



THE GUILDFORD ASSOCIATION INC

HISTORIC GUILDFORD - FIRST SETTLED IN 1829

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GUILDFORD MATTERS

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Next General Meeting

Tuesday 20th October – 7:30pm

Venue Mechanics Institute Hall, Meadow Street, Guildford

Presentation on the Guildford Anzac's Project

The Association encourages members and residents to come along and discuss issues which affect our town.

Annual General Meeting

The Association's Annual General Meeting was held on the 16th September.

The following executive was elected:

President: Peter Stephenson

Vice President: Patrick Irwin

Minutes Secretary: Catherine With

Treasurer: Ian Johnson

Committee: Barbara Dundas, Kim Mart, John Squire, Andrew Kiely

Tourism Forum

The Guildford Association is sponsoring a Tourism Forum at 3pm on **Saturday 24th October** at the Guildford Town Hall. The forum is being hosted by Hon Michelle Roberts MLA. Attendees include Opposition Leader Mark McGowan and Noeleen Pearson, CEO, Perth Region Tourism Operations. With the decline in the resource sector, tourism may provide future opportunities. Guildford's heritage provides a unique opportunity to capitalise on this. The Association invites all residents to come along and express their views.

ANZAC Plaque Presentation

The Guildford Association has commemorated the Centenary of ANZAC with the Guildford Anzacs Project. The first stage was completed on August 29th with the presentation of poppy commemorative plaques to the Anzac Home owners. A website and walk trail are being developed and will be unveiled in November.

2015. If you have not yet received your plaque, please contact Barbara on 92797057. Photos of the night can be viewed on the Dusty Dingo web site under Poppy Plaque Presentation

Manetti Roses

Over the last few years the Guildford Association has undertaken a number of plantings of historic Manetti Roses on the banks of the Swan River near Barker's Bridge. The original roses were planted by Lieutenant Du Cane in 1853. They were used to stabilise the banks and later as rose stock for the fledgling Perth rose industry in the 1920s and 30s.

Unfortunately over the years the roses have been subject to damage from weed spraying and other misfortunes. The Association has been working with Midland Polytechnic West and the City of Swan to grow new plants from cuttings and re-plant them in their original locations. Future tree plantings on the floodplains are being considered, following discussion with appropriate Government agencies.

Council Elections

Local Council elections are open at the moment. If you have not received your voting papers in the mail contact the council or the WA Electoral Commission. Voting papers must be sent in before the 17th October. Alternatively you can vote at a polling station on the day. There are eight nominations for the two positions in the Midland / Guildford ward. Candidate profiles are with the voting papers or on the WA Electoral Commission website. The Association urges residents to vote and to ensure their vote is for a candidate who will protect Guildford's heritage

Multi-Storey Development Applications

Over the last few months there have been a number of Applications for Multi-Storey Developments within Guildford. The first was the Town Planning Scheme Amendment related to the Guildford Hotel. This was quickly followed by the application for a multi-use four storey development on Terrace Road. Following this an application was received for a 70 unit, four storey development on the Ross's site on James St.

Based on the submissions on these developments it is abundantly clear that the community does not want to see multi-storey developments within Guildford. On the Guildford Hotel application objections outnumbered support over 5:1. Objections on the Terrace Road development outnumbered support 4:1. The City of Swan passed a motion limiting development on the Guildford Hotel to two storeys. A Development Assessment Panel (DAP) rejected the Terrace Road development, incidentally also by a 4:1 margin. The Ross's application was rejected by council before reaching the public comment period.

The developers have the option to appeal these decisions or submit new ones. We hope that they respect the views of the community. A small number of people do support development inconsistent with Guildford's Conservation Policy.

As a community we need to work together to ensure that any development in Guildford is acceptable. Guildford is the least changed of the towns of first settlement in WA and possibly Australia. It was limited in growth by its river

boundaries and has not had a commercial or residential building ever constructed above the original colonial scale of the town eg predominantly single storey and a limited number of 2 storey buildings.

Other Development Applications

The Guildford Association has asked the City of Swan to be kept informed of Development Applications in Guildford, in addition to notices to adjoining residents. This should ensure an awareness of what is happening. The Association makes numerous comments on these applications to assist the owners, the City of Swan and ensure the Guildford Conservation Policies are upheld.

Guildford Hotel

Work on the Guildford Hotel is continuing. The whole community is watching with interest. The building is being interpreted and some windows filled and some doorways of modern form. A revised application was lodged with the City of Swan for internal function rooms and a new two storey commercial development at the rear of the hotel. This is similar to the first plans.

The Association is concerned about the size and bulk of the commercial development and how it will affect the adjacent properties. There are also concerns about vehicle access to the hotel for deliveries and customer parking. The revised application does not appear to have been presented to council yet. We look forward to confirmation of an opening date.

Aircraft Noise

There have been many comments from residents recently about Aircraft Noise over Guildford, particularly in the mornings. Some of this increase has been due to seasonal factors, i.e. northerly and easterly winds. However, some of them are due to changes in the operation of Perth Airport. These changes are currently under trial for a 12 month period following a sustained political campaign from residents in the Shelley area and Canning and Melville councils.

One of the results of the Shelley campaign has been the reduced effectiveness of the consultation process between residents, Air Services and Perth Airport, as well as at least 2 extra aircraft departures per night and 11 extra departures a weekend over Guildford. The quieter arrivals will be slightly reduced in number .

The Association urges residents to contact Air Services and complain re unreasonable noise or the decision to increase departure flight volumes over our town. Silence from Guildford could lead to this trial becoming permanent. Please ring the Comment Line on **1800 802 584**, attend the quarterly meetings of the Perth Airport Community Forum (December 2015 date and venue to be confirmed) and voice your concerns to your Federal Member of Parliament Mr Ken Wyatt Tel 08 9359 0322 or write to Shop 10-12 Forrestfield Forum, 80 Hale Rd, Forrestfield. WA 6058

YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2015-2016 ARE NOW DUE

The Guildford Association is your local resident and ratepayer Association. The Association's objectives as stated in the Constitution are to:

- **Preserve and promote the historic and rural nature of Guildford and its environs;**
- **Enhance and protect the quality of life of residents and ratepayers in the area.**

The Association is constituted under the *Associations Incorporation Act 1987* and operates under the requirements of that Act. Membership is **\$15** per person, per year. Interested and concerned residents are encouraged to join.

Application for Membership

I hereby apply for membership of the Guildford Association Inc. I support the goals of the Association as stated in the Constitution.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number(s): _____

Email: _____

Signed _____

Renewing Member

New Member

Please forward **\$15 per person** to Guildford Association, PO Box 115, Guildford WA 6935.

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