



THE GUILDFORD ASSOCIATION INC

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GUILDFORD MATTERS

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Association Meeting – June 19th 2012

We will have our third formal speaker of 2012 this month.

Andrew Hills

will speak about

“Renovating in Guildford”

Tuesday, 19th June

at 7.30 pm

in the Mechanic’s Institute

Our third speaker for 2012 is local resident Andrew Mills. Andrew first moved to Guildford 17 years ago and he now lives there with his wife and two children. He has worked in the retail sector for 15 years, supplying fittings for period houses including lighting, door furniture, bathroom products, gas fires and even Aga cookers. Andrew will speak about his passion for old houses and period style, and will offer insights into house renovation and restoration from his own experience, and from his work in the industry. His talk will focus on Western Australian period style, with particular reference to the Guildford area. Andrew will be illustrating his talk with a power point presentation. We look forward to seeing you for this event. Tea, coffee and small snacks will be available as usual

The Guildford Post Office Clock Many residents will have noticed that the Guildford Post Office building continues to blossom before our eyes since its sale earlier this year to Hort Plan. The most dramatic evidence recently is the sound of the clock chiming the hour and half hour with its wonderful mellow tones sounding out over Guildford once again and the lights in the clock face lit up for all to see the correct time once again each night. A new picket fence graces the front and we understand some substantial work has been done to repair leaks in the roof. The Association congratulates Hort Plan on their efforts to date and it is probably a good opportunity to remind all residents that the Guildford Post Office is in the unique position of being able to stamp any post handed in specifically with a “Guildford” post mark as opposed to the generic “Perth” post mark that all regular metro mail gets stamped with. It is an especially nice touch for tourist mail, wedding invitations and Christmas cards.

Guildford Landscape Study This City of Swan funded study will focus on street trees in the parks, gardens and reserves of Guildford, The successful tenderer is Blackwell and Associates of Mosman Park who are developing a plan to guide future plantings in the streets and parks. A public consultation stage will follow. This detailed study may take some time to complete and will make reference to previous historical documents and recommendations about future management and planning strategies for these areas. Consultant Mark Jumeaux, who worked on the Stirling Square Plan in the 1990s will project manage this report for Blackwell and Associates. The Guildford Association is pleased that this long awaited study may now guide future plantings and highlight the significance of traditional and historic plantings still extant in the town.

Aircraft Noise In February, a number of residents were woken from their sleep by extremely loud aircraft noise. Sound levels were given by Air Services as 98 dB(A). On further investigation and a request for the sound levels directly under the flight path, we were advised that those residents probably experienced 102 dB(A). This difference in the reading from the noise monitor in its current position to those experienced by some residents is considerable as the scale is logarithmic. The Guildford Association is seeking to have the noise monitor relocated to a place more directly under the flight path. Further enquiries about the high noise levels were made to Air Services who responded that ‘...The A333 Cathay Pacific aircraft that conducted a missed approach would have been so loud because it was using high engine power to gain altitude.’ The Association has asked how this situation came about and is still awaiting a reply.

Aircraft Noise Complaints If you are annoyed by “Ground Running” at night or aircraft noise (intensity or frequency), please ring the noise complaint line on **1800 802 584**. You may wish to ask for a print out showing the flight path, type of aircraft and recorded decibel level. If you smell strong emissions please ring **9478 888** and report the day, time and type of smell.

Guildford Residents' Information Package Are you new to Guildford (less than 12 months) or do you have a new neighbour? Please advise the Guildford Association and we will drop by with a Residents' Information Package which contains lots of information to enable you to enjoy and appreciate living in Guildford..

Section 70A Transfer of Land Act - Memorials on Title Guildford residents have the advantage of ready access to Perth Airport. However, there are noise and amenity impacts associated with this proximity. If you make an application for planning approval or a building license to the City of Swan, it may require, as a condition of an approval, a Section 70A Notification under the *Transfer of Land Act* to be lodged against the title of your property. This is to let any subsequent purchaser know (as part of Disclosure of sale documents) that there is a hazard or other factor that may impact on the use or enjoyment of the property. Until the end of last year, Guildford residents usually had to pay up to \$600 for the notification to be prepared and lodged by the City of Swan's solicitors. The GA considered that this was an unreasonable impost and argued for an alternative. With the support of our Ward Councillor, Ted Williams, the City of Swan has now agreed that Guildford residents can have the option of allowing the City of Swan's solicitors to prepare the documentation (subject to payment of the applicable fees) or preparing and lodging the documentation themselves with Landgate for about \$135. There is a Form for the lodgement of a Section 70A Notification under the *Transfer of Land Act* and standard wording for the notification which the City of Swan should be able to provide to anyone required to lodge a notification.

Community Aviation Consultation Group The Association has secured a place on this group but needs a representative. If you are interested in helping to improve the situation for residents in Guildford and environs and could attend a meeting once every 2 months, then please contact Ben Allen on [0419 046 226](tel:0419046226) or ga@guildford.asn.au

Garrick Theatre "Deathtrap" starts 15th June. A synopsis reads - 'Deathtrap' takes place in the isolated New England home of thriller writer Sydney Bruhl. The action centres around a play called 'Deathtrap', a new thriller by unknown dramatist Clifford Anderson, a former pupil of Bruhl and which he has sent to him for comment. Without a success to his credit for some years, Sydney plots, with his reluctant wife Myra, about how best to plagiarise 'Deathtrap' and, when Clifford turns up to discuss the play with the 'master', events take a sinister turn. but Sydney's plans take an unexpected twist when Dutch clairvoyant Helga ten Dorp begins to experience disturbing vibrations. 'Deathtrap' is essentially a play within a play, full of twists and turns, to say nothing of shocks. It holds the record for the longest running comedy-thriller on Broadway and was later adapted into a film starring Christopher Reeve, Michael Caine and Dyan Cannon.

Transition Town Guildford's Kitchen Gardeners' Society is a community group based in Guildford and surrounding suburbs. Their aim is to encourage people to take positive action towards building a more resilient community as a response to the challenges of climate change, peak oil and economic uncertainty, by producing their own food at home. They meet monthly in members' gardens to share experiences, plants and tools and participate in garden-related activities, providing each other with support and encouragement to grow our own fruit and vegetables, preserve crops, and keep small livestock such as poultry. If you are keen to find out more, please contact Emma (emma.mclevie@gmail.com) or Elizabeth (0417 718 051).

A Guildford Hotel Update is actually very difficult to give. The representatives of the owners and the City of Swan continue to participate in the mediation process. It is still uncertain exactly what conditions the owners are appealing against whilst the whole process slowly drags on. The GA is hoping for a resolution before the 4th anniversary of the hotel fire in early September but Luke Martino was quoted recently (Midland Reporter, 5th June 2012) to still be claiming that the City's DA conditions make the development uneconomical. The GA understands that a best case scenario, assuming that the parties do come to an agreement very soon, will see any changes to the development approval conditions go back before council in July and, if approved by council, then go back to a SAT hearing in August for confirmation. Meanwhile the Hotel building appears to be deteriorating and Structerre's latest report, issued 7/3/2012, has the engineer commenting that "... any extended delay in the redevelopment of the site may place the building at risk of dilapidation and eventually place at risk those heritage features of the building which all interested parties are trying to preserve." This contrasts with their previous report dated 12/7/2011 that concluded "the building does not currently pose a risk to public safety and no further stabilisation works are required".

Parking Thank you to the people and businesses who responded with information on parking issues. A draft Consultants Brief is in the process of being finalised. We are still interested in any parking issues that you may be experiencing or observing so please contact us on ga@guildford.asn.au

Is your Vegetation Hanging Out? Help to keep our suburb tidy and safe by regularly maintaining any trees and shrubs on your property which overhang footpaths and roads. This will ensure that people can walk safely without having to duck under branches or around feral shrubs.

Sprinkler Ban a reminder to residents that from 1st June a winter sprinkler ban will be in place for all scheme and bore water users in Perth until 31st August.

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.**

GA Membership is \$15 per person, per year and entitles you to full voting rights at the meetings. New members are welcome
If you want a newsletter by email – please contact us with your details on ga@guildford.asn.au