



THE GUILDFORD ASSOCIATION INC

HISTORIC GUILDFORD - FIRST SETTLED IN 1829

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Guildford Association E-Notice Board March 2016

The President and Executive of the Guildford Association Inc. welcome members to the first Guildford E-Notice Board. We aim to issue this monthly to members to keep them informed of events in the community.

GUILDFORD HOTEL CROWNED WITH BELVEDERE

Up to 200 Guildford residents gathered on the morning of February 27 to watch the historic moment when the new belvedere was lowered onto the top of the partially restored Guildford hotel. The crowd broke into spontaneous cheers and applause.



After so many years it is wonderful to see the familiar silhouette again on the Guildford skyline. The new belvedere is about 12 metres high and 5 metres in diameter.

UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS – SAVE THE DATES!

The Association has general meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, all members are welcome to attend and bring friends and neighbours. Meetings are held at the Mechanics Institute Hall, Meadow St (next to the post office) at 7.30pm. Upcoming speakers include:

MEETING MARCH 16 – TRAFFIC IN GUILDFORD

Officers from the City of Swan will present an information and discussion session on the progress of regional traffic issues that may assist traffic flow in Guildford. This will include updates on projects such as the Lloyd Street extension in Midland, the North Link project and the Lord Street extension and upgrade. They will also provide an update on local issues that have been identified in the Guildford Traffic study and answer any questions on other local traffic issues

Attending officers from the City:

Mr Jim Coten, Executive Manager - Operations

Mr Leon Van der Linde Senior Planner City of Swan

APRIL 19 – EFFECTS OF AIRCRAFT NOISE

Mr John MacPherson, a recently retired acoustic expert, will talk about the latest research and findings on noise from the 2015 ICBEN (International Commission on Biological Effect of Noise) Conference. The mandate of the ICBEN is to promote a high level of scientific research.

This is an important talk for all Guildford residents and the surrounding communities including Woodbridge and Midland, which will be aircraft noise affected within the next 10 years with the planned parallel runway.

MAY 17 – PHYSICIST DAVID BLAIR ON DISCOVERY OF GRAVITATIONAL WAVES

Local long time resident and physicist David Blair has been searching for gravitational waves almost as long as he has lived in Guildford. On his 43-year search he invented the sapphire clock and created the Gravity Discovery Centre at Gingin. He is a past president of the Guildford Association and loves the Guildford flood plains, river banks and gardens.

In February the century long quest for gravitational waves was brought to a momentous conclusion. A team of 1000 physicists, including 21 from Perth, David's son Carl among them, announced the discovery in near simultaneous press conferences in Washington, London, Canberra and Perth. In David's words: "The universe has spoken. We have created bionic ears for the human race. Never again will we be deaf to the universe. For the first time humanity has listened and understood."

Einstein had predicted gravity waves - waves like sound that travel through empty space at the speed of light - almost exactly 100 years ago.

The message from the universe is a message from the earliest ancestors of our Sun. It is a message about the origin of the atoms that make us, and about black holes, where space and time come to an end.

David will share the highs and the lows of the quest for discovery, the astonishing discovery itself, and a vision of the discoveries that are just around the corner. Bring along your friends and your questions!

GUILDFORD GARDEN PARTY

The Association thank Andrew and Melanie Kiely for making their beautiful home and garden available for the 2016 annual garden party last month. Over 120 members and guests attended and enjoyed a delightful afternoon with music by the noted Black Chook Bush Band.

Amongst those present were MLA Michelle Roberts and Greg, City of Swan Mayor Mick Wainwright and Julie, Deputy Mayor David Lucas and Chris, Cllr Ian Johnson and Hazel, and previous ward councillor Mr Ted Williams and



Mary Pat. One of our long time members who recently moved to Heathridge, Mrs Wendy Dekkers, and her daughter Mirella (pictured) also attended. It was a wonderful community event.

OBITUARY

Miss Kathleen (Kath) Dorothy Napier

9.3.1919 - 16.2.2016

The Association was sad to learn of the death of esteemed long time Guildford resident and Association member Kath Napier. Kath had lived at 'Carinyah', 35 Helena Street, Guildford, for many years.



The home was acquired by her maternal grandfather Alfred Ernest West in 1909. The West family moved from New Zealand to South Australia and then to WA in the Collie area in 1906. The family purchased the newly-built home of contractor Parsons in 1909. Alfred took up a position as a commercial traveller for John Wills and Co. WA. He was a keen naturalist and collector of Aboriginal and other artefacts, which he gathered on his trips across WA. A number of the artefacts were gifted to Guildford State School and others were sold to the USA when the WA Museum failed to express an interest in them. His children and grandchildren were encouraged to develop an interest and awareness in nature.

In 1917, Dorothea Alice, the eldest West daughter, became engaged to Lieut. John Howard Hastings Napier. Napier had boarded close to the West family for four years at 20 East Street, Guildford, with the Beasley family. This location was close to the Railway Workshops where he was employed for four years as a mechanical engineer. He was enlisted with the 15th Field Engineers as a Reservist. At the outbreak of World War 1, he was appointed as Lieutenant to the 1st Division 13th Field Company Engineers 15.9.1914. This company was raised from the 37th and 38 Batteries already established at a base in South Guildford in 1913.

Napier was seriously wounded in action at Gallipoli and had his left leg amputated above the knee, He returned to WA and continued his work as an engineer and training young Military engineers until the 1930s.

Napier married Dorothea Alice, eldest daughter of A.E.P. West at St Matthew's Church in Guildford in 1918. They moved to 'Inglehurst' at 29 Second Avenue, Mt. Lawley where Kathleen was born (1919) and her brothers Donald Hastings (1923) and Clive John (1928). Kath wrote to the West Australian and Daily News children's clubs in her early years describing the family visits to Serpentine, Hills and Crawley where she described in detail the plants and animal life. In 1928 and 29, she won prizes for the best letter written to 'Auntie Nell's children's Column'. (Daily News).

Kath continued on to complete her Leaving Exam in 1936, in English French, German and two Maths subjects. She excelled in languages and studied for her Bachelor of Arts at UWA before training at the University of WA as a Teacher.

Kath's father valued the privacy and closeness of family life, something he felt he had lacked in his own childhood. Kath likewise was a remarkable but very private person. She loved learning and developed and later taught adult literacy for many years from her home in Guildford. She had a rounded education in the Arts with piano and violin, loved writing and languages. She had a passion for science and natural history, detailed in her letters as part of her growing up, expressed in her examination of her grandfather's crystal and rock collections and on her family's nature outings. Her knowledge and keenness of eye made her an important volunteer at the WA Herbarium for a number of decades. Her wisdom and knowledge of Guildford contributed tremendously to Guildford community and their local knowledge. Her knowledge was also shared with her membership with the Wild Flower Society and later, Heritage Roses in Australia.

'Carinyah' the family home at 35 Helena Street, Guildford, passed to her uncle Maxwell West on the death of her grandfather in 1937. Kath described that it had been offered to her parents, however, her mother recalled the lower floor going under water in the 1926 and some later floods and declined the offer in preference to remaining in her home at 62 Stanley Street, Nedlands.

Kath had many fond memories of this home and on her uncle's death she took up residence in Guildford in 1987. She tended the roses and other plants established by her grandfather. Age and ill health combined to necessitate her move to a smaller apartment in Guildford in 2009. Recently she moved to Mandurah and into an age care facility near her beloved sister-in-law. Kath passed peacefully away on 11 February 2016.

Vale Kathleen Dorothy Napier- A life well lived.

MANETTI ROSES

The Association is pleased with wide interest shown in the wider community about the recent manetti rose plantings near Barker's Bridge. Mr John Viska has an article in the national Australian Garden History Society Magazine (no.27 (3) January 2016 p 11-12 and the WA History Council will also have an article next month on this conservation work.

The manetti rose was developed in Milan in 1837 by Dr Manetti. It was a hybrid developed from a cross between a Chinese and European rose. This hardy rose was probably chosen because of its resilient nature and ability to tolerate a variety of conditions, including quite high levels of salinity. Lieutenant Du Cane, Royal Engineer, planted this rose on the embankments of Barker's Bridge c 1853. The rose also grows on the embankment of the old Drummond bridge that once crossed the Helena River. It is thought there may have been a practice of planting the roses to both beautify and stabilize the river embankments.

The historic roses have been consistently sprayed over the past five years and were almost destroyed. The Association has worked with the City of Swan, Swan River

Trust and Midland Poly Technic West, to have the roses re established using the original genetic stock. Today, the embankments at Caversham and Guildford have been replanted and No Spraying and interpretative signs have been placed near the planted areas.

IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP UP TO DATE?

Please remember to update your Guildford Association membership. Your subscription fees support your local organisation help our community.

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 _____

Date ____/____/____

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 **BSB** 06609

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/>