



THE GUILDFORD ASSOCIATION INC

HISTORIC GUILDFORD - FIRST SETTLED IN 1829

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GUILDFORD MATTERS

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Annual General Meeting

The Association's AGM will be on Tuesday 16 September 2014 at 7.30pm in the Mechanics Institute Hall in Meadow Street, Guildford. A General Meeting will follow the AGM. Please come along and support your residents and ratepayers association. Refreshments are provided. The Association's goals are to protect the heritage and historic value of this important National Trust classified Town and we need your help.

Perth Airport Master Plan 2014

The Perth Airport Master Plan has been released. The comment period is open until the 15th of September 2014. As could be expected given the proximity of Guildford to the airport there are a number of points in the plan which are of concern to residents.

The third runway can be expected to move some traffic away from Guildford when completed which would provide welcome relief. However this may only be temporary as the ultimate plan for the airport forecasts a marked increase in overall traffic which would return flights over Guildford to the present or increase levels. The latest noise contours have changed and a larger area of Guildford can be expected to be subject to both increased noise and increased aircraft movements.

The main runway is to be extended approximately 200 metres towards Guildford. This will mean that planes are likely to be lower, and noisier. Obviously this is a major concern.

We encourage residents to make themselves familiar with the Master Plan and to lodge submissions. We also encourage residents to lodge complaints with Air Services Australia if they feel that aircraft are too noisy or intrusive.

Manetti Rose Planting

A planting ceremony was held on the 29th August 2014 during which 52 Manetti rose cuttings were planted near Barker's Bridge. The roses had been carefully propagated by staff and students of Midland Polytechnic West using cuttings taken from the original roses.

The ceremony was well attended with representatives from City of Swan, St Charles Seminary, Polytechnic West, Heritage Roses Australia (WA) and the Guildford Association amongst others.

Monsignor Long, the host from St Charles, gave an interesting pre and post Christian perspective on the significance of roses which took us a few centuries further back than Drummond and Du Caine.

Val Shiell from Heritage Roses spoke on the roses and their significance to the early settlement of Western Australia. She gave out a few cuttings struck in potatoes, as the first cuttings to WA had been done. Some lucky people received a living memento of the day.

It is hoped that the Manetti roses are now firmly established, not only the banks of the Swan River, but also as a goal in the mind of attendees. Monsignor Long remarked that it would be good to convene every two years to keep on the task of ensuring they are once again firmly established. Their survival needs to be taken very seriously.

Guildford Hotel

There have been numerous reports in the local, state and even national papers about the Guildford Hotel. In the June Newsletter it was reported that **The Publican Group** had signed an Agreement to Lease and operate the Guildford Hotel.

The original planning approval expired on the 13th June. The City of Swan approved a six month extension but without debate and no changes to conditions even though no work has been commenced toward the restoration of the Hotel.

The only work which has been noted since the extension, is the removal of the external graffiti, reportedly some removal of rubbish and the removal of the protest socks. However, it is understood that the owners have engaged some consultants to do some work towards satisfying the conditions of the now

extended planning approval. That's the good news. But wait, there's more. It appears that part of the development that the landowners originally sought approval for, including a 1300m² commercial building is, guess what? Unviable. So it is likely that there will be a further delay while they (again) decide what is viable and submit a new application for planning approval to the City and get a further 2 years to decide if they will proceed with that. Sound familiar?

If you think this is unacceptable treatment of a Nationally listed building in one of the most significant settlements in Australia (Guildford) then please write to the Minister for Heritage and the Premier and ask them what they intend to do to ensure the survival of this important building.

Stop press: Roof by the end of the month. Really? What month? What year?

Fauntleroy Park

Residents would have been pleased to see work start on the long awaited upgrade to Fauntleroy Park. There are some noticeable improvements to the park, including a shelter near the playground and some exercise equipment. Unfortunately the work is yet to be completed. There are some uneven areas, including holes in the ground. The recent rains have meant some surface water has collected in the area.

It is understood that the City of Swan will be levelling the ground and top dressing the park. The area will then be re-sown with grass seeds. The City is waiting for the weather to clear and the ground to dry out so that machinery can be used.

The completion of the works is keenly awaited. We will be liaising with the Council to make sure residents are informed of any developments.

Bus Stop Bus Stop

Where have the distinctive Guildford bus shelters gone? It has been noticed that the bus stops along James and East Streets have been removed. "Rationalised" according to Transperth. Without consultation, the distinctive wooden bus shelters disappeared rather than being re-located to the new stops.

After questions were raised with the City of Swan we have been informed that the shelters are currently at one of the Council depots. A petition was lodged at a recent council meeting and we have asked for their return and re-instatement.

We have been informed that one bus shelter will be returned to a stop on East Street. The City is liaising with Transperth regarding the other shelters to facilitate their re-instatement.

The bus shelters were designed specifically for Guildford under a project involving the City of Swan, Curtin University and the local community. It is extremely disappointing that they were removed with no consultation with the community.

Spring has Sprung

Well, maybe given the recent weather. The seasons do seem to be a bit mixed up these days. Bulbs are growing and flowering in the gardens. Trees are flowering.

It also means birds are nesting and new chicks learning to fly. This includes magpies which vigorously defend their nests. Particularly protective magpies have been noticed in Fauntleroy Park and on Helena Street. If you are walking in these areas, please be wary and wear a hat or carry a baton - but just to warn them off, please don't hurt them.

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.