

Laversham Oak Trees

The Association wrote to the Western Australian Planning Commission to protest about the removal of a 170 year old oak tree on Guildford Meadow in October. The Oak trees were said to have been planted around 1840 by Edward Hamersley and his daughter Margaret - the late Lady Margaret Forrest, wife of Sir John Forrest. We have since had confirmation from the WAPC that the remaining oak trees will be protected and no further trees will be removed.

An Apology to Swan Valley Nyungah Community

We wish to take this opportunity to publicly apologise to the Elders and Traditional Owners of the Swan River, Swan Coastal Plains and the Darling Ranges for any hurt and offence caused by the article in our last newsletter that referred to a Rogaining event in a manner that was unacceptable.

The Guildford Association Inc 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 and entitles you to full voting rights at the meetings.
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): _____

Mail: _____

Signed _____

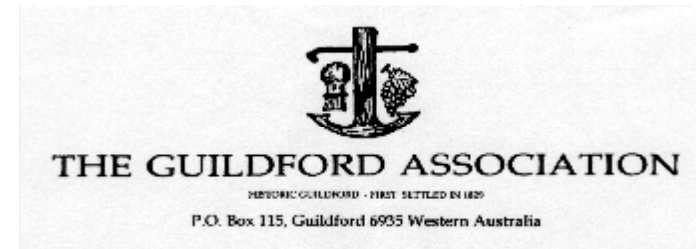
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Please forward **\$15 per person** to:

Guildford Association Inc., PO Box 115, Guildford WA 6935.

All information on this form is confidential and will only be used for Association purposes



GUILDFORD MATTERS

Newsletter #16, January 2011

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2011. The executive of the GA takes this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year and asks you to consider joining the Association and being involved in your local residential community and its future.

Annual New Year Members' Function

Members are reminded that our annual social function is due to be held on Sunday 23rd January (not February as erroneously stated in the last newsletter) from 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm at the home of our president, Ben Allen, 19 Market Street, Guildford. It is always a fun affair with the opportunity to renew acquaintances, make new friends and find out what your executive has in store.

Bumper Stickers

With the generous support of Advance Signage Concepts, your Association has organised Bumper Stickers that support the general community campaign to save the Guildford Hotel. This campaign has been a long running action and it is far from over yet. The Bumper Stickers are simply another part of an overall strategy of community pressure to protect the future of the hotel. Please apply them to your car or display them somewhere prominent in order to deliver the message effectively. We are very grateful to Advance Signage Concepts for the generous assistance and encourage residents to consider them when they have signage needs – further information at www.advancesignage.com or 9221 4733.

Kite Making Workshop

Dianne Gates, the community development officer of the City of Swan, has organized a Kite Making Workshop for local children from around Guildford on the morning of Friday 28th January at Lilac Hill. A similar event was held last year and considered a great success by all those who attended. Further details are available from Dianne Gates at the City of Swan on 9267 9136. The GA is assisting with refreshments and food for attendees.

Guildford Hotel Update

Immediately after the mid-November 2010 rally, Mr. John Hyde, shadow Minister for Heritage, presented the Guildford Hotel petition to the Legislative Assembly. The petition was presented with a strong speech from Mr Hyde, who pointed out that it had been signed by almost 6000 people. A few days later the Hon Alison Xamon (Greens MLC, East Metropolitan) also expressed strong concern in Parliament about the plight facing the Guildford Hotel. In particular, Ms Xamon highlighted the building's central position within Guildford's heritage precinct.

In early December 2010, several Guildford community members met with one of the owners of the hotel, Mr. Luke Martino, and his building and media consultants, together with Mr. Mike Foley, City of Swan CEO, staff from the City of Swan's Planning Department, and several councillors.

Shortly before the meeting, a letter from Structerre Consulting Engineers to the hotel's owners was released into the public domain with an accompanying press release describing it as a "*report from engineering consultants Structerre*".

The crux of the letter is that Structerre's position is that a roof is not required to protect the Guildford Hotel from ruin from the elements, which is in stark contrast with the advice in the detailed Wood & Grieve report commissioned by the Heritage Council, in which a roof to protect the building was critical to prevent further deterioration. The owners' representatives at the meeting made it clear that they are now being guided by Structerre's position statement.

Many in the community now want to know how two high-profile Western Australian engineering firms could deliver seemingly contradictory recommendations on a key point such as the urgent need for a roof. The question is important and of considerable urgency because Structerre's letter, is now also being referred to as a "report" by the Minister for Heritage.

One thing is certain though – if Wood and Grieve Engineers are proven to be correct, the community will not be taking the loss of this iconic building in the heart of Guildford lying down.

Show your support and visit www.savetheguildfordhotel.com. For more regular updates, sign-up on the website. Alternatively, click "like" at the link to the partner Facebook website, which contains a fast-growing collection of excellent photos taken before the fire, and also of events since the fire. If you are not sure what to do - ask your local teenager to assist.

Snake Men

With the hot weather well and truly with us it is timely to warn residents about the presence of snakes in and around Guildford and the flood plains. People are strongly discouraged from killing snakes and are urged to call in a qualified snake catcher where ever possible to resolve problems. Some local names and contact numbers are listed below:

Gayne Doyle (Swan Valley)	9296 4597
Glen (High Wycombe)	0400 980 534
Steve (Helena Valley wknd)	0407 766 550
Russell (Midland)	0447 533 071

Guildford Transition town

A group of Guildford residents have organised a series of enjoyable & informative films on Transition Towns, sustainability and creating a positive response to climate change and peak oil.

They are having the first event on Tuesday 11th January at 6.30 pm at the Guildford Primary School Hall. There are further events planned for 25th January and 8th February and there is no charge to attend. For more information, contact Rod on 0427 28 009 or Emma on 0406 765 535.

Garrick Theatre

Guildford's Garrick Theatre is the longest continual running amateur theatre group in metropolitan WA. Coming up from 4th to 13th February they have Noel Coward's classic comedy "Hay Fever". Tickets can be purchased through the Visitor Centre.

There are also auditions for the next production – "Charlie's Aunt", the well known and very successful comedy by Brandon Thomas. Performance dates are from 8th to 30th April but a social and read-through are planned for 7.30 pm Tuesday 18th January at the Garrick and any one interested in a part or assisting backstage is encouraged to attend. There will then be auditions at 2.30 pm on Sunday 22nd January at the theatre.

City of Swan

The Association is very pleased that the City of Swan has started much needed maintenance work on the Mechanics' Institute. We understand an initial amount of \$250,000 is being spent on fixing the roof, guttering, drains, air vents and foundations.