



HISTORIC GUILDFORD - TOWN OF FIRST EUROPEAN SETTLEMENT 1829
THE GUILDFORD ASSOCIATION INC
ABORIGINAL LAND - ALWAYS WAS - ALWAYS WILL BE

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GUILDFORD MATTERS

GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2023, 7.30PM
MECHANICS INSTITUTE, 20 MEADOW ST, GUILDFORD

Our first GA meeting of the year is Tuesday February 21. Special guest speaker will be Dr Marilena Stimpfl, a member of the Helena River Alliance. Dr Stimpfl will talk about how the community is working to develop a Helena River Park, and share how community action has resulted in a review of the alignment of the Lloyd Street bridge. The new location will give greater protection to Aboriginal cultural heritage, require less infill and save many mature trees. This talk will be held at the Mechanics Institute Hall, 20 Meadow Street, Guildford, on Tuesday February 21st. Meeting commences at 7.30pm.

UNVEILING OF LIGHT HORSE STATUE

Come along to the official unveiling of the 10th Light Horse memorial statue in Stirling Square on Sunday March 12 at 10am. The Tenth Light Horse Regiment was raised in Guildford in 1914, and became one of Australia's most recognised regiments, noted for the courage displayed at Gallipoli and in the Middle East. The statue is one of commemoration, reflection and recognition of the human-animal bond. Ground works are due to start in February. Please note at the opening there will be no parking in Stirling Square but in the nearby PTA carpark.



MEMORY GATES

Guildford's Memory Gates commemorating the raising and training of the 10th Light Horse regiment, 8th

Battery and A.I.F. Artillery Units, have undergone conservation work. The gates have been painted and a timber beam replaced. Thanks to the City of Swan for the ongoing maintenance of our historical features.

CHANGES AT GUILDFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

A warm welcome to the new Guildford Primary School Principal, Mr Daniel Mort, and a big thank you to past Principal Robyn Webster for her support of the Guildford community. Robyn facilitated student participation in the community ANZAC and Gunners Day ceremonies, and initiatives such as tree planting by the river and the planting of new sugar gums in Stirling Square. We wish her well in her future endeavours.

We hope everyone has a great start to the school year – watch out for kids on the roads on foot and bicycle as they head back in February.

LIBRARY NEWS

A Justice of the Peace will be available at Guildford Library on the first Saturday of the month, 12noon-2pm, starting from Saturday February 4. This initiative has been arranged through FOGL (Friends of Guildford Library).

Email friendsofguildfordlibrary@gmail.com with any suggestions for the library, or pop along to a FOGL meeting, every third Wednesday of the month in the library at 11am. You can also find them on Facebook.

ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

The City of Swan Annual Meeting of Electors will this year be held on Monday, February 6 at the Ellenbrook Secondary College Performing Arts Centre, adjacent to the Ellenbrook Library. Doors open at 5.30pm for a 6pm start. At this meeting residents and ratepayers are able to ask questions, make statements and raise motions. To register your attendance and for more information, including the 2021/22 Annual Report, go to www.swan.wa.gov.au/annualmeeting

GUILDFORD VERGE GARDENERS

Would you like to transform your front verge into a colourful native garden? Guildford Verge Gardeners are a group of residents who help others to transform their front verges into native gardens. They are not a verge makeover group, but will help you tackle yours. They can provide and help

spread mulch over summer and then in winter help with planting. The City of Swan supports them with an allocation of tube stock. If interested, act now as the mulching needs to be done over summer and left to sit for as long as possible before planting. Ph Pam on 9378 2523/0408 909 897 if you are keen.

FREE TREES AND PLANTS

This year the City of Swan is giving away free native trees and plants. Applications will open in mid-February and close in April. Go to www.swan.wa.gov.au for more details. If you have space on your property, register for a free native tree. Large shade trees help reduce the heat island effect and increase our urban canopy.

Let's also protect the trees we already have... some trees around town are not looking healthy. An arborist has indicated this is likely due to cars parking beneath the trees, which leads to the soil compacting and damaging the trees' roots. Please avoid parking under the trees. Remember, there is ample free parking at Guildford train station on weekends.

PROMOTE LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Get exposure for your local community event. Radio station 88.5FM is based in Ellenbrook and transmits throughout the City of Swan. The station was founded by former Guildford resident, the late Margaret Kidson, and today another Guildford local, Steph Radis, is Vice President of the station. 88.5FM transmits around the clock and is a strong supporter of local community events. The Community File segment promotes local not-for-profit community groups and events free of charge. Send details of your events to admin@vcaf.com.au. Please keep items clear and concise so they are easy to read out and include date, time and location.

ANZAC DAY 2023

There will be an Anzac Day ceremony in Stirling Square on Tuesday April 25 at 9am, organised by the Bassendean-Guildford RSL and St Matthews Church Guildford. Please gather from 8.30am for a 9am start.

If you would like to lay a wreath, please contact the Bassendean-Guildford RSL on (08) 9209 1837. Those who own an Anzac home are encouraged to honour their Anzac with a poppy.

TROVE AT RISK

The National Library of Australia only has funding to run Trove, the online portal which offers free public access to Australia's history and culture, until July 2023. Without further funding the NLA will be unable to maintain the service. The NLA is asking people to write to their local MPs and let them know the importance of Trove. Go to www.alia.org.au

GUILDFORD GARDEN PARTY

The pre-Christmas GA garden party for members was a great success, with lovely surroundings, good food, excellent company and music from local band Espresso. Thanks to all those who came along to this annual event.

AROUND TOWN

Guildford Family Playgroup Twice weekly sessions start in St Matthew's Hall, Stirling Square, Guildford, on Monday January 30 and Wednesday February 1 from 9.30am-11.30am, both days.

Guildford Village Potters Check out the current exhibition at Guildford Village Potters, 22 Meadow Street, Guildford. Gallery hours are 10am to 3pm week days and 10am to 4pm on weekends.

Swan Guildford Historical Society After a break over the Christmas/New Year period, tours of the Colonial gaol and Taylor's Cottage are running again.

The Garrick Theatre *The Golden Pathway Annual* opens Thursday March 2, 7.30pm and runs till Saturday March 18, with afternoon matinees on March 11 and 12. Bookings www.TAZtix.com

The Association is constituted under the *Associations Incorporation Act 1987* and operates under the requirements of that Act. **The Constitution can be viewed on the Association website: <http://www.guildford.asn.au/>**

Application for Membership

Membership is **\$20** per person, for the period September 1 2022 to August 31 2023. A membership form must be completed. Members are required to support the goals of the Association as stated in the Constitution. You can join up at our next meeting, or email ga@guildford.asn.au for a membership form.