



THE GUILDFORD ASSOCIATION INC

HISTORIC GUILDFORD - FIRST SETTLED IN 1829

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GUILDFORD MATTERS

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Next General Meeting – 15 October 2013

The Guildford Association will be holding its next meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 15 October 2013 at the Mechanics Institute Hall in Meadow Street, Guildford. Come along and hear about the important issues that are affecting Guildford and have a say. Coffee, tea and snacks are provided.

Your Executive Committee for 2013 / 2014

At the Annual General meeting on 17 September 2013, the following people were elected to the Association's Executive Committee:-

President: Peter Stephenson
Vice President: Christine Hughes
Secretary: Lindsay Baxter
Treasurer: Raymond Leclizio

Committee Members are Barbara Dundas, Wendy Dekkers and Libby Buttfeld.

The Committee has some important and interesting projects on the books for the next year including the Centenary of Anzac Project (100years), Commemoration of Artillery in Guildford (100 years), and a Photographic Study of our houses and streetscapes. We are also keen to have the Association's records compiled and archived. If you would like to get involved in any of these projects or can assist in any way, please contact the Association.

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Association Membership

The Association's financial year runs from 1 September to 31 August so subscriptions are now due. If you have inadvertently forgotten to post in your

membership, or if you would like to join the Association, now would be a great time to take advantage of a full year's membership and to receive an invitation to any events including the Member's New Year Function in 2014.

Council Elections

Four people have nominated in the Guildford-Midland Ward for the forthcoming City of Swan elections. It is important to make your vote count and that you vote for the nominee who you believe can best represent our important area.

Guildford Hotel

On 31 August 2013, it was five years since this significant heritage listed building, and iconic landmark was badly damaged by fire. The landowners are currently considering expressions of interest from several companies interested in leasing the hotel if it is restored. It is not known how much longer this will take or whether a firm commitment will be made.

In the meantime, the hotel is subject to our un-seasonally wet spring weather and storms. It is a credit to this building (and the craftsmen who built it) that it has withstood the neglect so far. But for how much longer?

Lynwood House in Middle Swan

Sadly this State heritage listed house now only exists in photographs and our memories. The City of Swan approved an application by the land owners for demolition and Albert Jacob, the Minister for Heritage, refused to intervene. The building had been allowed to fall into disrepair and neither the State Heritage Office, the Minister for Heritage or the City of Swan sought verification of the landowners' quote to restore it.

It is a sorry state of affairs when the very agencies which should be protecting our heritage are abetting the destruction of it. The short-sightedness of this approach means that Western Australia will never have buildings that get to 1,000 years old if we cannot even retain buildings that are less than 120 years old. In the United Kingdom, Europe and more recently in the United States, heritage buildings and places are greatly valued from an economic and tourism point of view.

Our buildings tell us who we are as a nation. They tell us much about the environment, climate, lifestyle and social and economic structure of past generations. Our future is determined having regard to the past.

Review of Heritage Legislation

The Association has also recently received advice from the Minister for Heritage that there is no timeline on the urgently needed revamp of the *Heritage of Western Australia Act*. The review of this legislation was prompted by a petition submitted to Parliament in 2009 by the then Shadow Minister for Heritage, John Hyde. Despite a commitment by the former Minister for Heritage John Castrilli that the legislation would proceed in 2012, the State Government is now dragging its feet.

If you think this is unacceptable, write or email the Minister to let him know. Email Minister.Jacob@dpc.wa.gov.au

Our local Magpies

The Australian Magpie (*Cracticus tibicen*) is a robust black and white bird native to Australia and southern New Guinea. They are omnivorous with the bulk of their diet made up of grasshoppers, beetle, moths, slaters, worms and other delicious small crawlies. Our local birds are being studied which is why you see bands on their legs. The bands contain information about individual birds including their gender and home territory. Magpies are gregarious and curious birds and are distinctive by the sound of their carolling. They are also very protective of their young and it is the male birds that swoop if you get too close to their nests in spring. Protect yourself by wearing a sturdy hat and glasses or wave your arms around. Magpies are a protected native bird under the *Wildlife Act 1975*.

Garrick Theatre

If you loved Yes Minister you will laugh until you stop at the Garrick Theatre's next production, "Pardon Me Prime Minister". This is a top class English farce written by Edward Taylor and John Graham and directed by Fred Peterson. This production runs from 22-30 November and then 6-14 December and is the Garrick's last play for the year. The Garrick is a great value night out so hop along and support Guildford's local repertory theatre. More information, including ticket prices and booking arrangements is available on the website <http://garricktheatre.asn.au>

Riverside Ramble – Family Day

The Stratton Lions Club and the City of Swan are holding a Riverside Ramble at Bernley Drive, Viveash on Sunday 13 October 2013. This is an opportunity to enjoy a walk along the Swan River and enjoy some family friendly activities. The day starts at 10am and parking is available. For more information contact the City of Swan or have a look at its website or contact Stratton Lions on Facebook.

Did you know?

The Chapel of St Mary and St George, at Guildford Grammar School, was used as a hospital during WW2. The faint outline of a Red Cross is still visible on the chapel roof.

Sugar Gums (E Calycladyx) have been a feature of Guildford for more than 140 years. A request has been made to the State Heritage Office for Guildford's Sugar Gums to be placed on the State Heritage Register.

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.