



THE GUILDFORD ASSOCIATION INC

HISTORIC GUILDFORD - FIRST SETTLED IN 1829

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GUILDFORD MATTERS

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General Meeting
Tuesday 19th April – 7:30pm
Mechanics Institute
Meadow Street

The Association has general meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, all members are welcome to attend and bring friends and neighbours.

THE GUILDFORD PAUSE – AIRCRAFT NOISE RESEARCH

April 19 meeting Planes are an inescapable fact of life in Guildford and surrounds. Mr John MacPherson, a recently retired acoustic expert, will talk about the latest research and findings on noise from the 2015 International Commission on Biological Effect of Noise (ICBEN) Conference. The mandate of the ICBEN is to promote a high level of scientific research.

This is an important talk for all Guildford residents and the surrounding communities including Woodbridge and Midland, which will be aircraft noise affected within the next 10 years with the planned parallel runway.

Please note the planned talk by local resident and physicist David Blair will now take place at our June meeting. At our next meeting on May 17 we will have a guest speaker talking about how the quenda (bandicoots) adjust to urban environments and how to protect them.

GUILDFORD HOTEL

At the March 16 City of Swan council meeting it was stated that the hotel may open its doors some time in April/May. The building is looking sensational. Congratulations to the owner, builders, architects, locals and the City of Swan for this achievement.

The restoration of the hotel was never a foregone conclusion. We are grateful for the ongoing efforts of individuals, community groups and the Banner Fairies for keeping the issue at the forefront of people's minds. And we mustn't forget all those who sacrificed their socks!

We have been told that the substation that has been placed at the front of the hotel, between the hotel and the old Vaudeville Theatre, will be given a similar architectural treatment to the main building. In a deputation to council the GA raised concerns about a substation in such a prominent location so out of keeping with the historic streetscape.

MULTI-STOREY FOR TERRACE ROAD

The Joint Development Assessment Panel, against the wishes of the majority in the community and the City of Swan, has approved a four-storey 22 unit residential block with 2 commercial tenancies for 110 Terrace Road, Guildford, which is next to Padbury's and opposite the Rose and Crown. This is the heart of Guildford's heritage precinct.

The JDAP consists of two City of Swan Councillors, Cr Daniel Parasiliti and Cr Darryl Trease, and three planners and architects.

Our Councillor's both voted against the proposal on the grounds of the development's height and scale being inappropriate for the heritage precinct. We appreciate their support for the community and for following the City of Swan's conservation policy for Guildford. However, their efforts were over-ruled by the three unelected members, who voted for the development.

The Association urges the City of Swan to follow the growing number of councils advocating that the undemocratic JDAP process be scrapped, as it has taken away the power of ratepayers and local councillors to make decisions about their communities.

Minister John Day commented in a letter to the Echo that the five-storey development on the Guildford Hotel site would not set a precedent in undermining the conservation planning of the town.

In reality, it appears planning in WA seems to be about making all places the same rather than respecting their uniqueness and heritage values. We urge residents to write to the new Minister for Planning Donna Faragher (108 Swan St, Guildford 6055 Minister.Faragher@dpc.wa.gov.au) and Local Member Michelle Roberts (36 The Crescent Midland 6056 midland@mp.wa.gov.au) to express concerns over this short-sighted decision, which we believe will be one step further along the road of eroding Guildford's heritage value.

WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT GUILDFORD?

Guildford is the most intact town of first settlement in WA and possibly in Australia. It is deemed intact because the town has not expanded beyond its river boundaries and remains on its original footprint. It has retained a colonial scale of not more than 2 storeys. No other town of first settlement can make this claim in WA and possibly Australia. It has intact vistas that have changed little since the development of the railway. The decision to destroy the essential character of the town is based on poor argument - to develop housing along the rail routes and maximise developer returns.

Guildford offered something unique for the City of Swan and indeed WA - an opportunity to visit a colonial settlement close to the City, opportunities for future generations to experience an historic town with its original scale. Guildford is not any old suburb, it is a town with its own distinctive built character, civic buildings and landscape.

JDAP can ignore all of this and the traditions of the past for a couple of developers. **Guildford is at the crossroads** and needs its citizens to stand up and speak out against inappropriate development, or else the Guildford we value will no longer be a unique centre of history. Please join the GA and help us preserve our heritage for future generations.

ANZAC DAY 2016



There will be an Anzac Day ceremony in Stirling Square on Monday 25 April, organised by the Bassendean-Guildford RSL and churches of Guildford.

Please gather from 8.45am for 9am start.

If you would like to lay a wreath, please contact the Bassendean-

Guildford RSL President Mr A. Vince on 9209 1837. Those who own an Anzac home are encouraged to honour their Anzac with a poppy.

GUILDFORD'S FIVE ANZAC PROJECTS

Guildford has five Anzac projects from five different community groups.

Wesley Church and Guildford Primary School used Anzac grant monies to restore the gold lettering on their Honour Boards. These projects will enable the names of our soldiers to be read for another 100 years.

St Matthew's Church has had the leadlight window in the Soldier's Chapel restored. Heritage Roses in Australia has planted out four rose beds in Stirling Square with examples of roses that would have been growing in the gardens of Guildford when the men embarked for service. The beds are named 1915-1918, the years Australia was involved in active conflict.

On Tuesday April 26, 2016, Heritage Roses and the City of Swan will launch the Centenary of Anzac Rose Bed project at 9.30am at the rose gardens in Stirling Square, followed by morning tea in the St Matthew's church hall for invited guests.

Other projects will be launched at a later date, to be announced. This includes The Guildford Association's Anzac Walk Trail and website, linked to the poppy plaques on former homes of Anzacs dotted around the town.

The community groups of Guildford are to be commended for protecting and conserving their heritage. It is doubtful there is another town in WA that can boast of five Anzac projects by five different community groups!

ON THE MOVE

Mr Peter Stephenson has stepped down as president of the GA as he is leaving the area. We thank Peter for his years of hard work. Peter effectively put forward the Association's views at council meetings and in the media and worked hard to conserve Guildford's heritage. We wish him all the best with his move. Peter is replaced by long-time resident and local historian Mrs Barbara Dundas, who is a tireless champion of Guildford.

Secretary Mrs Catherine With has had to resign due to family commitments. Thank you Catherine for all your hard work, including the gracious hosting of the poppy plaque launch. Thanks to Ms Deanna Rokich for stepping into the role.

HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Congratulations to the organiser for another fantastic Heritage Festival in Stirling Square. The festival has become one of the highpoints on the Guildford calendar. It is a great way of showcasing our heritage and attracting visitors to Guildford and also provides local community groups a valuable opportunity to run fundraising stalls, which is much appreciated.

POLLUTION CONCERNS FOR HAZELMERE & SURROUNDS

WA Environment Minister Albert Jacob has approved the progression of plans for a waste to energy/pyrolysis incinerator in Hazelmere. Twelve individuals and community groups lodged appeals against the plant in November. We are very disappointed by this outcome.

Concerns raised included the fact that the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council (EMRC) relied on air modelling data taken from Red Hill rather than at the Hazelmere site – two very different locations. Red Hill does not have the same major air pollution sources that are present in Hazelmere including two brickworks, two airports, freight traffic and a large asphalt and plasterboard factory.

Despite being in an area zoned industrial it is concerning that a plant of this nature is so near to residents, schools and childcare centres in Woodbridge, Guildford, Bassendean, High Wycombe, Bellevue, and new developments including the hospital in Midland.

Write to the Minister albert.jacob@mp.wa.gov.au 12th Floor, Dumas House, 2 Havelock Street, West Perth WA 6005, if you object to this decision.

FLIGHTS OF THE FUTURE

The West Australian has reported that the world's biggest plane, the six-engine AN225 Mriya, will land in Perth on Sunday, May 15. It will be carrying a 135-tonne generator for the resources industry.

It is to be hoped that the proposal to have supersized aircraft flying into Perth will not result in the main runway being extended another 150 metres closer to the north ie Guildford end of the runway.

The next **Perth Airport Community Forum** will be held on June 2, 6.30pm-8.30pm, at the Bassendean Community Hall, 48 Old Perth Road. You need to register your attendance and also any questions you have in advance on the following website <http://pamg.com.au/pacf/>

*For Aircraft Noise Complaints ring **1800 802 584 (freecall) or 1300 302 240**. The hotline is staffed Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays, from 9 am-5 pm Sydney time*

A number of residents have expressed concern that they can only register complaints in Eastern States office time and not leave a recorded message out of hours. You have to detail the exact time and aircraft if you can view it, or have your computer open to check details. This is not feasible for a community with no noise curfew.

If you have difficulties in lodging a complaint please contact the Federal member for this area The Hon Mr Ken Wyatt Tel (08) 9359 0322.

UNLUCKY STRIKE

A sugar gum on James Street, opposite 8 Howell Court, has had to be removed following a lightning strike. Following the strike the tree showed a rapid decline in health and vigour and had the potential to fail completely. The City of Swan has stated it will be considering a replacement tree to be planted in May/June.

SPRING RESERVE

Guildford is full of interesting historic sites. One of these is Spring Reserve in Helena Street. It is one of WA's most significant water sites, is on the State Register of Heritage Places and is a recognised Aboriginal site. The area was a swamp in 1829 at first settlement, however, it had fresh springs and was soon cleared and water was obtained for local consumption. In the 1850s, convict labour from the depot was used to deepen it and a 2nd well was added for livestock. In 1897 the progressive Guildford Municipal Council decided to sink an artesian bore for town use in 1897 to a depth of 1207 feet. Under artesian pressure, water was pumped as far as Guildford Grammar School by pipe and to the houses and Stirling Square. Unfortunately the water became sulphuric and unpalatable so was relegated for garden or stock use. This water supply pre dated the Mundaring Water Supply and enabled Guildfordians to maintain beautiful gardens.

By the 1990s this public bore was the oldest and deepest public bore in continual use in WA. Sadly, the bore has become unsound and is to be capped. The city is sinking another bore on site. Spring Reserve is one of the few, if not the only, public water supply site to have been used from earliest settlement to current times. The water today is used for the King's Meadow polo fields. A big thank you to the City of Swan for restoring this piece of history. Hopefully in another 100 years people will look back and speak of the changes that have occurred, but marvel at Guildford's history and historic sites.

AROUND TOWN IN APRIL

On April 25 Anzac Day the National Trust of Australia (WA) will present "**From Guildford to Gallipoli**" at Woodbridge House at 11am and 2pm. This tells of the Gallipoli experience of the Harper family and their two sons, who enlisted and died there. It is told through slides, photographs and letters. Bookings are essential \$8 adult, \$5 child, \$7 concession rsvp@ntwa.com.au

Swan Guildford Historical Society will be launching a display to coincide with Heritage Week on April 18 with the theme of WW1 Medical Training. The display of photos and artefacts in Room 2 of the Visitor Centre, Meadow Street, Guildford, will look at the training of the 3rd Field Ambulance at Blackboy Hill and the Australian Army Nursing Service.

Guildford Potters have an exciting new display of textiles with their pottery, entitled 'Stitched and Stitching' at their Meadow Street Studio in Guildford, from April 2 to April 24 2016. They are also offering Children's Pottery classes in the April School Holidays from 9-11am (April 11, 13, 19, 22) cost \$25 per child. Contact Judy 929242362. Email judess59@yahoo.com.au. Classes for adults are available and are run in the mornings. For more information contact Janice Tel 9454359

The Garrick Theatre's latest production, "And Then There Were None," commences on April 7 and runs to April 23. The play was written by Agatha Christie and Bookings can be made online bookings@garricktheatre.asn.au or phone Elaine (08) 9378 1990

St Matthew's Messy Church is on the 1st Sunday of the month in St Matthew's Hall at 4pm. Families are welcome to join in craft, stories, songs and a shared meal. For enquiries Tel 92791141.

Fossil Hunters Take a journey back millions of years and discover the wonder of the dinosaurs. **Guildford Library** has a special programme on April 14 2-3 pm for 7-12 years old. Places are limited and bookings are essential.

KEEPING GUILDFORD BEAUTIFUL

Thank you to **Transition Town Guildford** for organising a clean up of Guildford on Clean Up Australia Day in March. This annual event involves residents collecting litter around the town. Students of the Guildford Primary School earned faction points for taking part. If you can help next year, please let TT know. It is a great way of teaching children about caring for their environment.

CONDOLENCES

We note with sadness the recent passing of Mr Alan Dineen of Chateau Guildford. Alan's expert knowledge of wines, his friendly smile and years of support for the Guildford community groups will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Our deepest sympathy to his family.

In addition to the quarterly Guildford Matters newsletter, the Association is aiming to send out regular updates on matters of interest to members via an email bulletin. If you wish to receive these updates, please consider applying for or renewing your membership.

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. New members are welcome.

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.

OR

The easiest way to pay your subscriptions is by **electronic banking**. If you set up a regular payment on September 1 each year, you will never need to write us a cheque again.

The GA Bank account details are:

BSB – 066109 Account – 00900704

In the description to be sent to the GA bank account include your name and as much of your address as will fit. This will then appear directly in our bank account. You will not need a receipt as your bank account statement is your evidence of payment.

***Note .The Constitution can be viewed on the Association website
<http://www.guildford.asn.au/>**