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The Presidents Report

Welcome to Spring everyone. Let's hope it's a lovely one. News from the GCA is all reasonably good.

Firstly, I welcome our new CEO and his family into the Gingin Shire. His name is Aaron Cooke and from what I have experienced working with him through the Guilderton General Store it has been a pleasure. He has put some new procedures into place which have improved the overall effectiveness and efficiency of the Shire. Good luck to him and his family.

Our new 'Welcome to Guilderton' sign is in place. Unfortunately, it is not shown off to its best as the positioning of it had to be changed due to the possibility of it being a traffic sight hazard on the road. The original position would have allowed the sunlight to filter through the cut outs more effectively. The Shire and the committee are working on a solution to better enhance the sign.

The parking meters are here to stay for at least the next 12 months. At the end of that 12 months trial period, hopefully there will be a review.

The GCA did write to the Shire asking them to review this matter now and to at least allow some free parking time prior to paying especially through winter but this has been rejected until after the review. The Shire is however looking at more free parking areas, but they need approvals and permits to accomplish this. More in the next newsletter.

The committee held a brain storming meeting on the 23rd August to come up with some fresh ideas for the community at large on events that might be possible into the foreseeable future. There were some great ideas put forward and we will be working on some in our next committee meeting. During the October school holidays we plan to have a kite flying day. With the aid of The Men's Shed and their expertise the plan is to help kids and others to fly a kite or even make a kite. It will be held on the last Saturday of the school holidays starting at 10am on the 6th October. So, dust off your kites, build a new one, buy a new fan dangled one and come and fly a kite with us. We hope to have a few other things going on as well depending on permit approvals.

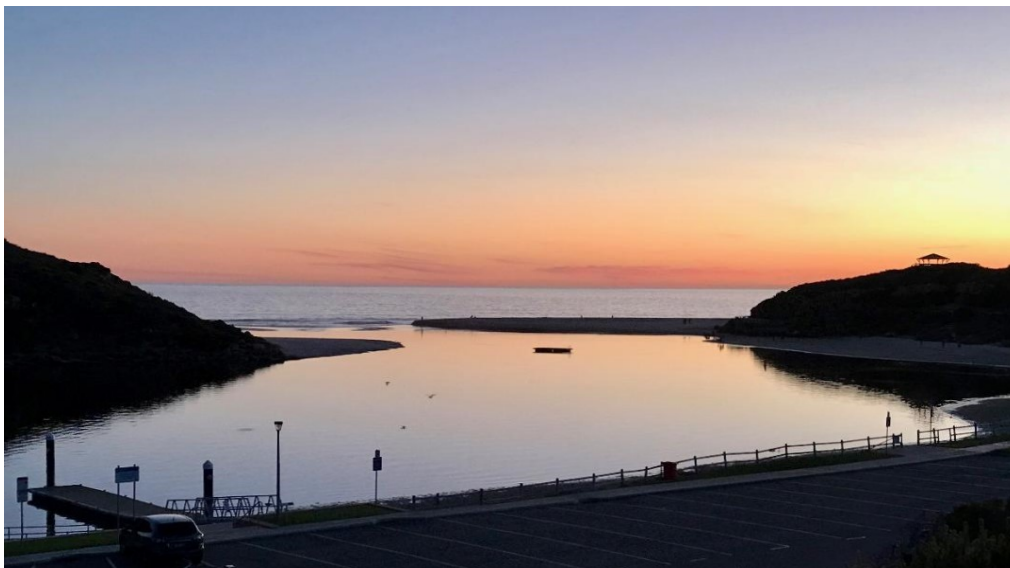
We welcome anyone's input into other event ideas whether just for fun or fundraising and rest assured we will be looking for volunteers as usual. Ha. Some of our ideas included fetes, maybe a resurrection of the King of the River, Art trails, sand building competition, photo competition, quiz nights, workshops, etc. Kerry Jones had our ideas flowing onto sticky notes and grouping them into order, so stayed tuned for fun, fun, fun.

Anne Gilkes and the arts group are working on a big celebration for next year and Bob Johnson is working on an exciting project with the Maritime people which I think will see a great outcome for Guilderton.

Your committee is working hard to ensure a successful year and to also create some new and exciting events and functions for everyone to enjoy and benefit from.

Don't forget 'come fly a kite' with us.

Kerry Enright



The Moore River Estuary

So Beautiful and so Precious

Worth working hard to preserve

Friends of Moore River Estuary continue to act as estuary guardians. Unfortunately we have lost the support of NACC, as their whole coastal and marine program was defunded on June 30th. NACC still exists in Geraldton but the Jurien Bay office has closed and the staff were made redundant. This Federal Govt NRM (natural resource management) program has been changed to deal primarily with 'threatened species' projects.

We hope that the 'Photomon' project will continue. Regular photos of the same coastal views are taken by volunteers (Bob Johnson here), collated and can be used to show changes over time and the effects of storms, erosion and changing coastal processes.

While NACC was our main support for the water quality testing project which has been going for nearly 3 years now, we are pleased to say that DWER (Dept Water and Environmental Regulation) are continuing to assist us. FOMRE with NACC have done the testing in February, May, August and November, with DWER's assistance and extra testing (minerals, heavy metals, phyto planktons) each February and August. Ryan from DWER came to our latest testing on August 17th. He brought with him a Masters science student, Natasha who is showing interest in future testing and we still hope for more support from Hamish (who was our key man from NACC). The Estuary Portal that will allow public access to testing and observational results is also not lost - but not online yet either! We would love a local volunteer who is able to make more of the results of this work available to everyone via the online systems that are in place. Please ring me if you are interested.

Adam Green of DWER has recently been funded to run a project with another Masters student, Patricia, on the 'consideration of the value of estuarine environments in groundwater management - Case study Moore River'. Over the next 3 months Adam and Patricia will be conducting surveys and interviews to find out how important the estuary's health is to those of us who use it. If you would like to be included please email me for a questionnaire.

DWER is the govt dept that makes decisions about water abstraction and uses. They measure and monitor water tables, bores and aquifers. They are seeing huge drying trends in this system, with Gingin Brook and areas of Moore River especially impacted. If they do nothing, then the water supply and quality of the water in the estuary will inevitably diminish. We want to work with them to make sure that any losses are minimal because of the value we put on the health of the estuary. We hope you agree!

The 2099ha of Moore River Company's land at Moore River South has been for sale for the last 3 years. We have always said that the plans to urbanise 357ha of this is a bad idea. It is well outside the metropolitan boundary, surrounded by valuable bush that is habitat for threatened species of banksia, tuarts and Carnaby Cockies, has no easy access, fire escape or connection to power, water, sewerage and facilities. However, Plunkett is persisting with plans to enable their development to go ahead.

Plunketts have formed Moore River Water Services as a company to provide water and waste water treatment by Aquasol (separately to Water Corp) to the ODP area. They promise to spend nearly \$25 million on this development, not expecting to cover their costs until at least year 11! They have also put in a Development Application for a Photovoltaic Solar Facility on their land at Barragoon Road. To be run remotely from Perth, with an expected life of 25 years, we hope these plans don't fool the decision makers into thinking this makes development a good idea here!

FOMRE thanks everyone who has renewed their \$10 membership this year as it allows our work to continue. If you have questions about any of our activities I am happy to explain further. Heres to another lovely Spring on Moore River!

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GUILDERTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Our Writers Workshop which was held on 18 August had an excellent outcome. There has been so much positive feedback from participants. Both of the presenters later visited the library and were very impressed with the quality and quantity of books and the positive feel of a "living library".

Alana Marshall from **InspiredU** (The Library Within) wrote a small piece on the Love Guilderton website and a participant has placed a small piece in Moore River News with her candid impressions of the day.

Presenter Karina McCarthy's approach was both entertaining and motivational, using meditation and recordings to enhance our writing abilities. It was amazing to watch words flow from the participants and quite amusing also!!!!

We always welcome new members to the library and remember, for the price of a cup of coffee you too could enjoy the huge selection of books.

Madeline Henshaw



Guilderton Visitor Centre has had a quiet winter probably due to the cold, wet, windy conditions that we have all seen. We are very pleased to have been given a Shire grant to have a new brochure made and will be working to get that made in time for the summer holidays. We are also working to upgrade the Information Bay and are pleased to now offer **free advertising to local businesses**. Have a magnet made with the information about your business and we will exhibit it without cost. We will also display your brochures in GVC and add you to our Local Services Directory on the website at guildertonwa.com.au

Our aim is to increase co-operation throughout the lower coastal communities so please keep an eye on our website and go there to find local help when you need it. You'll find lots of other interesting information and can see about future events there also. We share the website with GCA and FOMRE so are a one-stop-site for local knowledge!

Our walking quiz is proving very popular, especially for primary school aged children. You can collect one from GVC, find the answers and then return for a small prize.

We will have the 2019 Anne Gilkes calendar on sale for \$15 soon. Every few years local artist Anne Gilkes makes some of her watercolours of our area into a beautiful A5 calendar which makes a great present, especially when sending overseas. We sell brilliant sandboards and artefacts made by Moore Men's Shed, local honey, jams and olive oils as well as a varied range of gifts and have free brochures on many subjects and places to go, so do pop in when you are on the foreshore.

The visitor centre is open on weekends and school holidays from 9.30 until 12.30 or by appointment if you ring me! GVC is entirely and tirelessly run by a wonderful group of volunteers. We would welcome a couple more so please ring me if you are interested.

The foreshore parking remains a vexed issue for visitors, however, the Shire tells us, will remain in place until next Easter. Please don't get caught down there without your permit and remind your visitors as well. All the very best for a lovely Spring at the estuary.

Linda Johnson (0414 631 273)

Kite Flying on the River Foreshore

Saturday 6th October 10.00am until midday

Community Fun Event—All Welcome



- ◇ Bring your own Kite
- ◇ Buy a new Kite
- ◇ Come learn how to fly a Kite
- ◇ Build a Kite
- ◇ Fill the Sky with Kites
- ◇ We will help you to make your own Kite
- ◇ Moore Men's Shed expertise



Just to remind you that our website is:
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And we have a new email address:
guildertongca@gmail.com

Thank you to all our new members and of course all our on-going members. We hope to keep you up-to-date with events and issues that affect our community. Enjoy your community here at Guilderton.

We appreciate your membership and so does Guilderton.



Echidna's have spines covering their body, which are sharp so they are able to deter predators from eating them. They have long, fast moving tongues to trap and eat ants, termites and other insects in their nests. If you see an Echidna in Guilderton make sure you protect it from harm. There are a few around but they are very good at hiding in our scrub and bushes.

MOORE ARTS MOSAICS WORKSHOP

Julie Polette's Mosaic Weekend Workshop (25-26 August) was the third Arts Workshop held by Moore Arts at the Guilderton Country Club this year.

We arrived to find an Aladdin's cave of tiles, jewellery, beads, buttons, glass tiles, baubles, in every colour which we proceeded to turn into dolphins, dragon flies, chameleons, mirror frames, and abstract mosaics, as well as house numbers, country scenes, flowers, owls, a butterfly, a wave and decorated bricks and a flowerpot. Julie was generous with her knowledge and helped many of us who were novices to achieve beyond expectations.

A lot of the materials we used were recycled or end-of-line items, so we now know where to look for these items and going to the op shops will be much more fun in future.

A big thank you to Julie for a very enjoyable weekend as well as to Wendy and Elizabeth for their assistance. Thank you also to the Guild-



Having a great time at the Mosaics Workshop



Eager participants at Mosaics Workshop

ton Country Club for their usual high standard of catering. It was a very social weekend for everyone involved.

These comments from a workshop participant reflect the views of the group:

"Thanks for a lovely weekend - I really enjoyed it and have the mosaics to prove it too. Really appreciate all the time and effort that goes into organising an event like this and hope it was successful from Moore Arts perspective, in addition to the obvious happiness of those attending. My favourite part of the weekend was the chats with fellow crafters, a chance to see someone else's perspective whilst learning new skills. I love being in that mental and physical space that is so different to everyday life. Julie did an amazing job..... calming and positive, it's a lovely energy to be around."

Anne Gilkes



Mosaic Masterpieces