



THE GUILDFORD ASSOCIATION INC

HISTORIC GUILDFORD - FIRST SETTLED IN 1829

P.O. Box 115, Guildford 6935 Western Australia

ga@guildford.asn.au www.guildford.asn.au

GUILDFORD MATTERS

Newsletter No. 29. December 2012

Christmas Greetings

This will be our last Newsletter for 2012. We would like to wish all residents the best for the coming festive season. We hope you have an enjoyable and safe time over Christmas and the New Year.

This is a good time to get to know your neighbours and other residents of Guildford. There are a number of community celebrations happening during this period. Carols by Candlelight will be held in Stirling Square on December 16th at 7:00pm. This is presented by the Churches within Guildford and sponsored by the City of Swan. A sausage sizzle and candles will be available for purchase.

If you're going away over the Christmas period we hope you have a good holiday. Please be aware burglaries increase over the holiday period. It is very worthwhile arranging for someone to keep an eye on your property, clearing the mailbox, putting the bin out, watering the garden and generally making it look like someone is around.

Services over Christmas

Christmas and New Year this year fall on a Tuesday. This is rubbish day for most of Guildford. The City of Swan has indicated that services will operate as normal, though it sounds like they may take a fraction longer. Put your bin out on the usual day and it will be emptied.

Times for the Guildford library may change over the Christmas period. We suggest you check before heading down. Other services can be expected to operate normal hours other than the public holidays.

Guildford Association Members' Function

While we are talking about events happening in Guildford the Association's annual Member's Function is scheduled for Sunday 3rd February 2013. Please keep the afternoon free. More details to follow closer to the day.

This means that there will not be a general meeting in December or January. We look forward to meeting members in February.

Opportunities to Have Your Say

There are a number of studies open for public comment at the moment. Here is an opportunity to have your say in what happens to Guildford and surrounding areas.

Guildford is closely linked to the Swan Valley which is the oldest wine region in WA. The **Swan Valley Land Use Discussion Paper** has recently been released and is open for comment. The review has looked at similar areas in other states. In particular it has looked at the Barossa Valley and McLaren Vale areas in South Australia. Both of these are historic wine regions adjacent to the state's capital and subject to similar challenges as the Swan Valley.

The paper can be viewed at www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications.

Residents may also have read in the local papers that the **Department of Local Government** has also released its findings on the review and reform of local governments. The recommendation is for the City of Swan to be amalgamated with Mundaring and Kalamunda. It is unclear what impact these amalgamations will have on rates and the delivery of services to individual areas. There are also numerous arguments regarding the "fit" of specific areas within the Local Government boundaries. Guildford is a significant historic precinct with a long history and has marked differences with newer subdivisions and developments. The requirements for Guildford must not be swallowed in large councils which cannot re-act to specific needs.

Public comments are being accepted until the 5th April 2013. The paper can be viewed at <http://metroreform.dlg.wa.gov.au>

Fauntleroy Park Redevelopment

The second workshop regarding the redevelopment of Fauntleroy Park was held recently by the City of Swan. There was a good turnout of residents and interested parties. The feedback from the workshop is being considered by the City. We await its final design and plans for the area.

Fauntleroy Park has considerable historic significance to Guildford and Western Australia as a whole as it was the first permanent home of the Royal Perth Show. The City has been asked to ensure that this is recognized in the redevelopment.

Morton Bay Fig Tree on James Street

In our last newsletter we noted that the Morton Bay Fig Tree on James Street had been removed following a combination of damage from one of the last winter storms and disease. This is unfortunate as it was a large statement tree right at the entrance to Guildford.

The City of Swan has been looking for an advanced tree to use as a replacement. Unfortunately advanced Morton Bay figs or similar species are not that easy to come by. Nursery stock is limited and importing one from the eastern states is expensive and difficult with quarantine restrictions.

The council is currently investigating options. If anyone has or knows of a suitable tree which might be available please contact the City of Swan.

Traffic in and around Guildford

Announcements were made recently regarding major upgrades and work to the freeway and highways in the northern suburbs. It is disappointing that there was no mention of roadwork in and around Guildford.

In particular West Swan Road is bursting at the seams with traffic. There have been a number of serious accidents in this area recently and the situation is likely to get worse. We urge residents to be careful when travelling along this road.

The Association is currently looking at traffic in and around Guildford to identify hot spots and areas of concern. Comments from residents will be invited in the future.

Perth Airport - Runway Works

Perth Airport has notified the associations that works are scheduled on the North / South runway on Saturday 15th December. Aircraft movements will be transferred to the East / West runway. This will mean decreased traffic over Guildford for the day.

Bits and Pieces ...

Recent reports in the local papers regarding a tertiary campus in Midland have Curtin University as a possible candidate. Having a local option for students in the Guildford area would have considerable benefits. We will have to wait and see what eventuates with these discussions.

As Guildford is an old established area many homes have orchards and fruit trees. Having fresh, home grown fruit is an absolute delight. Unfortunately this also means having to be diligent for fruit fly. This is particularly important due to the proximity of commercial orchards. Please keep an eye out for fruit fly and if necessary contact the City of Swan or the Department of Agriculture.

While we are talking about flying insects, summer brings out mosquitoes. The floodplains around Guildford provide much of the picturesque rural nature we enjoy. Unfortunately one of the downsides is that they also provide breeding habitats for these flying pests. Anecdotally they don't seem as bad as previous years, but it is always wise to take precautions such as insect repellent, long sleeves and avoiding being outside around dusk and dawn. The City of Swan has started a control program, however, if you are experiencing issues with insects, the City will send someone out if necessary to investigate problems.

Those amongst us who are "Home and Away" fans may be interested to know that Kelly Paterniti, who plays Tamara Kinglsey, is the grand-daughter of long time Guildford residents Vince and Carmela Paterniti.

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 Incorporations 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.