merchandise has been marching out the door as have our many brochures and other information. The Walking Quizzes are popular with visitors, especially the guild reward!

We are working with Moore Catchment Council on a booklet for kids visiting the area and plan it's launch at The Arts Market on Easter Monday in Gabbadah Park at 11am. Do join us!

As always, we would love a few more volunteers to help us run GVC and promise you all the support you might want. We are open weekends, public and school holidays 9.30 - 12.30. Please give me a ring if you are interested on 0414 631 273.

Enjoy the autumn, Linda

Linda Johnson
Visitor's Centre Coordinator

FOMRE Report

Sadly, as I received no offers from anyone to organise the Clean Up day 5th of March, it will not be conducted this year for the first time in many years.

Friends of Moore River Estuary were as surprised as everyone else by the snap warnings to keep out of the estuary, that the Shire put up on Australia Day eve. The estuary was beautifully full, with a solid intact sandbar, when vandals dug through it on

January 12th. The resulting draining of the estuary exposed a lot of sand full of organic matter that should have stayed underwater. The shallow waters and warm temperatures allowed excessive decomposition of organic matter that built to a level that may have contributed to algal and bacterial growth. Being an unnatural dig, the estuary didn't 'flush', as it does naturally in winter and so shallow areas formed making boating hazardous and may have contributed to the dangerous changes that made swimming ill advised.

Dead fish were seen around the estuary within days; were they washed in from the ocean or from upstream? I don't know, but they were gone in a few days and I saw no ill effects in the local birds so I hope that no lasting damage was done.

Cutting the sandbar really is a danger to swimmers, boaters and the local wildlife. Prevention is the only cure!

FOMRE is conducting our quarterly water quality testing on 23rd of March and welcome some new TAFE students to join us.

FOMRE AGM will be on Easter Monday, 10th of April at 2pm in Gabbadah Park. Notices will go out to members soon.

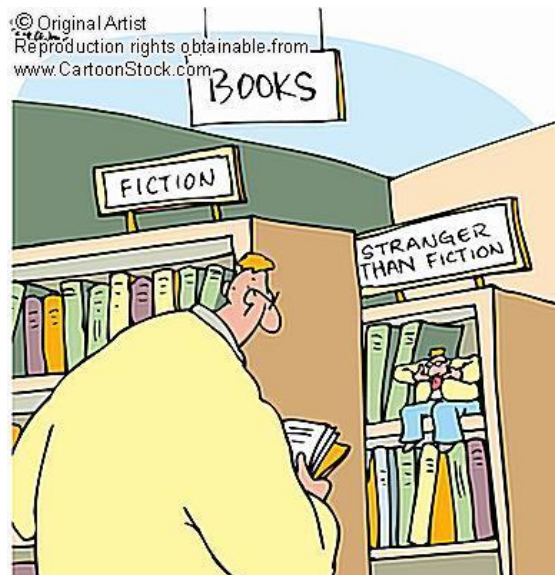
We welcome your interest and membership as we enter our 30th year since Plunkett first proposed rezoning Moore River South from Rural to Urban; the source of so many problems since the Shire made that change. Lots of good things are happening too, come and hear about them.

Linda Johnson
FOMRE Chairperson

Community Library Report

Thank you to everyone for your support of our Annual Holiday Book stalls. This year the response was brilliant with over 568 books, DVD's and puzzles being sold.

Donations of books are still coming in with most in *as new condition* which helps us immensely. The book sale clearance has enabled us to re organise some of our internal shelving creating more, much needed room.



On Easter Saturday April 8th, we are holding a **FREE Children's activity** at The Moore Men's Shed open day. Our usual book stall will of course also be there to feed your reading needs.

Please come along and support the local community groups who will be in attendance on the day.

Madeleine Henshaw
Community Library Coordinator

Going e-Social on Facebook

Are you scrolling for upcoming events? Want to get involved with a community project? Want to join and be part of fund-raising for our town and the future?

GCA has a new presence on line and so welcomes and invites social media enthusiasts to join up and like our new Facebook page. On Facebook you need to search for **“Guilderton Community Association”** & simply by hitting **“like”** you will receive regular postings of happenings and locally relevant news.

Our Facebook page has a direct link to our GCA website.

We will be promoting local events & projects and encouraging the community to get together and support local fund-raising.

You can now know about and enjoy all the wonderful activities Guilderton has to offer.

Katie Enright
Project Coordinator

Secret Chef

Baked figs with prosciutto

Ingredients

Allow two figs per person

Gorgonzola blue cheese

Prosciutto strips (available in all major stores),

To serve

Drizzle of fresh honey



Method

Clean the figs and trim off the stems. Cut each fig in a cross from the stem end to halfway down the fig. Fill the gap created by the cross

with a chunk of gorgonzola. Wrap each fig around with a strip of prosciutto and place on a baking tray.

Cook the figs under a hot grill until the prosciutto is starting to crisp and the cheese is melted. Serve after the figs have cooked a little, but with a hot cheese warning and also a warning these are delicious, highly addictive and very rich.

Bloody Mary oyster shooters

Ingredients

250ml (1 cup) chilled tomato juice

80ml (1/3 cup) chilled vodka

1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

2-3 drops red Tabasco pepper sauce, or to taste

Salt & freshly ground black pepper

Squeeze of lemon juice to taste

6 oysters, removed from shells

6 x 8cm-long pieces celery heart, to garnish



Method

Combine the tomato juice, vodka, Worcestershire sauce, lemon juice and Tabasco in a large jug. Taste and season with salt and pepper. The Bloody Mary mixture can be made ahead of time and refrigerated until needed.

Divide oysters among six 30ml shot glasses. Pour over the tomato mixture. Garnish with a piece of celery and serve immediately.

Guildie Gallery





Moore Arts Council presents

Next Local Art & Craft Market on Sunday 5th March

at Gabbadah Park From 9am—1 pm .

Plenty of stalls of locally made art and craft products for sale.

Fundraising food stall on site for purchase.

Stalls only \$15 each—to book email guildy-markets@gmail.com



EASTER FUN

GUILDERTON GOLF CLUB EASTER

FUNDRAISING STALL

Saturday 8th April outside the Country Club

From 9am to 12 noon

Homemade Cakes, Jams & Biscuits, General Bric-a-Brac & Local vegetables, raffles, refreshments, Sausage Sizzle



Moore Arts Council

Guilderton Art Exhibition and Sale

Easter Saturday 8th April ~ 9 am – 2 pm

Guilderton Community Hall

Art by local artists, Photography of local interest, Sculpture, Mosaics, Ceramics, Jewellery and more.

Come and enjoy this popular annual event. Take home a piece of local art as a lasting memory.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORM 2022

\$15 Single Membership \$30 Double Membership.

- Member Name(s)*

- Postal Address*

- Street Address

City _____ State _____

- 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
 - * Indicates mandatory information required