

Aircraft noise will not reduce in Guildford – in fact any future extensions to the runway bring the northern end 400m closer to the town. Current research shows that a high level of aircraft noise does affect human health. The Association is inviting Mr. John MacPherson, acoustic expert from the Department of Environment and Conservation to talk at our meeting on 21st April 2009.

Woodbridge House

The Association is very saddened by the recent indefinite closure of Woodbridge House for safety reasons. We hope that the necessary funds will be made available to prevent yet another historic building falling into disrepair.

Swan-Guildford Historical Society

Members of the Historical Society are reminded that the AGM is on 13rd March at 7.00 pm at the Mechanic's Institute Hall.

Garrick Theatre

The Garrick theatre is due to hold its awards night on 28th February – the \$15 entry fee includes supper & drinks are half price. At the end of March there are auditions for their winter production, a comedy called “Get Smart”. For those who missed their current production then make sure you see the next one due in April which is a comedy - “Tip toe through the Tombstones”.

Guildford and the Council

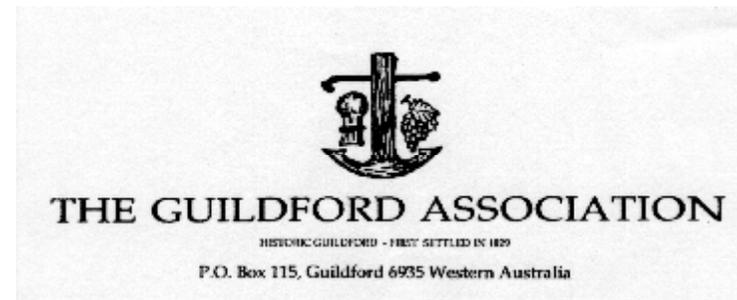
The Association wishes to remind residents that Guildford will be looking for a new councillor to represent our ward this year. Please give the matter some thought and consider what would be best for Guildford.

The Association would also like to take this opportunity to formally acknowledge the late mayor of the City of Swan, Mr. Charles Gregorini, who was killed in a tractor accident in November 2008. Mr. Gregorini had been a member of the Swan council since 1977 and was made a Member of the Order of Australia for his services to Local Government.

If you are a Guildford resident but not a member, please consider supporting your local association by joining.

Membership is only \$10 per person for the financial year.

Please send your money, with your details, to The Treasurer, Guildford Association Inc, PO Box 115, Guildford WA 6935



GUILDFORD MATTERS

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2009 - Year of the Sugar Gums

This year marks the 10th anniversary of saving the SUGAR GUMS in Guildford. The Guildford Association has a set of activities to commemorate this event and celebrate these beautiful, iconic plantings. Please come and hear what is planned for our 2009 celebrations. We are starting our celebrations with a sundowner at :

The Woodbridge Hotel

5.00 - 6.30 pm

Wednesday 4th March.

You will get a complimentary *Sugar Gum Cocktail* (alcoholic and non-alcoholic versions) specially created for us by the manager to toast ‘The Year of the Sugar Gums’. This event requires us to book. All are welcome - however, we need to know numbers. **Please ring Ralph on 9279 2113** to advise of attendance and bring a friend.

Guildford Hotel

The ruins of the Guildford Hotel continue to stand naked and forlorn with no progress on its restoration. The Association has written to the owners, the Government and the City of Swan to ask that greater efforts be made to put in place suitable protection of the damaged building. It is imperative that the building be covered from the elements to prevent further damage. If nothing else, it needs tarpaulins over it and it needs them as soon as possible. Residents are urged to do what ever it takes to raise the profile of the hotel's situation.

Write letters, ring radio stations, talk to influential contacts. Every little bit

Meetings held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm at Mechanics Institute Hall, Meadow Street, Guildford
Next meeting 7.30 pm, 17th February 2009

helps and the effect is accumulative. There have been some stark examples of similar situations in Midland that dragged on for years and that sort of situation would be disastrous. It was an iconic building and your Association is very concerned. All options are to be considered but as a community we must accept the present situation for a day longer than is absolutely necessary.

New Residential Development.

The Association is very pleased to confirm that the Minister of Lands agreed to change the names of the streets in the new residential development on James Street. The Association and residents put forward a list of about 30 names of people with details of their historical links to the Guildford Town. From this list, the powers-that-be, the Geographic Names Committee, chose three and as a result Blatto Mews changes to Howell Court, Berislav Loop to Tauman Loop and Karbuni Court will be known as Brittain Mews.

James Brittain and his son Benjamin were owners of part of Guildford Town Lot 52. He is reputed to have built a number of noted buildings in Perth including the Cloisters, Deanery and had his brickworks on what is now known as Queen's Gardens. His daughters married into Guildford families - Elizabeth married Stephen Baldwin Devenish and Harriet married Charles Darcy Longson. His son Benjamin, who also owned this land, worked as a builder and cartage contractor. James may well have been an early brick maker on this old clay pit site.

William Norman Howell was born on the Swan in 1861 and married Elizabeth Haddrill. They lived in Guildford and had 9 children. William worked as a builder, carpenter and wheelwright. He owned part of Guildford Town Lot 52 in 1889-1890. The Howells were a well respected family in Guildford with associations with the Wesleyan Church.

Merab Tauman lived in Helena Street. She was an academic, with a doctorate in Philosophy and a degree from London School of Economics, who was known professionally as Dr. Merab Harris. Elected to the Guildford Council in 1944 together with Miss Helena King, they made Guildford the first Municipality in WA with 2 women councillors. She advocated for a kindergarten, social services and a municipal-owned library. She is also known more recently for a book she wrote about the engineer C.Y. O' Connor. On her death she bequeathed her property to the University of Western Australia.

Welcome Pack

The Guildford Association has long advocated for an information pack for new residents & businesses of Guildford that will correctly inform them of the existing Guidelines for Guildford based on the Guildford Conservation Policy. The intent is to pro-actively educate and inform people of the Guidelines before good money is spent on inappropriate developments (such as limestone walls or signage) that will detract from the historical character of the town and possibly need to be changed. In partnership with the City of Swan, the Association will be putting together a handbook that will detail all the different community groups and organizations that exist in Guildford as part of an over-all welcome pack for new Guildford residents along with the details of the Guildford Conservation Policy. Ben Allen will be coordinating this effort and any community groups or organisations are invited to contact him with their details for inclusion (c/- PO Box 115 Guildford 6935).

Guildford Floodplain Study

The Association is planning to collaborate with two of our Universities to do a study of the Guildford Floodplain with the aim of establishing a baseline of flora and fauna information. The Association is starting with a preliminary study of "Perceptions of Changes to Flora and Fauna on the Flood Plains". Residents can expect to get questionnaires on the matter which they are kindly asked to complete to the best of their ability and return as instructed. This is seen as an essential step in any future development of strategies to change the current management of the floodplain towards a more ecologically suitable and sustainable system.

Guildford and the Airport

The Association is represented on the Perth Airport's "Aircraft Noise Management Committee" and continually fights the good fight for Guildford people. Residents are reminded about the importance of continuing to report unreasonable aircraft noise on a regular basis and not to become complacent about the problem. You are also urged to report incidents of "fuel dumping" that results in air pollution over our town. The complaints number is **1300 302 240**. The 2009 Perth Airport Master Plan will be out for public comment in the middle of this year. Remain informed about what input you can have.