



THE GUILDFORD ASSOCIATION INC

HISTORIC GUILDFORD - FIRST SETTLED IN 1829

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Guildford Association E-Newsletter

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The President and Executive of the Guildford Association Inc. welcome members to the Guildford E-Notice Board. We aim to issue this monthly to members to keep them informed of events in the community.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY MAY 17

The Association has general meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, all members are welcome to attend and bring friends and neighbours. Meetings are held at the Mechanics Institute Hall, 20 Meadow St. (next to Post Office) at 7.30pm.

MAY 17 MEETING: - The importance of our quenda (bandicoot) population

Guest speaker Associate Professor Trish Fleming, of Murdoch University, will describe the latest work on urban quenda (southern brown bandicoots) and how they play an important role in the health of urban bushland.

Not all Perth residents are lucky enough to share their space with bandicoots – numbers have declined due to predators and loss of habitat.

Professor Fleming leads western WEB, an active research group focussing on wildlife ecology and behaviour.

Southwest WA is a global biodiversity hotspot, with high levels of plant and animal endemism that face significant threats in the form of habitat clearing, introduced pathogens and predators, urban development and rapid changes in climate.

CHILDREN'S CORNER AT GA MEETINGS Please note the Association is providing toys/colouring materials at the rear of the Mechanics Hall for children that may attend meetings with their parents.

AIRCRAFT NOISE PRESENTATION

At the April meeting Mr John Macpherson, retired acoustic expert, presented information on the latest research into high levels of aircraft noise and human health. He noted that some areas in this community would already exceed the World Health Organisation recommended levels for sound. He noted the increasing validated and reliable research associating high levels of noise exposure with hypertension and cardio vascular health problems.

The Guildford Association continues to argue for Certificates of Occupancy so owners of new properties can be assured that their homes do not exceed the

minimum levels of noise exposure and that civic buildings and those homes most severely noise affected should have noise ameliorated with noise insulation packages, as has been provided to similarly affected communities in Sydney and Adelaide. Thank you, John, for this informative and challenging information.

MIDLAND OVAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Venue Midland Courthouse;

Dates May 7th 10am-1pm, May 10th 9am-12 midday and 5pm-8pm

The Midland Oval is set to be developed and the public are welcome to provide feedback on the plans. Arguments for the development centre around providing a mixed use and high density area for future growth of the Perth metropolitan area. Arguments against include that the Midland CBD area (2km radius) is under resourced for small and medium parks/Public Open Space. Ten per cent of any town or development should be POS. Midland Oval provides 6% POS for the area, this means Midland Town Centre is already under resourced for recreational space.

The Friends of Midland Oval are organising a 'ride around to save the ground' on Sunday 29 May 10am-12noon. Supporters are encouraged to bring bikes and enjoy a ride around the oval's old bicycle track to demonstrate to the City of Swan that the land should be maintained for community use. Join Save Midland Oval on Facebook for more information and updates.

CALL TO SCRAP DAPS Representatives of the Guildford Association attended a public forum on Joint Development Assessment Panels (JDAPS) on 28 April called by Federal Member for Perth, Ms Alannah MacTiernan.

Community groups, Councillors and Mayors from all over Perth raised concerns over the undemocratic JDAP process. Across the metropolitan area there is growing concern that the JDAP can overturn decisions and policies of a democratically elected council, with no clear or argued debate. There are no detailed minutes of these meetings. Councils have been forced to legally challenge these decisions. Midland-Guildford ward councillor Ian Johnson told the meeting about the JDAP-approved four-storey development at Terrace Road in the heart of Guildford's heritage precinct. At the 13 April council meeting the City of Swan passed a motion against JDAPs, and the City is currently investigating its legal options.

See <http://www.watoday.com.au/wa-news/dap-forum-reveals-community-anger-at-state-development-assessment-panels-20160502-gok1ry.html>

GUILDFORD HERITAGE PRECINCT STUDY The Association understands that the controversial Guildford Heritage Precinct Master Plan will soon be available for public comment. A number of residents last year attended workshops where consultants presented draft plans considering such options as moving the library from its present building, moving the Guildford Potters out of their leased building, using the Mechanics Hall for a coffee shop, a skateboard park in Spring Reserve, building a parking area and Tourist Bureau on Stirling Square etc etc. We understand that the original proposals have been reviewed and will be released for public comment. The Association urges residents to be sure to make a submission when the report is released.



HISTORY IN BLOOM Heritage Roses in Australia (Perth Branch) and the City of Swan co-hosted the launch of four rose beds in Stirling Square, with specimens of roses grown that would have been found in the gardens of Guildford at the time soldiers enlisted for overseas service in WW1. Plaques were unveiled by Mr Ken Wyatt, Federal member for Hasluck, and City of Swan Mayor Mr Mick Wainwright (both pictured with Mrs. Lea Newing HRIA Co-ordinator) Mr Wyatt and Mr Wainwright planted a rose to mark the occasion. In the 1920s and 30s, Stirling Square was developed as one of the finest formal gardens in WA with over 1000 rose bushes and other specimen and native plantings. These new plantings will honour the

Anzacs and provide contemplative gardens. We thank all concerned in this project that will enhance our town and its historical significance.

GUILDFORD ANZAC SERVICE Despite heavy rains we had over 350 people attend the Guildford Anzac Day service. We thank the City of Swan for the sign advertising the times, the City's garden staff for tidying the grounds, the Bassendean Guildford RSL and Rev Katrina Holgate for organising the service, and the catafalque party of Scouts, who stayed out overnight in the cold wet weather. We welcome the addition of the Guildford Family Playgroup and Guildford Primary School wreaths and these children who will learn to honour and continue the Anzac Day tradition. Thanks also to Swan Guildford Historical Society for providing the community morning tea. The Guildford Association made a donation to the RSL and had local children present 200 poppies to the assembled crowd. Well done, Guildford, what great community spirit!

GUILDFORD LIBRARY Have you a particular interest or craft to display? Have you dog licences to pay, or enquiries about graffiti removal? The library can help! If you need a book about restoring your home or garden, then please see our wonderful librarians.

RENO REVELATIONS Planning an addition or renovation? Then please Google Local Planning Policy- Guildford Conservation Precinct (POL-C-106). The policy is not onerous, but will help you design an appropriate home or addition and help protect and conserve the unique character of the town.

AROUND TOWN IN MAY/JUNE

As part of its bright ideas speaker series **Transition Town Guildford** has arranged for urbanist Dr. Linley Lutton to give a talk entitled 'Perth Planning – Changing the Ethos'. The talk is on 24 May at 6.30pm at the Mechanics Hall. Register online: www.changing-the-ethos.eventbrite.com.au

St Matthew's Messy Church is on the 1st Sunday of the month in St Matthew's Hall at 4pm. The next session will be on Sunday 5th June. Families are welcome to join in craft, stories, songs and a shared meal. For enquiries talk to Katrina Tel 92791141.

The Garrick Theatre's latest production, "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," runs from June 2 -28. Bookings can be made online bookings@garricktheatre.asn.au or phone Elaine (08) 9378 1990. This is a wonderful amateur theatre group that deserves full community support.

Guildford Anzac Project is still awaiting a launch date. We hope to be soon advised by Mr Ken Wyatt, member for Hasluck, of a possible date for launch of the website and Walk Trail.

IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP UP TO DATE?

Please remember to update your Guildford Association membership. Your subscription fees support your local organisation help our community.

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 _____

Date ____/____/____

Please mark the following:

I can assist the Association

Renewing Member

New Member

Payment Method

Cheque (made out to Guildford Association Inc)

Direct Banking Guildford Association Inc. account at the Commonwealth **BSB** 06609

Account 00900704

Other

Please forward your completed membership forms to The Guildford Association Inc., PO Box 115, Guildford. WA 6935.

***Note** .The Constitution can be viewed on the Association website

<http://www.guildford.asn.au/>

