



THE GUILDFORD ASSOCIATION INC

HISTORIC GUILDFORD - FIRST SETTLED IN 1829

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GUILDFORD MATTERS

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Upcoming Meetings and Guest Speakers

18 March 2014 - Our guest speaker is **Dr Amanda Ridley** who is undertaking research on the Western Magpie. You may have noticed that a number of magpies in Guildford have leg tags. This was part of a research project on Guildford's magpie population by the late Dr Ian Rowley and his wife to record the breeding and social patterns of these birds who live in and around the Kings Meadow Polo Fields. Dr Ridley is continuing this research and will talk on the fascinating social patterns of these intelligent birds.

15 April 2014 – Our guest speaker is **Mr John Viska** from the Australian Garden History Society. John will present a talk on Australian Colonial Kitchen Gardens. John is a well-known garden historian and horticulturist who has a longstanding interest in Guildford and its gardens. Come and hear how the kitchen gardens of our early settlers were planted and maintained with a focus on Western Australia.

Please mark these dates in your calendar. The presentations start at 7.30pm at the Mechanics Institute Hall in Meadow Street, Guildford. There will be time for questions and some discussion. The Association's General meeting will follow the presentation and refreshments are provided. All are welcome.

New Year Function

Our New Year Garden Party was held on Sunday 9 February 2014 at the lovely heritage listed home and garden of Graeme and Barbara Dundas. Once again this function was an outstanding success with over 90 people attending and much amiable chatter about our valuable suburb. Thank you to the hosts for making their home available and to all our Members and invited guests for attending.

Perth Airport

While we all appreciate the proximity of Perth Airport when we choose to fly interstate or overseas, we also need the airport to be a good neighbour. There are some current issues which affect Guildford and South Guildford residents.

In June this year, the Westralia Airports Corporation (WAC) will be releasing the ***Perth Airport Master Plan 2014*** for the on-going development of Perth Airport for public comment. The planned parallel runway could be operational in about 4¹/₂ years and will initially reduce air traffic over Guildford and South Guildford. However, some flight paths will swing westwards over Guildford, so a further section of the community will become impacted by noise. There will be an increase in air traffic over the two parallel runways – where the flight path is over Guildford and South Guildford – and slightly less air traffic on the cross-runway where the flight path is over Bellevue and the east.

Write to your State and Federal members of Parliament and ask them to make sure that the WAC presents the details of the ***Perth Airport Master Plan*** in an open forum so that questions can be asked. We suggest the Guildford Town Hall, where they will have to speak up!

The Association has been lobbying for a **temporary noise monitor** to be placed in South Guildford under the main flight path to show the true level of aircraft noise. This information is vital if this area is ever to be considered for a noise insulation package. Air Services Australia is seeking a secure site which is not shaded and not likely to pick up too much extraneous sound. The noise monitor can be located on private property so if you are prepared to volunteer your garden for a temporary noise monitor (about 12 weeks) please contact Mrs Barbara Dundas on 9279-7057 or the Association via our email. You may also wish to take ask the Candidates for the forthcoming **Senate elections** what they will do to assist with a noise insulation package for residents.

It is also important to register concerns and complaints about unreasonable aircraft noise, increased aircraft numbers, fumes and ground running. These are all things that the airport operators can do something about but they won't unless concern is expressed by local residents. In the last reporting quarter, residents of the suburb of Shelley made 70 complaints, but residents of Guildford made only 7 complaints. By the time planes fly over Shelley they are several hundred metres in the air and Shelley is not even under an ANEF contour. Yet residents of that suburb have been able to get their Federal representative to take notice because they have spoken up. Noise Complaints can be lodged on **1800 802 584** (free call) or on-line on the Air Services Australia website www.airservicesaustralia.com

Talbot Hobbs Gate

The Talbot Hobbs Gate was installed to mark the highly successful Centenary of Artillery in Guildford which was held in Stirling Square in November last year.

The Hobbs Gate is in memory of Lieutenant General Sir Talbot Hobbs who was instrumental in the design of many significant public buildings and fine private residences in Perth and Fremantle in the early 1900s. He was also a decorated soldier having commanded troops in the Great War and other conflicts. The Memorial Gate is constructed using the gates and timbers salvaged from the original entry gate to Sir Talbot Hobbs' own residence in Peppermint Grove.

Unfortunately the Gate was not quite complete at the time of the dedication in November but we are informed that they will be completed by Anzac Day in April this year. The Association will be presenting a wreath at the **Anzac Day** service in Stirling Square on Friday 25 April 2014. Come and pay your respects to the people who served us well.

Guildford Hotel

We are pleased to see that the State Government may finally take action in relation to the Guildford Hotel. (West Australian newspaper 3 March) While the current landowners have had planning approval for well over two years, they appear to have been unable to secure an interested hotel operator to partner in the business and have been unwilling to protect the hotel building in the meantime. Perhaps it is time to determine a better development outcome for the hotel and we hope the State Government has the fortitude to see the benefit of some other options if it can be acquired into public ownership. Acquisition, restoration and sympathetic adaptive re-use of the Guildford Hotel would rejuvenate the heart of our National Trust classified Town. There are many members of the community willing to assist with this process.

Clean Up Australia Day

The Association partnered with Transition Town Guildford (TTG) to clean up litter, around Guildford and South Guildford on Sunday 2 March 2014. 58 bags of litter, tyres, car batteries, old furniture, fencing wire, timber and shopping trolleys was collected by over 50 volunteers including many parents and children from Guildford Primary School. This was a pleasing turn out and those children who participated will receive merit points for their faction at the school. Thank you Guildford Primary School for helping to promote this activity and to everyone who attended. A well deserved morning tea, including some icy cold drinks and scones from the local bakery was enjoyed by everyone after the clean-up. If you see litter, pick it up and put it in a bin. In that way, we can keep Guildford clean and tidy. ☺

Graffiti

Graffiti attracts other graffiti and is best controlled by removal within 4 hours. If you see graffiti, ring the City of Swan as soon as possible and report it. The City can be contacted on **9267-9267** and will require the place, street name/location and material it is painted on. The City has contractors who can remove graffiti quickly. If you see someone engaging in this type of vandalism then that is Police matter and they should be notified on 131-444. The Police will also require a description of the person or persons involved. Help stamp out this type of vandalism in our community.

Did you know – That the 10th Light Horse Regiment (Australia) was established in South Guildford in 1914. The 10th Light Horse became part of important Colonial Military and its important history is kept alive by current military and civilian devotees.

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. The Association meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

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.