



## THE GUILDFORD ASSOCIATION INC

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# GUILDFORD MATTERS

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### General Meeting

The Association's next meeting will be on Tuesday **15 July 2014** at 7.30pm in the Mechanics Institute Hall in Meadow Street, Guildford. All members and residents are welcome to attend and hear what is happening in your suburb.

### Perth Airport Master Plan 2014

There have been reports on the Perth Airport Master Plan in the papers over the last few weeks. The Master Plan was officially released on 21 June 2014. The Master Plan will detail the future development of the airport including the parallel runway, car parking, road and rail access, terminals and even hotel development. This development will potentially have a major impact on Guildford.

The Airport Management has arranged information sessions for residents of nearby suburbs. The session for Guildford and City of Swan is on 1 July 2014 in the Old Midland Court House at 5:30pm. We encourage you to attend this information session and ask questions. More information [www.perthairport.com.au](http://www.perthairport.com.au)

### Proposed Redevelopment of Rosehill Golf Course

A committee has been formed by residents concerned about the proposed development of the Rosehill Golf Course for residential purposes. The committee is not part of the Guildford Association but we would like to offer them our support. Although the development is in the South Guildford area, the scale of the development means it would have a major impact on the amenity and character of the whole Guildford area.

\*\* Newsletter kindly printed by Michelle Roberts MLA, Member for Midland \*\*

The first step in the proposal is for the land to be rezoned from Rural to Urban in the Metropolitan Region Scheme. This rezoning is the subject of the opposition.

While it is acknowledged that the land is privately owned, it has been a golf course for over 40 years. Loss of the golf course means loss of land for active recreation purposes (a commodity in short supply these days) and loss of trees (another environmental commodity under threat).

Two petitions are being circulated to oppose the development. One is to be given to John Day MLA, Minister for Planning. The other is to be lodged in Parliament. You may wish to sign these petitions.

The 60 day public submission period closes on 1 August 2014. Submissions must be lodged with the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC). The WAPC will consider all the submissions and provide a report on the proposed rezoning to the Minister for Planning. The decision then rests with the Minister as to whether to approve it or not. We encourage everyone to lodge a submission during this period. You can find more information on the WAPC website at [www.planning.wa.gov.au](http://www.planning.wa.gov.au).

The City of Swan has been asked to now oppose the rezoning despite initially supporting it. A copy of your submission to the WAPC should also be sent to the City so that it is aware of the groundswell of public opinion. This can be done by forwarding a copy of your submission directly to the City ([swan@swan.wa.gov.au](mailto:swan@swan.wa.gov.au)) or to [saveourgolfcourses@gmail.com](mailto:saveourgolfcourses@gmail.com).

### **Hazelmere Pyrolysis Plant**

This is another issue, which, while not actually in Guildford has the potential to impact on our air quality and amenity. Guildford may be an "island" with the two rivers surrounding it but it is still affected by what happens around it.

The Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council (EMRC) has operated a waste recycling facility in the Hazelmere area for a number of years. The EMRC recently lodged an application to build a "Pyrolysis Plant" on the site. Pyrolysis is the name being used to disguise that it is an incinerator, or has the potential to be an incinerator. This is despite a promise many years ago to "never build an incinerator" in Hazelmere. Emissions from any nearby incinerator would have an impact on the air quality in Guildford. The proposed monitoring of the emissions appears to be inadequate.

The submission period to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) has closed. Michelle Roberts MLA has organised a petition to go to Parliament opposing the construction of the plant. If you have not signed it we would encourage you to do so. Michelle has also asked for any submissions to the EPA to be copied to her so they can be recorded and potentially presented to Parliament. If you have lodged a submission please forward it to Michelle's office at PO Box 1792 Midland, 6936 or email to [midland@mp.wa.gov.au](mailto:midland@mp.wa.gov.au).

### **Guildford Hotel**

Finally the news we've all been waiting for... It has been announced that ***The Publican Group*** has signed an Agreement to Lease and operate the Guildford Hotel - ***if*** it is re-built by the owners. As the planning approval expired on 13 June 2014, an application for an extension of time has been lodged with the City of Swan. It is not known if this will be granted by the City as no work has occurred on the site and no documentation has been submitted to either the State Heritage Office or the City to commence compliance with the conditions of the original planning approval. So there are still no guarantees that the hotel will be re-built as

the land owners say the development must be viable for them to proceed, including the proposed 1300m<sup>2</sup> additional retail building - and that is yet to be signed up to leasees.

It is still hoped that the State Government will step up to the plate, acquire this site, protect the priceless heritage structure and consider uses for the site that will complement our existing cafe and shopping strip, and promote tourism.

### **City of Swan draft Transport Strategy**

The draft Transport Strategy was recently advertised for public submissions. The Association lodged a submission and has requested, among other things, that trucks and heavy haulage vehicles be discouraged from entering Guildford. Guildford is presently the through-route for traffic but if Lord Street in Caversham and Lloyd Street in Midland are extended, there is the potential to divert a lot of traffic out of Guildford. Guildford is after all, still primarily a residential area but is being adversely impacted by regional traffic. The Association was pleased to see that the City's consultants recommended that a Parking Strategy for Guildford be given a high priority. The Transport Strategy can still be viewed on the City's website. [www.swan.wa.gov.au](http://www.swan.wa.gov.au)

### **Meeting with Midland-Guildford Ward Councillors**

On 13 May 2014, the City conducted a "meet and greet" with our Ward Councillors; Daniel Parasiliti, Sandra Gregorini and Mark Elliot. This was an open invitation to anyone from the ward to attend. The Association was fortunate to have a pre-meeting with our Councillors to give them some background about our important suburb and bring to their attention the issues that are currently affecting us. This was well received and we are developing positive relationships.

### **Claymore Close Trees**

The on-going saga of the fate of the two trees on the public open space in Claymore Close has been resolved with the Council, by a majority, voting not to destroy these trees. One Councillor continued to vote for the destruction of the trees despite not even living in the Midland-Guildford Ward. Two independent Arborist reports certified that the trees are healthy and not likely to cause endangerment.

It is a shame that this issue divided the community and the Council. However, it is worth mentioning that our urban areas need as many trees as we can muster in order to help cool our suburbs in the face of a warming climate and absorb carbon from the air. The original proposal to remove the trees is at odds with other groups in the City of Swan community, and even some of our Political representatives such as Ken Wyatt, who are actively engaged in projects to plant trees. Trees do what they do naturally - drop leaf litter which nourishes their environment. You can't blame them for that! 😊

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**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.**

The Association is constituted under the *Associations Incorporation Act 1987* and operates under the requirements of that Act. Membership is **\$15** per person, per year. 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): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Renewing Member

New Member

Please forward **\$15 per person** to Guildford Association, PO Box 115, Guildford WA 6935.