



THE GUILDFORD ASSOCIATION INC

HISTORIC GUILDFORD - FIRST SETTLED IN 1829

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GUILDFORD MATTERS

FEBRUARY 2019

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

Welcome to 2019! This should be an exciting year for Guildford, with the ongoing work on State Heritage Listing of the town and the 20-year celebration of the saving of our Sugar Gums (see below).

As we often say, the price of heritage is eternal vigilance, and ensuring everything we love about Guildford is preserved for future generations is an ongoing challenge. If you want to help the town succeed as a beacon of WA history and heritage, please consider coming along to our monthly meetings. They are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, all are welcome and the suppers are always a treat! **The first meeting for 2019 is Tuesday February 19.**

YEAR OF THE SUGAR GUMS

This year we are planning to celebrate the Sugar Gums of Guildford, in recognition of the 20-year anniversary of the community fight to save our Sugar Gums from felling by the City of Swan in 1999.

Much has changed since then, and we thank the City for continuing to support the maintenance of the sugar gums and for agreeing to a replanting program to replace trees nearing the end of their life span, particularly on James Street.

The City also placed a commemorative bench which can be seen in Stirling Square.



If you have any photos, memorabilia or memories from the 1999 community battle, we would love to hear from you.

We are also inviting people to get in touch to be part of an events organising working committee to celebrate the Sugar Gums throughout 2019. Events could be in the form of media, art displays or competitions for children, tree plantings or a festival with music, dance, barbeques.

Craft groups and other community organisations may like to consider the sugar gum theme throughout the year and let us know of anything your group decides to do to mark the occasion. It would be fantastic for the whole community to get onboard and celebrate our beautiful trees!

We would love to hear your ideas and encourage all tree lovers to get involved. You can get in touch via Guildford Assoc Inc Facebook page, email ga@quildford.asn.au or just come along to the next meeting.

TINDALE HOUSE TENSIONS

A recent letter to *The West Australian* 'Canopy ruins historic house' (Thursday January 10 2019) highlighted community consternation over the industrial steel canopy awning constructed out the front of historic Tindale House on James Street, Guildford. The letter is reproduced here.

Canopy ruins historic house

To say I was flabbergasted, overwhelmed and bitterly disappointed when I stopped to view the new industrial steel canopy-awning construction out the front of Tindale House on James Street, Guildford, is an understatement.

This is an imposing structure that spans the frontage and streetscape, overhangs the footpath and overwhelms historic Tindale House built by the Tindale family in 1895.

Why and how did this get approved? The City of Swan POL-C-106 Local Planning Policy-Guildford Conservation Precinct appears to have been completely ignored and overlooked.

The policy states:

- Additions shall be sympathetic to original buildings.
- Additions shall not visually intrude on the original building or the street context and shall be sympathetic with the character of the existing property.
- New buildings shall respect



Tindale House in Guildford, before, and after the structure was put up.

their historic context.

- Additions shall not be more visually imposing than the original building.
- New building and additions (including garages and carports) should use materials, textures and colours that are in use locally and in adjacent heritage buildings.
- Development of any type should respect significant existing landscape.
- Front facades shall not be extended forward or laterally.

There is a picture of Tindale House on page 36 of the policy referring to form.

So does this construction adversely affect Tindale House?

Overwhelmingly, yes. This imposing structure should never have been approved.

Why didn't the City of Swan validate this application with their POL-C-106? Why no public consultation? Why no development application sign? If you are asking why as we are, the answer is simple: the City of Swan recommended this application to council chambers and the following councillors approved. Shame!

For: Crs Bailey, Elliott, Fardig, Haynes, Henderson, Kovalevs, Lucas, McCullough, McDonnell, Parasiliti, Trease and Wainwright.

Very Concerned Guildfordians

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It is worth noting, the application came before Council, before Cr Scanlan and Cr Kiely, were elected; both strong supporters of Guildford heritage. Midland-Guildford ward Councillor Ian Johnson was alone in opposing this development, as it was contrary in many aspects to the City's Parking and Guildford Conservation Precinct policies.

GA ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY

The GA Annual Garden will be held in March. Members will be notified of the date soon. This special event in one of Guildford's old gardens gives you the opportunity to meet up with neighbours and make new friends. Afternoon tea and entertainment is provided. Encourage your neighbours to join up and attend. We would love to welcome people new to the area.

Make sure your memberships are up to date, as it is for members only!

JAMES STREET LIGHTS

People may have noticed the large holes excavated in the median strips in James Streets following the removal of several damaged streetlights. The GA has been informed that these old lights will be replaced with similar lights (in height and form) and they will be non-frangible, e.g., will not collapse on impact.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT UNDER REVIEW

The Local Government Act is under review and you have till March 31, 2019 to complete 10-minute surveys on various topics and/or lodge a written submission. There are nine topics under consideration: council meetings, rates, community engagement, financial management, local laws, complaints management, elections, interventions and beneficial enterprises. Have your say on one or all of them. The vision is for local governments to be agile, smart and inclusive. Head to -

<https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/.../stre.../Pages/LG-Act-Review.aspx>

And don't forget City of Swan council meetings and agenda forums can now be viewed live online <http://webcast.swan.wa.gov.au/video.php>

AROUND TOWN IN FEBRUARY/MARCH

Swan Guildford Historical Society View the fabulous wedding dress exhibition called "Walking through history: 100 years of wedding dresses" at the Swan Valley Visitors Centre.

Guildford Potters Check out this gorgeous gallery at 23 Meadow Street. An exhibition of botanical images in watercolour by WA artist Gail Doust Keirle will feature throughout February.

The Garrick Theatre's First production of the year is Salonika – Feb 28 to March 16. It involves a Greek beach, a mother and daughter and body of a naked man. Go to garricktheatre.asn.au for bookings

St Matthew's Messy Church is now on the 4th Saturday of the month (not Sunday) in St Matthew's Hall 4pm-6pm. The first one for the year is on Saturday, February 23. Families are welcome to join in craft, stories, songs and a shared meal. For enquiries: Tel 9279 1141.

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 **\$20** per person, September 1 2018 – September 1 2019. 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 **\$20 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 – 066 109 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/>