



THE GUILDFORD ASSOCIATION INC

HISTORIC GUILDFORD - FIRST SETTLED IN 1829

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Guildford Association E-Newsletter January 2017

The President and Executive of the Guildford Association Inc. welcome members to the Guildford E-Notice Board, issued monthly to members and those who have forwarded their names for future contact. The quarterly hard copy newsletters go out to the Community of Guildford and part of South Guildford only.

If you live in South Guildford and can assist with delivery of the hard copy newsletter, we would love to hear from you! Please contact ga@guildford.asn.au

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2017. We hope everyone had a safe and happy Christmas. The Guildford Association is planning events for the coming year. We will be continuing our monthly meetings with a range of guest speakers. The New Year has got off to a great start with the wonderful news below...

CITY OF SWAN COMMUNITY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Guildford resident and GA vice president Mrs Barbara Dundas, for being named one of two Community Citizens of the Year at the City of Swan Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony. Mrs Dundas, pictured with Mayor Mick Wainwright (left) and Cr Ian Johnson, was praised for her “admirable and inspiring passion in preserving and promoting the historic significance of their local area, and has done so volunteering for more than 30 years.”



In the citation, Midland-Guildford ward councillor Ian Johnson said Mrs Dundas “has been the driving force behind numerous large scale projects, and worked with local politicians, universities and community groups. Her hard

work and dedication has been of great benefit to the local area and beyond, placing this historic region on the map.”

It is fantastic that Mrs Dundas’ enormous contribution to the Guildford community over many years has been recognised in this way.

TRAFFIC ISSUES

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday February 21 at 7.30pm** at the Mechanics Institute Hall, 20 Meadow Street, Guildford. Officers from the City of Swan will be talking about local and regional traffic issues affecting Guildford and how planned road works may reduce the volume of through traffic in the town.

We will get an update on our request to slow traffic for a trial of 50KM through the town.

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, all members are welcome to attend and bring friends and neighbours.

WARD CHANGES

The City of Swan is reviewing its wards and representation. The status quo is not an option, because there is currently an imbalance in representation across the wards. A discussion paper on the City's website provides a number of options to consider. Members of the public have until January 31 to make a submission. Here is a quick summary of the potential impact on Guildford of the proposed options.

Option 1 in the discussion paper proposes no changes to the current Midland/Guildford ward boundary and representation.
Comment *Guildford would continue to share 3 councillors in a ward with similar profiles, history, environment etc. The Option retains the current 6 ward system whilst providing for new growth*

Option 2 would reduce the number of wards from six to five and see Guildford and South Guildford separated. Guildford would be transferred from the Midland/Guildford ward to Swan Valley/Gidgegannup ward. South Guildford would remain within the Midland ward. Guildford would be represented by different councillors.

Comment *This option gives 2 councillors. Guildford would compete for resources with new suburbs with different needs.*

Option 3 would reduce the number of wards from six to four and the number of councillors from 15 to 13. The Midland/Guildford ward boundaries and representation would remain as is, with changes impacting other areas.

Comment *This option may not be popular with other wards and does not distribute councillors adequately for the future.*

Option 4 No wards, and retain or reduce councillor numbers.

This means there would be no 'go to' councillors specifically representing the interests of Guildford. Please note the majority of metropolitan councils have a ward system. The Town of Bassendean has no wards but has a population of around 16,000 compared to 140,000 in the City of Swan.

Comment *This option requires all councillors to be familiar with all areas. Guildford's unique identity and needs are unlikely to be well represented.*

The GA Executive Preferred Option

Option 1 is the preferred option in our view, as it makes sense to have older established areas of the City of Swan including Guildford, Midland, Woodbridge, Hazelmere and Bellevue together as they share similar characteristics and interests.

We strongly encourage you to make a submission. To read the discussion paper and download a submission form go to www.swan.wa.gov.au/Haveyoursay

Submissions on the review are to be made to the Chief Executive Officer by 5pm on **Tuesday, January 31, 2017** by: Email: swan@swan.wa.gov.au
Post: City of Swan, PO Box 196, Midland WA 6936, or hand deliver to City of Swan Administration Centre. For more information please contact the City on 9267 9267.

ANNUAL MEMBERS' GARDEN PARTY for 2017

The Guildford Association Annual Members' Garden Party will be held in one of the beautiful gardens of Guildford at a date TBA towards the end of March. If you wish to attend the party, please ensure your membership is up-to-date. Scroll down for membership form. Invite your neighbours to attend and become members.

HERITAGE LISTING UPDATE

Do you think your property is worthy of heritage listing or an upgrade of heritage listing? The City of Swan is conducting a Heritage review. It is seeking suggestions of properties that should be added to the Heritage List or the Local Government Inventory or have their importance upgraded. Heritage places can be buildings, structures, landscapes and archaeological sites. New guidelines which have been prepared by the State Heritage Office also now include the significance of the interior of the property. For further information contact Mélanie Gomes, Senior Strategic Planner at the City of Swan, on 9267 9216 or by email at melanie.gomes@swan.wa.gov.au before **Tuesday, 31 January 2017**.

TREE DECLINE IN GUILDFORD

The Eucalyptus rudis has long been thought to be resistant to phytophthera, however, Professor Giles Hardy of Murdoch University has noted that the decline has the appearance of dieback. Recent soil testing around a sick tree on private property showed the tree had Phytophthera.

The City of Swan, EMRC and Prof Giles Hardy are working together and seeking funding for:

- i. A paired scientific study of trees on the Guildford floodplain.
- ii. Training residents on how to inject trees both on public and private (their own) properties.



Similar community programmes exist in Mundaring and Kalamunda, in conjunction with the EMRC.

If you are concerned that your E.rudis tree (flooded gum) is declining, please contact your local tree specialist. If Phytophthora is suspected, you may be able to treat it with an injection of Phosdine, Phosjet or similar product. You may also wish to make



arrangements to have soil tested through the Centre for Phytophthora Science and Management at Murdoch University. This costs approx \$150. The cost of treatment will depend on the size of the tree and your tree specialist.

Canker of some sort also seems to be occurring in some of the exotic trees, eg, Ficus Oak and Claret Ash. Please report any unusual patterns of tree loss or decline on City of Swan reserves and bushland to CoS officers.

Your Association will keep you updated about the coming workshops and trials we hope will be started later this year.

In August 2017 the Association will be again working with Murdoch University to bring another scientific seminar on Tree Decline.

Above - Checking out the trees on the floodplain (L to R): Ted Williams (GA), Miroslav Vujaklifa (EMRC), Michael Cook (CoS), Bradley Thompson (CoS) Prof Giles Hardy (Murdoch University)

GUILDFORD LIBRARY

What is happening? The number of books, including reference books, are disappearing and this month the City is no longer offering talks and seminars. Is this part of reducing the library's use and role in the community? Please ring or write to the City and ask for our talks and activities to resume. Please make sure you ensure you use this important resource and borrow books and DVDs etc, as once it is gone it is unlikely to be replaced. Email: swan@swan.wa.gov.au;

ian.johnson@swan.wa.gov.au; mark.Elliott@swan.wa.gov.au ;

daniel.parasiliti@swan.wa.gov.au **ACT NOW or we may lose our Library.**

STIRLING SQUARE IMPROVEMENTS

The Stirling Square Working Group - with representatives from Guildford community groups - is an initiative of the Association. It was established to review outstanding work in Stirling Square and to make future recommendations for future repairs and work. The Working Group is pleased to advise that the City of Swan has acted on a number of these recommended actions. We thank them for the following work:

1. Completion of the drainage around the Stirling Memorial Gates in Stirling Square consistent with the Conservation policy, and to prevent future damage to the carved lime stone bricks.

2. Replanting the old rosemary hedges around the War Memorial to further enhance the landscaping of this area.

3. Investigation into future restoration of the Memory Gates, which are showing signs of rust. The Gates can no longer be opened for ceremonial use, due to rusting of the locks.

GUEST SPEAKERS and ASSOCIATION EVENTS 2017

Here are the planned guest speakers for the first quarter of the year. Mark meeting dates in your diary. Please note the line-up may be subject to change.

1. February 21st 2017 City officers will present a **talk on traffic** in the Regional Swan Area and Guildford. We look forward to hearing progress on a possible trial to reduce traffic speed in the town to 50 Km and also information on works and plans to reduce traffic volume in the town

2. March 21st 2017 National Trust and its role. The Chairman of the National Trust of Australia (WA) Mr. Julian Donaldson will talk on the role present and future of the National Trust Inc. of Australia (WA). We are most interested to hear how they may be able to assist us in protecting and promoting the historic town of Guildford.

3. GARDEN PARTY final date to be advised

4. April 18th 2017 Kate Morgan (Guildford Magpies) Kate will be talking on recent findings and research on the Guildford Magpie families from UWA. This fascinating and entertaining talk gives a wonderful insight into our local fauna.

5. May 2017 Special Meeting re the Guildford Association CONSTITUTION, date to be determined. A copy of our current constitution may be found on the GA website <http://www.guildford.asn.au/>

6. June 20 Meeting, speaker to be finalised

7. July 18th 2017 Aircraft Noise and Health. Acoustic expert Mr John McPherson will be presenting the latest scientific information from the 2017 International ICBE conference on noise and human health.

8. August 2017 'Barrie Oldfield', Tree Decline Seminar co hosted by Murdoch University and the Guildford Association with the support of Guildford Grammar School.

AROUND TOWN IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY

St Matthew's Messy Church is on the 1st Sunday of the month in St Matthew's Hall at 4pm. The next session will be on Sunday 5 February. Families are welcome to join in craft, stories, songs and a shared meal. Call Rev. Katrina Tel 92791141.

Guildford Primary School Please be aware that school starts back on February 1 and drivers need to take great care on our local roads.

Application for
Membership for the Guildford Association Inc
or Membership Renewal 2016-2017

I hereby apply for membership/ renewal of 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 _____

Date ____/____/____

Membership is **\$15** per person from September 1 2016 - September 1 2017

Please mark the following

I can assist the Association

Renewing Member New Member

Payment Method

Cheque (made out to Guildford Association Inc)

Direct Banking (Guildford Association Inc. account at the Commonwealth Bank

BSB: 066 109 ACCOUNT: 00900704)

Other

Please forward your completed membership forms to

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

**Note .The Constitution can be viewed on the Association website
<http://www.guildford.asn.au/>*