

## The Guildford Secession Plan – update

Our Association continues to hold a neutral stance on this matter whilst trying to ensure that residents are well informed at an individual level and that every one has the opportunity to be involved. The following information was supplied to us by Richard Zawada with minor insignificant change for formatting reasons.

A representative group of Guildford residents have had informal discussions with a group of Bassendean officials and councillors recently, regarding what matters Guildford residents feel are critical to a successful change.

Bassendean are now completing investigations into the viability of such a move and will conduct a formal consultation with the Bassendean Community. The matter will need to be dealt with formally by the Bassendean Council after these processes are completed.

Over 600 Guildford residents have signed a petition requesting a move from City of Swan governance to that of the Town of Bassendean. It is envisaged that the petition will be presented to the Local Government Advisory Board later this year.”

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**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

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### **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 No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

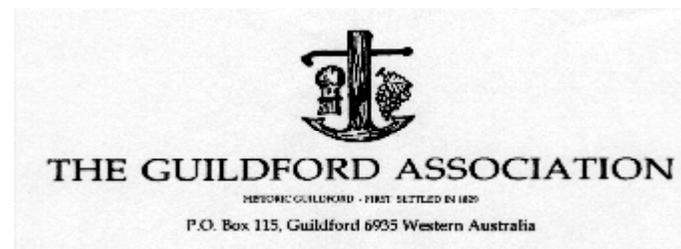
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New Member •

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**

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### New Meeting Schedule incorporating Guest Speakers

The Association has made changes to its meeting schedule and in 2011 will be meeting bi-monthly. Association meetings will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of every other month. Due to the ongoing repair works at the Mechanic's Institute, the next meeting will be at 8.00pm on 15th March in the Guildford Town Hall. The following meetings will be on 17th May, 19th July, 20th Sept & 15th Nov.

The meetings will now have a Guest Speaker. It is proposed to have speakers on a variety of riveting topics including the importance of heritage, heritage development and renovations, environmental issues and floodplain management.

Our first Guest Speaker for 8.00 pm Tuesday 15 March 2011

### Dr Ian Alexander

Dr Alexander is a former university lecturer in town planning, a former member of State Parliament and the past President of the Fremantle Society.

Dr Alexander will explore some ideas for more effective protection of heritage places and suggest how they may apply in Guildford. Some of these ideas have already been recommended to the National Trust and involve minor but vital changes to planning and heritage legislation. Please come along and hear what Dr Alexander has to say to us at the Guildford Town Hall, 8pm on 15<sup>th</sup> March.

### GA website and email address

Your association will shortly be launching its new website and members will be able to communicate using our new email address. Whilst still undergoing the final finishing touches this will be an exciting development for us and help bring us into the modern era of communications.

Web: [www.guildford.asn.au](http://www.guildford.asn.au)

Email: [ga@guildford.asn.au](mailto:ga@guildford.asn.au)

## New Year Function

A very successful Member's New Year Function was held in late January and attended by over 80 of our members, their families and invited guests. We were very pleased to have, among others, Mr Charlie Zannino, the Mayor of the City of Swan and Mr Ken Wyatt, our Federal Member for Hasluck. The Association provided refreshments for the occasion and also outlined its proposed activities for 2011.

Clean Up Australia Day - on this Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> March there was a clean up site registered for Guildford from under the Helena River Bridge and up towards the primary school. The local organizer was Peter Langlands (can be contacted on [peter.langlands@grs.uwa.edu.au](mailto:peter.langlands@grs.uwa.edu.au)). The Association applauds and encourages such community action and involvement and is grateful to Peter for his efforts.

## Increased Aircraft Movements

Upgrading of the main runway (03/21) has to occur every 15 years. This is necessary for safety reasons. The work is to be conducted in 2 stages.

**Stage 1** The cross runway is upgraded prior to work on the main runway. This will result in all aircraft movements being diverted onto the main runway from 21<sup>st</sup> Feb to 1<sup>st</sup> April. This will result in an increase in air traffic of around 25% on the main runway (Guildford/ Cannington ends). Increased morning and evening traffic will be apparent.

**Stage 2** The upgrading and grooving of the main runway. 03/21 runway will be closed from 9am –8pm from April 4<sup>th</sup> –28<sup>th</sup> May. Normal flights and some rescheduling will occur in the evenings over Guildford / Cannington ends of the runway during this time. Daytime aircraft movements will cease over Guildford/ Cannington during this period. Work will be suspended over the Easter period to permit normal aircraft movements. Both runways will be closed on the weekends of April 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, April 16<sup>th</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup>, April 30<sup>th</sup> - May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup>.

More information can be obtained by calling Perth Airport's information line on 800 933 733 or viewing the WAC webpage

Guildford Heritage Festival - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March, Stirling Square 10am - 5pm  
Celebrate our heritage and join in the free family fun with activities and entertainment for the whole family. There will be plenty to see and do with **Penny Farthings** on parade, **log chopping**, **fire fighting demos**, **firing of muskets**, **vintage cars**, **tractors**, **machinery**, **refreshments**, **art and craft stalls**, **Indigenous Art & Craft** and **Bush Tucker**. Get taken back in time as you **meet the early settlers, convicts and pensioner guards**. Visit the Swan **Antique & Collectables Fair**. Kids can enjoy the **heritage games**, **crafts** and **activities**. Join in the **square dancing**. Learn **lace making** and **spinning**. Entertainment throughout the day including: **Happy Feet Dance Studio**, **Voices of the Valley and Sing Australia (Swan Valley)** and **Kulcha on Swan**. Any volunteers able to assist on the day should contact [Bromwynfacer@yahoo.com.au](mailto:Bromwynfacer@yahoo.com.au)

## The Guildford Hotel – a short history

In name, the Guildford Hotel has been part of Western Australia's rich colonial history since 1831 (18 months after first settlement). The current hotel is the third hostelry bearing the name Guildford Hotel and has formed an important meeting place and venue for all manner of functions (Druids, Masons, Hunt Club, Cycle clubs and Royal Agricultural Society dinners).

Construction of this current building started in 1883, on a site opposite the new railway station. In 1890, under its influential and innovative owner, Mr George Hiscox, the hotel diversified into social events, which extended to holding a hot air balloon spectacular and pigeon racing. In response to the commercial opportunities flowing from the Gold Boom, the hotel was extended in the late 1897. Mr J Wright, the architect of these additions, also designed Woodbridge House.

In 1914 architects Cameron and Powell of Perth, were commissioned to design a striking new front facade with pediments and belvedere tower. These new additions gave the Guildford Hotel landmark status. The hotel had high visibility from road and rail and dominated most vistas in the town as it does to this day. The spiral staircase still remaining, is thought to have been purchased from the City of Perth in 1915, by George Hiscox, during their renovations of the old Council Chambers.

The Guildford Hotel has been an iconic building in Guildford for over 120 years. It has a significant part of the town's character and contributed greatly to the streetscapes and sense of community.

In 2008 the Guildford Hotel was severely damaged by arson. The Heritage Council commissioned an engineering report on the fire damaged building which was completed in August 2009. The report, focused on what was required to ensure preservation of the building, indicated that much of the Guildford Hotel, including its external walls, could be saved if the building was quickly made water-tight and allowed to dry out. Without a roof, the engineers said that rain would continue to enter the building with deterioration progressing exponentially. Surprisingly, Western Australia's Heritage Act has no provisions to compel owners to take action to repair a damaged building such as this.

Guildford Association distributed bumper stickers for concerned members of the community and they are encouraged to show their support for the retention and reroofing of the Hotel, by displaying a sticker- on car bumpers, work file or even your rubbish bin

There is an excellent web site at [www.savetheguildfordhotel.com](http://www.savetheguildfordhotel.com) and also an interesting Facebook page at "Save the Guildford Hotel" with a wonderful catalogue of photos, records of all the banners that have gone up and comments from supporters. You could even become a "friend" or leave a comment of support. The Save The Hotel Action Group is also manning a stall at the local Heritage Festival so be sure to visit them there.