



## THE GUILDFORD ASSOCIATION INC

HISTORIC GUILDFORD - FIRST SETTLED IN 1829

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# GUILDFORD MATTERS

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### **Next General Meeting – 20 August 2013**

The Guildford Association will be holding its next meeting at 7.30pm on 20 August 2013 at the Mechanics Hall in Meadow Street, Guildford. Come along and hear about issues that are affecting Guildford. Coffee, tea and snacks are provided.

### **2013 Annual General Meeting**

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 17 September 2013 at 7.30pm in the Mechanics Hall. It will be followed by the September General Meeting. Notices have gone out to existing members and new members are encouraged to join the Association at this time. Please mark this date in your calendar and come along to support your local residents group which works very hard to maintain the historic environment of Guildford.

### **Aircraft Noise**

Several residents have approached the Association recently about an increase in the number of aircraft movements over Guildford and perceived subtle changes in flight paths and emissions. If you are adversely impacted by aircraft noise or ground running, it is important that you lodge a complaint on 1800 802 584 (free call). You will be required to give your name, location and a phone number and asked if you would like a return call.

In addition, information can be obtained from the Perth Airport and Airservices Australia websites [www.perthairport.com.au](http://www.perthairport.com.au) and [www.airservicesaustralia.com](http://www.airservicesaustralia.com). The Association has representation on the Perth Airport Noise Management Consultative Committee (PANMCC) and the Community Aviation Consultation Group. At PANMCC the Association has long argued for full length runway take-

offs, a second noise monitor in Guildford, need for the parallel runway and noise insulation packages for severely noise affected residences. The Association has also recently written to Airservices Australia to request it to review procedures to ameliorate noise in the most noise affected communities of Guildford and South Guildford.

You may also wish to contact Ken Wyatt MP, the Federal Member for Hasluck at Shop 10-12 Forrestfield Market Place, 80 Hale Road, Forrestfield WA 6058 or at [Ken.Wyatt.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:Ken.Wyatt.mp@aph.gov.au) Tel: 9359 0322 and advise him of your concerns.

### **Heritage Renovator Website**

The Mount Lawley Society has asked us to pass on news about its exciting new website. It is called WA Heritage Renovator. This site fills a void in respect of a Western-Australian-centric forum for renovators to obtain information on all aspects of the renovation and/or extension of their heritage home. The website is not restricted to Mount Lawley Society members but is an open forum to attract questions and comments from renovators all across the State.

So, if you are contemplating, or currently working on, the renovation, or extension of, a heritage property then this site is for you. Renovating a heritage house can present opportunities and rewards but also unique challenges. Help is now at hand though this new website. Share tips, ideas and ask questions within this site as you navigate your way through the process. There is also a section for users to attach before and after photos of projects which are always interesting and may inspire you.

You can access this website at [www.WAheritagerenovator.com.au](http://www.WAheritagerenovator.com.au)

### **Council Elections**

Notwithstanding the recent announcement on amalgamation and restructuring for metropolitan local governments, there will be elections for representatives on the City of Swan Council in October this year. Our incumbent Councillor, Ted Williams, is not standing for re-election. Accordingly, we encourage people who could ably represent Woodbridge, Guildford, South Guildford and Hazelmere to step forward.

### **Rate Reduction for Heritage Houses**

It's not often that Rate Notices are good news but the City of Swan is offering a 50% rate reduction for heritage listed properties. If your house has an appropriate category of heritage listing by the City, you may be eligible. Conditions apply and

more information can be obtained from the City on 9267-9267 or on its website [www.swan.wa.gov.au](http://www.swan.wa.gov.au).

### **Guildford Hotel**

Well, winter is upon us and still the hotel has not been re-built or protected. In 2008, the landowners initially said they would do it in six (6) months. On 31 August 2013, it will have been **FIVE YEARS~!!** The fragile elements of this State heritage listed building are deteriorating day by day, yet the State Government still refuses to do anything and still places its faith in the landowners.

Our built heritage transcends us. This is recognised in other places of the world where the buildings are thousands of years old and are cherished and revered. Sadly, the Guildford Hotel is not being cherished by the people who are in charge of its fate and this is having a detrimental impact on one of Western Australia's tourism assets – our Town and our local businesses.

### **Local Traffic Management**

Several months ago traffic counters were placed on some roads in Guildford. The traffic volumes and speeds have now been fed to a traffic consultant, *Cardno*, to prepare a local traffic management strategy. It is understood that the traffic volumes were not considered to be significant in many areas but speeding in our local streets is an issue. The Association met with the City of Swan and *Cardno* and advised that there were many previous traffic studies for Guildford which should be referenced and that regional through traffic and trucks are detrimental to Guildford's local amenity. There will be the opportunity to comment on the Consultant's recommendations at a workshop before the City implements any changes.

### **Grape Cuttings**

In the last Newsletter we asked people to let us know if they had any varieties of old grapes growing in your garden. We have had two local residents contact us to say that they would be pleased to provide cuttings to anyone interested in planting grapes. If you would like grape cuttings, let us know and we will put you in touch with our local 'vignerons'.

### **Our Fur Friends**

It is great to see so many people out walking their dogs and exercising. But, sometimes our fur friends do, err... what comes naturally in our parks and on the verges. Doggy doo disposal bags and bins are provided by the City of Swan in most parks. Keep a couple of bags with you next time you take your dogs out for a walk and help make Guildford a doggy doo free zone. ☺

## Garden Waste Collection

The next green waste collection is on 26 August 2013. A good opportunity to clean up your garden for Spring. The City of Swan advises that green waste should not be put out on the verge more than 2 weeks ahead of this date.

## Vale Guildford Citizens

It is with sadness that we advise that Guildford lost one of its prominent citizens in July with the passing of Vince Edward Jones. Vince was the proprietor of the antique and collectable shop "Jones of Guildford" in James Street. We also note the passing recently of Richard Outred, son of Neil and Jean Outred of Guildford and, of Mario the proprietor of the Pasta Shop. We extend our sympathy and condolences to the respective families

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**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 Incorporations 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.

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