



THE GUILDFORD ASSOCIATION INC

HISTORIC GUILDFORD - FIRST SETTLED IN 1829

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GUILDFORD MATTERS

FEBRUARY 2020

General Meeting
Tuesday 18th February – 7:30pm
Mechanics Institute
Meadow Street

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Welcome to 2020! Last year was an exciting year for Guildford, with the State Heritage Listing of the town, the special celebration of the event in the Guildford Hotel, the opening of the new-look Guildford Library, the successful GA Songfest and the 20-year anniversary of the saving of our Sugar Gums, marked by a GA poetry and art competition which attracted outstanding entries from primary school aged children. Guildford pre-primary student Isha Menon (pictured, courtesy Sheldon Levis, Dusty Dingo Photography) was the overall winner with her artwork “Sugar Gums at Night.”

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 2020 is Tuesday February 18.**



GA GARDEN PARTY

The GA Annual Garden will be held on **Sunday February 16**. Members should have already received invitations – don't forget to RSVP! This special event in one of Guildford's old gardens gives you the opportunity to meet up with neighbours and make new friends. Entertainment will be courtesy of local pianist



Geoffoire la Piano Man, providing ambiance on a grand piano, and noted local group Espresso (pictured) singing original and popular songs. 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! See membership form on back page.***

CLEANAWAY CLEAN UP

There were five fires at the Cleanaway facility in South Guildford between October 2019 and January 2020. We understand that some residents in Bassendean were evacuated. The most affected and vulnerable communities were in South Guildford, Guildford and Hazelmere. We view with concern the apparent plan to rebuild this 'largest in the southern hemisphere plant' in the same location. The Association believes this facility, which appears to be fire prone, should not be re-built in this same area. Councillors have called for a report on the fires.

ST JUDE'S AGED CARE EXPANSION

A majority of Council (but not our local Councillors) voted for 'institutional use' and to permit building across boundaries in approving the planned expansion of an aged care facility in Guildford. This decision set aside legitimate concerns about parking, traffic and building scale. The decision to expand the facility ignores the R5 residential zoning, throwing into doubt the ability of existing policies to protect any residential area within the historic town. The decision ignored concerns of Perth Airport and current noise data from Perth Airport and Australian Noise Standards. An online petition on the issue has been circulating and gained 500 signatures.

PARKING ON VERGES

The Association continues to urge the City of Swan not to create ad hoc parking lots on verges, as is proposed in Swan St East, under the Sugar Gum trees on the verge by Fauntleroy Park. Four parking spaces have recently been created in Stirling Street on the verge. The Association

believes the verges should be protected. The GA wants the tree canopy extended and for the City to secure a centrally located parking area for businesses and visitors. We have asked the City to meet with PTA and develop concept plans for future use of the PTA land that runs through the town and that all proposed businesses with a parking short-fall to pay cash in lieu (for not having the required parking).

GUILDFORD LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

If you are a book lover, why not join the friendly book club at Guildford Library? Just pick up a copy of the current book from the library - *The Spare Room* by Helen Garner – then join in the lively discussion over coffee and cake at 1.30pm, Monday February 17, on the comfy chairs in the library.

On Thursday February 20 from 4-5pm there is a Thinking Green workshop in the library on cloth nappies for newborns.

DRIVE CAREFULLY

School has started – we hope all the students back at Guildford Primary, the oldest primary school in WA, are settling in well. We would like to urge all those driving through the town, particularly the small side streets, to be vigilant and mindful of speed limits, thank you.

Don't forget...WELCOME PACKS

The GA has welcome packs for anyone new to the area. If you have new neighbours, let us know and we can provide you with a pack to give them.

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AROUND TOWN IN FEBRUARY

Swan Guildford Historical Society The first meeting for 2020 is Monday 10 February, 7 for 7.30pm start at the Mechanics Institute. Guest speaker is City of Swan 2019 Senior Citizen of the Year, former Shire councillor and president Margaret Kidson.

Guildford Potters Check out this gorgeous gallery at 23 Meadow Street. The first exhibition of the year is My Walk by Diedre Gillespie, showcasing photography, sculpture and drawings of beautiful nature and proud birds.

The Garrick Theatre's First production of the year is Bette and Joan, a depiction of the two grand dames of Hollywood working together on camp classic 'Whatever happened to Baby Jane.' Go to garricktheatre.asn.au for bookings

St Matthew's Messy Church is on the 4th Saturday of the month in St Matthew's Hall 4pm-6pm. Families are welcome to join in craft, stories, songs and a shared meal. For enquiries Tel 9279 1141

Transition Town Guildford are holding a series of summer outdoor movie nights. The movie **Game Changers** will be screened at Spring Reserve, Helena St, Guildford, 22 February, 7-10pm. Bring picnic/rug/chair

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.**

Membership is **\$20** per person, September 1 2019 – September 1 2020. New members are welcome.

Application for Membership \$20 per year

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 come to a meeting and sign up there.

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.