



GUILDFORD MATTERS - Newsletter Number 5, October 2008

As usual, your executive has been busy and hard at it. We had a very successful and well attended AGM. Wendy Dekkers was re-elected as President. We welcome Ian Johnson as our new Vice- President. Lindsay Baxter remains as secretary and Christine Hughes as treasurer.

Guildford Hotel

The remains of the Guildford Hotel stand as a stark reminder of how fragile our history is and how quickly it can be lost. If public statements and newspaper reports are to be believed then it would appear that the intention of the owners is to restore the building. The Guildford Association welcomes this vision and would like to support and lobby for any action that leads to its rebuilding. There are well documented plans for the building which should allow a faithful restoral of this Guildford landmark

Historic Helena Street Walk

The Guildford Association wishes to publicly acknowledge and thank Barbara Dundas for a very successful street walk on Sunday, September 21st. It was well attended despite the inclement weather that drove us to seek shelter at various stages and resulted in the walk being prematurely shortened. We had a lively group of 12 people who were educated and enlightened about a multitude of facts and features associated with living in Helena Street. It was hailed as a great success and Barbara has kindly agreed to conduct a second walk on Meadow Street – details of this are given below.

Up & Coming Community Activities – October 2008

Sunday 12th - Spring Flood Plain Walk with Eric McCrum at 9.00 am on Sunday 12th October. We will meet at the King's Meadow Oval parking area by the river at the bottom of Hill Street, Guildford. Please phone Ben Allen on 0419 046 226 or 9377 3465 so that we have an idea of numbers

Saturday 18th - Lead Light Walk – The Guildford Association invites visitors to tour their National Trust classified town, to view a microcosm of W.A. history through its windows. A range of heritage homes, civic buildings and church lead lights can be viewed in an informative, relaxed stroll through the tree lined streets in Guildford on the evening of 18th October from about 6.30 to 10.00 pm. There will be two set routes and people can either join a guided tour with a group leader or stroll along on a self-guided tour with the information & map provided by the Association. Each tour is designed to take about an hour. The guided tours are \$8.50 per person and the self-guided tours will be \$5.00 per person. Participants can make enquiries & book their places with Kim Mart on 9379 0509 and then meet at St Matthew's Parish Hall in Stirling Square at the appropriate time where the Association will be supplying tea, coffee, cakes, biscuits and sandwiches.

Sunday 26th - Historic Meadow Street Walk - this street is described as WA's most historically significant street. Learn about the colonial and turn-of-the-century buildings and significant plantings. How will future plans affect this streetscape? The walk is scheduled for 9.30 am, 26th October 2008 meeting at the Memorial Gates, in the south east corner of Stirling Square near the railway crossing. Please phone Ben Allen on 0419 046 226 or 9377 3465 so that we have an idea of numbers.

Guildford Library

The Association urges Guildford residents to make use of the Guildford Library and its wide range of services. The library is located on the corner of Meadow Street and James Street with parking access off Meadow Street. They can be contacted on 9378 1770 for further details and opening times. In today's world of accountability, the City of Swan is under constant pressure to ensure reasonable return on investment. If Guildford wants to retain its local library then the residents must be seen to use it. It has a wide range of services - suitable for everyone from children to retirees - including talking books, videos, large print books, CD's and up-to-date journals, papers, gardening magazines etc. It is also the repository for a number of public documents that are open to comment from the public which would otherwise need to be down-loaded from the internet or residents would have to travel into Midland to be able to access them. "Use it or lose it" is a fair expression for our library situation and the Association is very keen that we do not lose a community resource.

Swan-Guildford Historical Society

This society meets at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start at the Mechanic's Institute Hall on Monday 13th October when the guest speaker will be Audrey Holland speaking on the last arriving convicts in 1868.

Garrick Theatre

Your local Guildford theatre is taking bookings for its latest show – the comedy “**How about that !!**”. Its season runs from 3rd to 18th October 2008 and bookings can be made by ringing the Swan Visitor Centre on 9379 9400. The Garrick Theatre is located at 16 Meadow Street, Guildford.

Guildford Primary School

The Guildford Association congratulates the Guildford Primary School who celebrates their 175th anniversary this year. The school is the oldest continuing public school on the mainland of Australia. They are holding a Gala Day and Reunion on Saturday 25th October 2008 and there is new book called “Treasured Island” by Laura Peden Nolan that describes 175 years of growing up in Guildford that is available from the school.

Guildford Volunteer Fire Brigade celebrates 100 years

The Association has recognized the 100th anniversary of our Volunteer Fire Brigade with a centennial banner designed and crafted by Barbara Dundas & Kim Mart. The banner was presented at the recent Centennial Dinner and now hangs in the Fire Brigade Quarters in Meadow Street.

New Residential Development.

The Association is concerned at the proposed names for streets in the new housing development on James Street next to Ross's Hardware. It is considered that they (Blatto, Berislav & Karpuni) do not reflect the pioneering names of the Colonial township and the Association would encourage alternative options in the naming of these streets. The Association is also concerned at the large walls around the development. They are inconsistent with the Guildford Design Guidelines, are not sympathetic with to the historic character of our town and do nothing to enhance the Guildford. Concerned residents are encouraged to write to the City of Swan (PO Box 196, Midland, 6936), our local MLA Michelle Roberts (PO Box 1792, Midland 6936) &/or Minister of Lands (Level 9 East, Dumas House, 2 Havelock Street, West Perth 6005 and voice their opinion.

Guildford and the State Election

The Association congratulates our local member, Michelle Roberts, on her re-election to the seat of Midland for the ALP and our local councillor, Frank Alban, on being elected to the seat of Swan Hills for the Liberals. We understand that Mr. Alban will not be seeking re-election to Council and so Guildford will be looking for a new councillor to represent our ward next year.

Guildford Association Inc. Membership Form

Name (include preferred Title).....

Address.....

Telephone Number.....Fax or E-mail.....

Membership \$10 per member for financial year ending September 2009

Please send to The Treasurer, Guildford Association Inc, PO Box 115, Guildford WA 6935