

The Guildford Association Inc is your local resident and ratepayer association. The Association's objectives as stated in the Constitution are:

- 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. Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm at the Mechanics Institute Hall 1 Meadow St. (next to Guildford Post Office). Membership is \$15 per person, per year and entitles you to full voting rights at the meetings.

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.

Title(s): Dr/ Mr / Mrs/ Ms _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number(s): _____

Email: _____

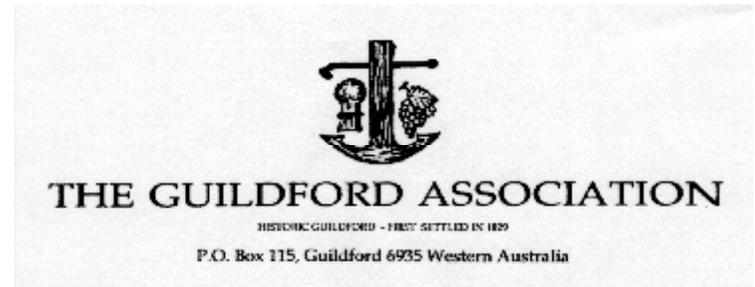
Signed _____

Renewing Member •

New Member •

Please forward \$15 per person to:

The Treasurer, Guildford Association Inc,
PO Box 115, Guildford WA 6935



GUILDFORD MATTERS

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Guildford Kite Flying Workshops

The Association was pleased to work with the city of Swan in hosting a very successful kite making and flying workshop in January at Lilac Hill with renowned kite maker Michael Alvarez. Thanks go to Lindsay, Ralph and Wendy who manned the tables to provide snacks and drinks for about 66 participants and to Dianne from City of Swan who put it all together.

Guildford Association Annual Member Function

The Association had a very successful new-year function for its 2010 financial members in February. It was great to catch up with old friends and meet new residents of our town. If you are not a member and wish to join please fill in the application form at the end of this newsletter to support your local ratepayers' association. Even though our numbers were up, there were a few regular faces missing this year and we would love to see you back in the fold.

Guildford Volunteer Fire and Rescue

Guildford's Volunteer Fire Brigade has been an important part of our community for over 100 years. New members are invited to join and become part of this town's proud history and tradition. You can learn new skills and provide a service to your community. Young people from Guildford and surrounding districts can join the newly formed Junior Brigade with weekly training.

Membership categories are Sub Juniors (11-14 yrs), Juniors (14-16 yrs) and Brigade Members. For more information please contact Brad Barker 9294 3076 or John Barker 9279 9395.

Meetings held at Mechanics Institute Hall, Meadow Street, Guildford

Next meeting is at 7.30 pm, 20th April 2010

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Guildford Library

The City of Swan is constantly battling to control its expenditure and deliver community services within its budget. It is no secret to report that the Guildford Library is one of those services that is under threat of closure as it apparently fails to meet modern performance benchmarks. Your Association has long believed that the library is a fundamental community resource that does not need to be fought for with statistics and key performance indicators. We are a small town and it is hard for us to compete against larger communities in terms of modern benchmarks. As a result we are considering putting together a small group of suitable people to explore ways of maintaining the library as a community asset whilst developing its role with the City to release some of the pressure to close it. If you think you could assist in this exercise please contact Ben Allen ben@danpat.com.au or 0419 046 226) to register your interest.

Railway Precinct Development Proposal

This is an issue that is going to be very important for Guildford town residents to get to grips with. It has the potential to change the traditional look of Guildford Town profoundly. The Association would encourage residents to familiarise themselves with the intention of the "Tourist Oriented Development" proposal and think about how this will effect our own so that properly informed debate and comment can be made about the proposed changes.

Swan Autumn Polo Festival

The inaugural Swan Autumn Polo Festival will take place on March 20 and 21 at King's Meadow in Guildford and will feature the prestigious WA Open Polo tournament sponsored by Westrac. The event is part of Perth's Autumn Festival and the polo starts at 10:00am. Saturday is the festival's family day with rides for the kids. On Sunday, things get more serious with corporate events operating for the finals matches of the WA Open. Food and beverage will be available for sale to the public who are welcome to bring picnic blankets and outdoor chairs for their enjoyment of the game.

Sixteen Words for Water" - Garrick Theatre

Billy Marshall Stoneking's powerful play that deals with the events surrounding the release of Ezra Pound from a mental institution after 13 years. It runs from 26th March to 10th April and is highly recommended.

Guildford Hotel

Most local residents will already have noticed recent activity at the Guildford Hotel, notably the construction of new scaffolding and the recent demolition of the drive-in bottle shop on the south side of the main building.

Structural engineers commissioned by the Heritage Council, and also the City of Swan, had inspected the building before the recent works began. It is understood that the City forwarded its engineer's advice to the owners. As a result, the earlier scaffolding supporting parts of the building was bolstered. It is also understood that the scaffolding recently erected over footpaths was put in place as a result of a work order served on the owners to ensure public safety.

These developments have occurred since a meeting of senior representatives from the Heritage Council and the City late last year, which was requested by the Minister for Heritage, Mr John Castrilli. Several local residents, including the presidents of the Guildford Association and the Swan-Guildford Historical Society, have met twice with Mr Scott Hollingworth from the City of Swan, who has explained that he is in close communication with both the owners and senior staff from the Heritage Council.

Those at the first meeting with Mr Hollingworth were heartened to learn that the dispute over insurance has been resolved and that the owners are now developing plans for the Hotel. Subsequently, further meetings have been held with senior officials within the Heritage Council, including the Executive Director, Mr Graeme Gammie. Ongoing follow-up from these meetings is continuing.

In early November, the group had also written to the Minister for Heritage, expressing concern about the passage of time and the need to arrange weather protection for the building. In an encouraging response at that stage, Mr Castrilli indicated that he also had some concerns and that he was taking a close interest in the matter.

Several reports of the owner's intentions for the building have been reported recently in the media, including the Sunday Times, the PerthNow website, The Echo and the Midland Reporter. Residents are encouraged to refer to these sources for details, however it is understood that the owners are yet to submit a redevelopment proposal to the City of Swan.

With autumn now well established, there is widespread agreement that the current priority is to ensure that the building's walls and basement footings are protected from risk of further structural damage from water and damp. Although the onset of winter rains is now only a few weeks away, those who have been in contact with State and Local Government officials are heartened by recent developments, particularly the positive news about the insurance payout and the owners' awareness that it is in their interests to protect what remains of the hotel.