



Guilderton Community Association

Quarterly Newsletter – Sept 2016

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There was a significant cold front, storm and rainfall leading up to 31 May that resulted in a break to the very north of the bar and substantial movement of sand and vegetation as the pictures show.

From the President's Desk . . .

“Since our last newsletter in June Guilderton has enjoyed its usual period of relative peace and tranquility. The river has continued to break the bar on a frequent basis, often on a daily or bi daily basis, with the large water flows coming down the river due to consistent rainfall. The Shire in conducting some minor interventions have once again been successful in preventing the river flowing due south and scouring out the dunes and vegetation. Although it appears to be very determined as the photo, taken on 23 Aug shows.



Whilst this may appear alarming, and it certainly did so at the time, nature has started to

substantially remedy the situation. It is noteworthy that, as the picture with the embedded post that was uncovered during this event shows, the dune levels many of us may have associated with the northern part of the bar may not be usual or unchanging when considered over a longer time frame.



The GCA submitted an application to the Shire, during its most recent funding and budget round, a request that an eco-toilet be located at the groyne for the convenience of the frequent users of the area. Unfortunately, we were not successful but our application was well received and we are continuing to work constructively with the Shire to secure funding from various sources.

We also continue to work proactively with the Shire, and they with the City of Wanneroo, Depart of Environment and Conservation and the Moore River Company on the vexed issue of off road vehicles of all manner accessing, in some cases illegally, and causing damage and nuisance to the south of the river and sometimes to the north. The recent period has been ominously quiet in this regard but with, on occasions, significant activity. Your assistance is sought in continuing to provide reports direct to the Shire of such activity even if, and perhaps especially, if you think nothing is being done.

The Shire has also recently published its' Community Infrastructure Plan that shows planned and desired infrastructure projects: into the future; it is available at the Shire's website. This was developed after significant community consultation. Parochially you might at least wish to view the section devoted to Guilderton and the Lower Coastal areas of the Shire.

We hope to very shortly meet with the Shire to discuss the rationalisation and improvement of the signage at the top car park, approaches to the bar and other such locations. The Shire have provided in their 2016/17 budget funds for a finger jetty to the new boat ramp (in the middle of the two ramps) to aid launching and retrieval of vessels along with funds for the upgrade of the existing carpark. We understand the plan is to complete these projects prior to summer. If you have any issues you would particularly like us to address; please let us know promptly."

Dean Brady

Extension of the Guilderton Beach Dog Exercise Area

The Shire of Gingin recently conducted a review of existing Designated Dog Exercise and Dog Prohibited areas within the Shire and as a result, the following change has been made for Guilderton:

Guilderton Beach Dog Exercise Area has been extended from south of the Mortimer Street Groyne through to a line drawn west of the intersection of Gordon and Hanson Streets, Guilderton.

Appropriate signage will be installed and maps of all Prohibited Dog Areas and Designated Dog Exercise Areas will be available soon on the Shire website.

For more information please contact Ranger Services on 9575 5148.

North Dunes Planting Day

"The north Guilderton dunes were a hive of activity on 12th June as nearly 50 people aged 5 to 93 gave up their Sunday morning to volunteer their time at the annual planting event. Rachel Walmsley, Moore Catchment Council's NRM Officer said "Despite the chilly start and the threat of rain, we once again had a fabulous turn out of volunteers including local and nearby residents, plus members of The 4WD Club of WA who have a keen membership wishing to take part in rehabilitation projects up and down the coast."

This is the second community planting event on the north dunes since an area was fenced off from vehicular access in 2014. Natural revegetation of the degraded tracks is occurring slowly but these extra native seedlings planted will help move things along.

The day started with a quick demo of planting as a few people hadn't planted on sand dunes before. Rachel said "The most important tip was to plant each seedling as deep as possible to ensure the roots establish well. Even though the much appreciated recent rains have made the sand very wet, it will dry out quickly and the biggest threat to success is the hot dry Midwest summer."

The volunteers split into teams to tackle the three different sites and everyone got stuck into planting the 2,000+ seedlings which featured a dozen species found on the dunes. All new seedlings were fitted with corflute tree guards to protect them from the elements and nibbly pests. The weary planters were rewarded with lunch and a cuppa before a few hardcore volleys headed back on to the dunes to finish planting the last few seedlings.

Fortunately, 32mm of rain fell Sunday night to help bed in the seedlings. Rachel said "I thank

everyone who came along to this event from near and far – you have made a real difference and I look forward to checking over the seedlings in the coming months. I also want to thank people behind the scenes including Bob Johnson for lending his trailer, Jim Laffer, Dean Brady and Barry and Ann Callen for helping move seedlings and tree guards on Saturday, Hamish Longbottom for helping coordinate, and the Guilderton Community Association for their continued support in environmental projects in Guilderton."



Thank you to all our volunteers

Guilderton Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to Bill Marshall for over 20 Years of Service both to the brigade and over 15 years as the FCO Officer for our District. Bill has now retired as FCO.

Please note that Carolee Peace is the new FCO for Guilderton, Sovereign Hill and Redfield Park. For all permit queries please phone Carolee on 0427921453.

LIBRARY CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

Our 10 year celebrations went extremely well with the Shire of Gingin recognising 3 of our volunteers: June Skinner, Julie Rouse and Madeline Henshaw with a "Community Spirit Award" medallion for their 10 years of service. Thank you to all volunteers who give so much to the successful running of our Library.

WRITERS WORKSHOP

As we advised previously, we will be holding a "Writing Workshop" on Saturday 3rd and Sunday morning 4th September 2016. Our guest tutor, Annie Girad, will help you create your history to share with your loved ones. We all have a story to tell no matter how small or seemingly inconsequential. Come along, a light lunch will be available for \$5 per head (Saturday) but bookings are essential. Payment for the workshop is \$50 and must be secured at time of booking.

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family stories with your loved ones?
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or light lunch
\$5

for the beginner or experienced
bookings contact Madeline 95771528 0415902038

Here is a little information regarding Annie. Born to a French father and Australian mother after WW2, Annie became the fourth of her generation in the family to reach 5th year high school. She attended Graylands Teachers Training College and UWA, taught at primary schools in Wembley, Rockdale (NSW), Thomas St, Mt Hawthorn and Hamersley, before becoming a parent of three boys, a single parent, a W.A.I.T. graduate, a journalist, Electorate Press Officer for an MP, a freelance journalist writing for sailing

magazines (because she loved sailing) and others around Australia, sub-editor for Community News, a lecturer for first year journalism students at Curtin University, a seller of real estate, a high school English teacher at Mandurah, Willetton, John Curtin, Thornlie, Gosnells, Kwinana and, finally, back to her favourite, Willetton, where she taught until retiring recently. Throughout the journalism era of her life, she edited anything that came her way, from pamphlets to novels to non-fiction texts to autobiographies, the last of which she feels immensely proud to be involved with, as well as the reason that brought her to Guilderton. Oh, and somewhere during the nineties, she and her family and long-time sailing partner spent a year in France and bought and renovated a house there, going back during school holidays for over a decade. Retirement brought her more time to do more things, so, like most other retirees, she found life extremely busy: still editing, still teaching (though rarely at a school) and still trying to find time to write about all of the above.

There are still a several vacancies if you are interested in attending. Please phone Madeline.

Madeline Henshaw (phone 0415 902 038)

Guilderton Visitor Centre

We are all really ready for Spring after a quiet winter in town with so many wet weekends. Our local produce of honey, oil, jams, pickles and tea are all very good value and taste great, so do come and buy some.

We now have new stock of souvenirs and gifts, so check us out as you do your Christmas shopping. The latest maps, Fisheries, river, boating and tourist brochures are always available inside while our noticeboards advertise local maps, services and events.

We are there to support our locals and tourists alike and have lots of information on our website at guildertonwa.com.au

New volunteers are always welcome so if you like people and have 9am to noon free any weekend or in school holidays please join us.

Any queries to Linda on 0414 631 273

Friends of Moore River Estuary

It is over a year since the Moore River Company advertised the whole 2000 hectares they own at Moore River South 'For Sale'. As far as we know no-one was interested in buying it and so it remains as beautiful bush which is only lightly grazed.

We are hoping MRC will again be proactive at keeping the illegal 4WDs off the beach and riverbank this year. 4WDs are illegal over all the MRC land without the owners' permission, and on the beach between Wilbinga and the groyne. 4WDs are legal north of the groyne, on the beach and the track to Seabird but please do take care to stay safe and to protect the lovely coastal bush near the tracks. Lancelin has the only 4WD dune access in Gingin Shire.

A video about the estuary was made this year. You can see it at <https://vimeo.com/167518372> the password is gingin.

Our 3 year funded water testing of the estuary, with the Dept of Water and Northern Agricultural Catchment Council continues to go well with another of the quarterly runs just completed.



FOMRE membership is \$20 per year per family and we welcome new members. We share the website with GCA and GVC so you can find us at guildertonwa.com.au Any questions please phone:

Linda on 0414 631 273.

Moore than Light on the River



Thunder, lightning and hail didn't deter the Moore Light on the River photographic workshop participants. Photographers sloshed through river mud, shot in the twilight and stumbled through the bush to capture that elusive wildflower.



Grevillea: Carine Nemery

Photographers had a range of ability and cameras from small travel "point and shoots" to state of the art equipment. Master Photographer Dale Neill gave personalised tuition and advice during the weekend unshackling some of the cameras' lesser known capabilities. Fine art photographer Carine Nemery gained a new insight from the workshop, "I have learnt so much during this workshop....it opens a new horizon...Dale is a fantastic teacher...he really gives a great boost of confidence to all his students."

Long after sunset, photographers were creating artistic images of swirling, steamy seas using twenty-second exposures.



Swirling seas: Dale Neill

For many, the workshop broke new bounds and created new horizons in their quest for that unique image. It didn't matter what they were photographing they were constantly being made aware of the light to shape the image and enhance texture.



Moore River Estuary: Susan Moss

The Guilderton Hall with its large window areas was an ideal venue for teaching the principles of three dimensional lighting. The weekend included four "secret" locations for photographers to put theory into practice.

Once again The Country Club's support made the weekend even more successful, providing delicious morning and afternoon teas, lunches and dinner in a congenial, relaxed atmosphere. The Guilderton Community Association and Moore Arts thank Dale Neill for a successful and

entertaining weekend of photography and tall stories.

Moore Arts and Dale Neill are planning another photographic workshop in 2017. To lodge your interest please contact Anne.

Anne Gilkes email: agilkes@westnet.com.au
or phone 0427 687 053



The Guilderton Community Association would like to thank Tracey for the colourful painting of the Dancing Couple at Gabbadah Park along with all her ongoing excellent efforts to improve Guilderton.

GCA Membership Application / Renewal Form

\$25 for Family or Single Membership (for all people who live at the same address)

Member Name(s): _____

Postal Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please return this form to the GCA and remit \$25 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: 633 108

Account: 145418018

Reference: your surname

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