

THE GUILDFORD ASSOCIATION

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GUILDFORD MATTERS News letter of the Guildford Association Inc. Number 4 - September 2008

As usual, your executive has been busy and hard at it - looking for ways to improve the future of Guildford for its residents. The Guildford Association is currently working in conjunction with the City of Swan on a welcome pack with useful information for new residents in the town.

Guildford Hotel Fire.

The recent fire in the Guildford Hotel is an absolute tragedy. To say that the hotel is a landmark would be an understatement. The severe damage to the hotel is a monumental blow to Guildford and its heritage. The fire attracted national coverage in the media which gives some indication of its importance.

Flood Plain Walk

The Guildford Association wishes to publicly acknowledge and thank Eric McCrum for a very successful flood plain walk in June. We had a lively group of about 12 people who were educated and enlightened about a multitude of natural phenomena that surround us in our every day lives but generally go unnoticed. It was a great success and Eric McCrum has kindly agreed to conduct a second walk in the spring, on Sunday 12th October at 9.00 am which will allow a whole new range of interesting facts to be revealed and discussed. We will meet at the King's Meadow Oval parking area by the river at the bottom of Hill Street, Guildford but please phone Ben Allen on 0419 046 226 or 9377 3465 so that we have an idea of numbers.

Up & Coming Community Activities -

i) Guildford Association AGM is due to be held on Tuesday, 16th September 2008 at 7.30 pm in the Mechanic's Institute Hall, Meadow Street, Guildford. Please come along and support your local rate payers association in improving and protecting the fabric of our community. Membership is presently only \$10 per year per person and meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. There is an application form at the end of this newsletter and we encourage you to join up and join in. The Guildford Association is one of the few remaining active rate payer groups and it needs your support.

ii) Historic Helena Street- a walk to learn about the significant plantings, homes and previous residents in this fine residential street, guided by historical researcher Barbara Dundas. Observe the important plantings that give the street its unique character and the different periods of homes that survive today.

The walk is scheduled for 9.30 am, 21st September 2008 meeting at Spring Reserve, the corner of Helena Street and Johnson Avenue

iii) 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.

There are plans for a leadlight walk later this year which will involve conducted tours of groups along a specific route that highlights the significant houses and their associated leadlights which will be lit up for the occasion. Exact date and time will be in the next newsletter.

The Guildford Gardening Group unfortunately never really got off the ground. If there are people interested in forming a garden group can they please contact Ben Allen and he will try again otherwise the idea will be allowed to fade away quietly.

Guildford's Future

Finally, your Association is inviting you, encouraging you, pleading with you to give thought to the future direction of Guildford. Later this year, City of Swan is due to organize community consultation to decide the future of "Guildford Place" - as it is known amongst city planners. It is critical that Guildford residents have a say in the outcome of this process and we suggest that the best way to do this is through your rate payers' body - the Guildford Association Inc.

Guildford Association Inc. Membership Form		
Name (include preferred Title)		
Address		
Telephone NumberFax or E-mail		
Membership \$10 per member for financial year ending 2008 Mo Please send to The Treasurer, Guildford Association Inc, PO Box		55
Meetings held on the 3 rd Tuesday of the month Time 7.30pm		
Venue Mechanics Hall, Meadow Street, Guildford (next to the Po	ost Office)	
Please tick a box below if you can assist with	coming events	
I would like to assist with the Leadlight walk as a guide	Yes ()	No ()
I would like to assist with events in the Year of the Sugar Gum	Yes ()	No ()