Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm at the Mechanics Institute. Hall in Meadow St. (next to Guildford Post Office). New members are welcome. Membership is $10 per year per member.

Membership form for the Guildford Association Inc.

Name .....

Address .....

Telephone Number(s) .....

Email .....

* *Your details remain confidential*

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GUILDFORD MATTERS

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Last Month's Activities

Your executive was very busy this last month with three activities for Guildford residents.

The **Spring Flood Plain Walk** with Eric McCrum on 12th October was a great success with almost 30 people in attendance. Eric was his usual informative self and every one had a wonderful time. It is intended to do an Autumn walk early next year. The Association is again very grateful to Eric for his time and enthusiastic support.

The **Lead Light Walk** on 18th October was also well attended with over 80 people participating and very positive reviews all round. The organizing committee put in a lot of hard work and was ably assisted by a bevy of volunteers. We were also supplied with tea, coffee and home made snacks which was much appreciated. The Association would like to thank all those home owners who kindly lit up their residences for the evening to show off their lead lights and the volunteer guides who gave us their time on the night.

The **Meadow Street Walk**, held on 26 October 2008, was not well attended even though it was a lovely sunny day. Nevertheless our local historian and researcher, Barbara Dundas, gave the small group who had remembered a very informative history of Meadow Street as we walked from one end to the other and back. It is suspected that a combination of daylight saving and our lack of publicity closer to the day meant that the activity had dropped off the radar for many people who would normally

have attended. This is very much regretted as Barbara clearly goes to much trouble and effort for the Association and it is disappointing not to have seen more people on the day.

A wreath, generously donated by our resident florist and President Wendy Dekkers, was laid in Stirling Square on **Gunners Day** - 2 November 2008 - in recognition of those who serve in the Army Reserve and other volunteer services.

Current Actions & Plans

The next meeting of the Association will be held on 18th November 2008 at the Mechanic's Institute Hall from 7.30 pm. This will be the last meeting of the year as we do not have a meeting in December. There is always tea, coffee and snacks provided to provision the members as they discuss the Association's business. New members are very welcome, fees are very reasonable and you are encouraged to attend and contribute towards preserving Guildford. Membership details are given below.

The Association remains concerned about the **proposed street names** in the new residential development on James Street. The new streets have been named Berislav Mews, Blato Lane and Karbuni Court. The Association and a number of concerned residents have been lobbying hard to have the street names overturned. It is considered that these names are totally inappropriate in Guildford. Guildford is a colonial town with existing road names which represent the pioneers, original landowners and geography of the locality. Guildford's public thoroughfares have the traditional designations of "Street", "Road" or "Avenue" and the use of "Mews", "Lane" and "Court" are also inappropriate.

The Association feels that the City of Swan and Landgate (Geographic Names Committee) have erred in deciding that the road names are acceptable in Guildford.

There is still the opportunity for this matter to be rectified and for the Guildford community to have a say on the road names. The Association urgently needs your assistance in this regard. The Minister for Lands has the power to overturn this matter but time is of the essence.

If you feel that these road names are inappropriate, you should communicate this to **Mr Brendon Grylls** who is the **Minister for Lands**. You can do this

- by post 9th Floor, Dumas House, 2 Havelock Street, West Perth, WA 6055
- by fax to 9213 7001
- by email: Minister.Grylls@dpc.wa.gov.au

If you would like any further information or assistance in formulating a submission on this matter please contact the Guildford Association as detailed overleaf.

The **Stirling Square Walk** was due to take place on 23rd November but it has been decided to postpone it to some time next year given the poor response to our Meadow Street Walk. If you have any feedback on these walks please feel free to communicate this to Ben Allen on 0419 046 226 or contact the Association as detailed below.

Don't forget to use your local services, in particular the **Guildford Library**. The Library is under constant review by the City of Swan and it would be a tragedy to lose this facility. Margaret, Kelly, Edith, Teresa and the other girls do a wonderful job and the library has a great range of books, magazines, videos, CDs and other resources.

All local roads in Guildford have a **50kph speed** limit in accordance with the Road Traffic Code 2000. Please drive carefully and with consideration on our local roads. Helena Street is particularly notorious for through traffic and drivers avoiding James Street and the signalised intersections.

The Guildford Association Inc. is your **local Ratepayers' Association**. Our objectives include protecting the residential and historic character of the town and the surrounding flood plains. Your Association is actively involved in such issues as:

- the protection and maintenance of the Sugar Gum trees,
- arguing that new development should be consistent with heritage guidelines/conservation policy.
- arguing for improved pedestrian facilities in the town,
- the Noise Management Committee of the Westralian Airports Corporation at Perth Airport.