



## THE GUILDFORD ASSOCIATION INC

HISTORIC GUILDFORD - FIRST SETTLED IN 1829

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# GUILDFORD MATTERS

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### Next General Meeting

**7.30pm**

Tuesday 19 February 2013 at the Mechanics Hall in Meadow Street, Guildford.  
All welcome – tea, coffee and snacks are provided.

### Members' Garden Party

The Guildford Association Annual Members' Garden Party was held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2013 at Kings Cottage, Guildford. It was an outstanding success with over 100 people attending. We felt very privileged to welcome our State and Federal representatives and their partners including Ken and Anna Wyatt, Michelle and Greg Roberts and Linda Savage. From the City of Swan, Mick and Julie Wainwright, Cr Ted Williams and Mary Pat Williams as well as representatives from the National Trust, Mount Lawley Society, Guildford Grammar School, Guildford Primary School, Royal Western Australian Historical Society and Australian Garden History Society.

We sincerely thank Graeme and Barbara Dundas who made their historic home and beautiful garden available and were so hospitable. It is a lovely property and it takes you back in time to sit in the courtyard by the beautifully restored 1860s stable which compliments one of Guildford's most important early cottages. Thank you also to all members who assisted on the day and provided food and refreshments.

Photographs of the event are on the Association's website. Acknowledgement and thank you to local photographer and member Sheldon Levis.

## **Guildford Hotel Rally**

The rally held by the **Save the Guildford Hotel** on Saturday 2 February was well attended by Guildford residents and supporters. The three main political parties were represented. The Keynote Speaker was John Griffiths from the Swan Valley and Regional Winemakers Association. John spoke about the intrinsic links between the Swan Valley and Guildford and stressed how important this State and National heritage listed building is to the region.

The current State Government has placed its faith in the landowners who are now advertising for expressions of interest for leasing and developing businesses on the site. There is still concern that no work will commence on restoration of the Guildford Hotel before it sees its 5<sup>th</sup> winter without a roof. We ask how much longer the Guildford community must wait and see?

## **Guildford's Houses**

Guildford's houses are an integral part of its history and heritage. The Guildford Conservation Policy (1992) states that; "All buildings which contribute to the streetscape be conserved in accordance with the Burra Charter...." Guildford's classification with the National Trust depends on the retention of the road pattern, streetscape, houses and buildings. This principle is also enshrined in the City of Swan Local Planning Policy C-106 - Guildford Conservation Policy.

The Association will, therefore, vigorously oppose the demolition of pre 1940s buildings in order to uphold the principles of these policies and because the retention of all pre-1940s building stock is fundamental to the Town's conservation value and heritage listing. We cannot allow "death by a thousand cuts." Every building matters – from workers cottages to our fine hotels.

It is perhaps timely to remind ourselves that conservation of buildings is not new. We would not have many of the fine public buildings and private homes we have now without the diligence and commitment of earlier generations over the past 100 years. We are indebted to them.

We also acknowledge and congratulate all those who care for, restore and preserve Guildford's built heritage with all the challenges and rewards it can bring.

## **2013 State Election**

### *Midland Electorate*

The State Election will be held on Saturday 9 March 2013. It is compulsory to vote if you are over 18 years of age and are a resident in the Midland Electorate. There will be a Polling Place at the Guildford Town Hall and the Hazelmere Town Hall and at various places in and around Midland. Polling places are open from 8am to 6pm.

## Garrick Theatre

The Garrick Theatre's current production is "A Lady Mislaid" written by Kenneth Horne and directed by Rodney Palmer. This is a comedy with twists and turns in the plot. The season runs until 2 March 2013. The Garrick Theatre is the longest running amateur theatre club in the metropolitan area and strives to put on a good show. Very reasonably priced drinks are available in the bar and tea and coffee is provided free for patrons at interval. Bookings for shows can be made with Elaine on 9378-1990 or to [bookings@garricktheatre.asn.au](mailto:bookings@garricktheatre.asn.au)

## Robert Juniper

The passing of artist Robert Juniper was reported widely in the media recently. Although a resident of Darlington, Robert taught at Guildford Grammar School for a number of years. We extend our condolences to his friends and family and note the great legacy he left to art, printmaking and sculpture in Western Australia.

## Bits and Pieces ...

**Clean Up Australia Day** is on Sunday 3 March. Look out for an opportunity to help clean up litter around Guildford. The Association and Transition Town Guildford will be on hand to help. Check our websites closer to the date.

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A number of businesses along James Street have reported windows being broken and goods stolen. If anyone has seen anything that might be related to this criminal activity, we urge you to contact the Police on 131 444.

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It has also been reported in the news that there was an arson attack at "People Who Care" on James Street. It is very disappointing that a charity has been targeted and now has a bill of around \$20,000 to repair the damage.

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There have also been reports of trail bikes being ridden along the Helena River Reserve. This is illegal and could cause conflict or an accident with other users of the reserve. If anyone sees this activity, you should contact the City of Swan Ranger or the Police.

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Children have now returned to school. Please take care and obey the 40kph vehicle speed limit near schools and the 50kph limit on our local streets for all our safety.

## Volunteer Newsletter Distributors

If you love going for walks around Guildford, or you take your dogs for a walk, we need four (4) Newsletter distributors for a couple of precincts in Guildford and

South Guildford. The distribution precincts are a comfortable walkable distance and would only take an hour or so once a month. If you would like to assist with this task, please contact us via our email and we will put you in touch with the Newsletter Coordinator.

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*Did you know? The Guildford Municipality was established as a Town Council in 1871. In 1960 it amalgamated with the Swan Roads Board and today forms part of the City of Swan. The Mayoral Chain is kept in a safe place by the City.*

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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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