Guilderton Country Club Newsletter



YOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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MEMBER - Ashley Skillington

MEMBER - Tim Britten

VENUE MANAGER - Lynne Conway

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone!

Over the past couple of months I've spent quite a bit of time away in Exmouth for work, so I haven't been around the club as much as I would have liked. Despite that, the club has continued to run smoothly, which is a real credit to our staff, committee and members who have stepped up whenever needed.

I'd like to sincerely thank everyone who has volunteered their time, lent a hand, or simply supported the club along the way. It really shows the strength of our club and the great community we have here in Guilderton.

I look forward to being around a bit more over the coming months and catching up with you all at the club.

Abe Wright



From *the bar* MANAGER'S MESSAGE



Firstly, I want to say my heart is absolutely full seeing so many existing, returning & new members choosing to be part of our amazing club. It brings me so much joy to know how much you value & love our venue. The sense of community we have here is something very special, and I feel incredibly grateful to be a part of it.

Next week marks my one-year anniversary behind the bar at GCC. It's hard to believe how much has changed in just 12 months. When I first signed up, I planned on working a modest 6 hours a week - now look where we are! It's been an incredible journey, and I hope you've noticed and enjoyed the many positive changes we've been able to make together over the past year.

A huge part of our success is thanks to our talented chefs. They work tirelessly to create the delicious meals you enjoy, and many people are surprised to learn that almost everything we serve is made right here on-site. From our chicken schnitzels to our battered fish, we pride ourselves on preparing fresh, quality food rather than relying on pre-made products. We hope you've tasted the difference and enjoyed every bite.

August is shaping up to be an exciting month, and we're kicking things off TODAY with BOGAN BINGO! If you've attended before, you'll know just how much fun these guys bring. We're expecting plenty of laughs, great entertainment, and maybe even a little chaos! Don't forget to book your spot and dust off your best flanno. You could be crowned Bogan King or Bogan Queen!

We're also making Sundays something special. Every Sunday from 12pm to 8pm, we'll have an activity or event to help bring our community together. Whether it's a cooking class, games day, boot scooting, Open Mic, or something completely different, there'll be plenty of reasons to get out of the house and join us.

For our sports lovers, we now have FOXTEL SPORTS available at the club. No more waiting for the replay on free-to-air television. Come and enjoy the action live with fellow members. If there's a sporting event you'd love to watch that's outside our usual opening hours, send me an email and I'll see what we can arrange. Be sure to mark the AFL Grand Final in your calendar. We'll be showing all the action and have entertainment lined up to make it a fantastic day.

Father's Day is also just around the corner, and we're looking forward to celebrating all the incredible dads, grandads, stepdads and father figures in our community. These are the people who guide us, support us, make us laugh, and often quietly stand behind the scenes cheering us on. We're planning a special Father's Day celebration at the club, so keep an eye out for details in the coming weeks. Whether you're celebrating with family or simply raising a glass to someone special, we'd love for you to spend part of the day with us as we recognise and thank the amazing men who make such a difference in our lives.

There's so much more I could share, but for now, I simply want to express my sincere gratitude to each and every one of you. Thank you for your continued support, kindness, and understanding. It's been a challenging week navigating the bar with a broken leg, and I've been overwhelmed by the generosity of our members. From collecting glasses and putting dishes away to offering a helping hand wherever needed, you've all shown what a truly remarkable community this is.

My heart is full. Your support is a beautiful reminder that GCC is far more than just a club—it's a community, and one that I'm incredibly proud to be part of.

Thank you for being part of the GCC family. I can't wait to see what the next year brings.

With gratitude,

Lynne Conway



What's On at the Club

Your official warning that staying home is overrated.

THE GCC CALENDAR IS LOOKING DANGEROUSLY FUN

We've packed the calendar with plenty of reasons to get out of the house.

-  **1 August** — **Bogan Bingo** – Mullets. Mayhem. Magnificent prizes. Honestly, this one could go off its chops.
-  **2 August** — **High Tea & Games** – Fancy hats, finer attitude. Come for the tea, stay for the shade and the ruthless competition.
-  **9 August** — **Open Mic Night** – Think you're talented? Or at least brave? Step up, speak up, or sit back and enjoy the chaos.
-  **16 August** — **Barrel & Banter** – All things rum. From cocktails and cooking to the age-old debate over the best way to drink it.
-  **23 August** — **Bootscooting** – Dust off your boots and two-step into the night. Line dancing, good tunes and zero judgement.
-  **30 August** — **Open Mic Night** – Back by popular demand: more bold performances, belters and beautifully questionable song choices.
-  **6 Sept** — **Father's Day** – Celebrate the legends who taught us how to BBQ, fix things (sort of), and tell terrible jokes.
-  **20 Sept** — **Open Mic Night** – Round three of mic-grabbing, crowd-cheering and charming musical mayhem.
-  **1 Oct** — **Start of Oktoberfest** – Prost! It's the beginning of Oktoberfest and we're kicking things off in style. Expect something new each week—one week it might be "How Big Is My Sausage," the next "Best Dressed." Stay tuned, put on your lederhosen (or not), and get ready for a month of good times.
-  **24 Oct** — **Rock Quiz** – Know your classic anthems from your guilty pleasures? Put your music trivia to the test.
-  **31 Dec** — **New Year's Eve Barn Dance** – See out the year with boots, beats and a dance floor full of end-of-year energy.

Keep an eye on the Club socials for bookings, details and event announcements.



WEEKLY EVENTS











The Spill Kit That Knew Too Much

Chef Clare, clearly blessed with the gift of foresight, recently put together a spill kit "*just in case*."

A few days later, Chef Tanna was changing the oil in the fryers when Chef Clare wandered in fresh from the mechanic, feeling slightly robbed and clutching an invoice that required a second opinion.

Naturally, Tanna stopped to inspect it.



Unfortunately, the fryer taps did not stop.

While the pair were busy investigating possible mechanical daylight robbery, the oil continued draining, overflowed, and made a determined bid for freedom across the kitchen floor.

And just like that, Clare's "*just in case*" spill kit became a "*thank goodness someone here thinks ahead*" spill kit.

<u>Lessons Learned</u>
Pay attention. Always expect the unexpected. And most importantly, hire people who make spill kits before anyone actually needs one.
Well done, team. Although, it did take an alarming amount of elbow grease, cleaning solution and careful footwork to stop the kitchen floor resembling an Irish ice rink.

No chefs were injured, but several nearly qualified for the Winter Olympics.

How to Keep It Moist!

Once your cake is cooked, remove it from the tin and allow it to cool for approximately 10 minutes.

While it is still slightly warm, wrap it tightly in cling wrap and place it in the fridge. This helps trap the moisture inside, leaving your cake soft, delicious and anything but dry.

When you are ready to serve it, it will be beautifully moist—and you'll be the talk of the town.
For the cake, obviously.



A big welcome to the newest members of the Guilderton Country Club.

Every member brings something different to the mix, whether it be a new story, a familiar face-in-the-making, a future teammate or possibly someone who takes the pool table far too seriously.

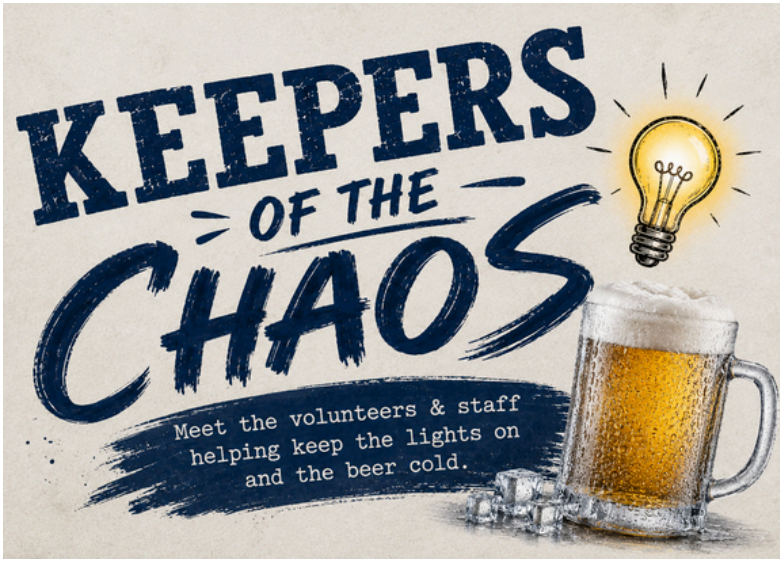
Whether you've joined for the sport, the meals, the events, the social side or simply because someone finally convinced you, we're glad you're here.

Don't be shy! Say hello, get involved and make yourself at home. Before long, you'll know who sits where, who tells the longest stories and which events are absolutely not to be missed.

Welcome to the Club. We hope you settle in quickly and enjoy everything GCC has to offer.



Lynne Conway, Guilderton Country Club Venue Manager



INTRODUCING . . . . LYNNE

What is the strangest request a customer has made? Some drinks that people ask for would curdle your stomach. The crew for that would be the Wednesday regulars. I'm sure they just look at our spirits and do a Google search to see what they can concoct. Some of the names too . . . mind-blowing.

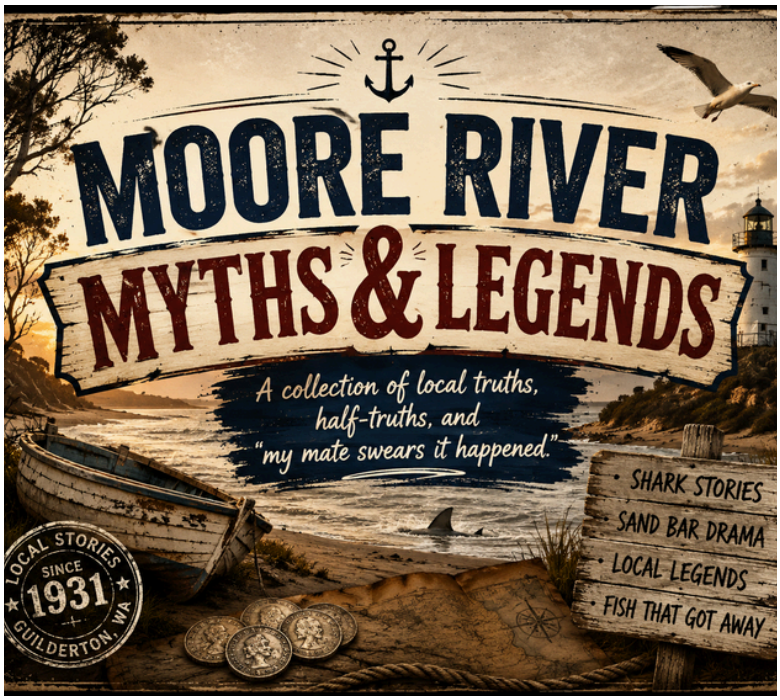
What is one thing people can do to make your job easier? Have patience.

What's the most "*Guilderton*" thing you've seen at the Club? I have been a resident here for 15 years. Mostly I've been flying under the radar. Then I get this role where I meet everyone. Warts & all sometimes. What I like most is how we have so many beautiful souls in our community. When you're having a 'bad day', they always seem to lighten each other's world that little bit. Happy to give a hug. Happy to lend a hand. Most of all, not only do the Guildo & surrounds folk look after each other, they always seem to find something to do too. This corner of the world makes my heart sing.

If the Club had a reality show, what would it be called? Gosh, now that's funny. Where could I start? Honestly though, AMAZING COMMUNITIES!

What's one thing people might not know about you? I used to be a Scottish Trampoline Coach!

Long before Guilderton had holiday homes, boat ramps and people debating whether the river mouth is open, there was a mystery buried deep in the sand.



In 1656, the Dutch ship *Vergulde Draeck*, also known as the Gilt Dragon, was wrecked near Ledge Point while travelling to Batavia. The ship was carrying valuable cargo, including silver coins. Some survivors made it ashore, but the fate of many others became one of Western Australia's great maritime mysteries.

Then, in 1931, the legend came back to life when 40 silver coins dating from the 1600s were discovered in the sandhills near the Guilderton area.

Those coins were believed to be linked to the Gilt Dragon wreck, and the story later helped inspire the name Guilderton.

So next time you are walking in the dunes, staring out over the ocean, or shaking sand out of places sand has absolutely no business being, remember this: Moore River has more than sunsets and pelicans in its history. Somewhere in its past are shipwrecks, silver, lost survivors and a mystery that still gives the place a bit of old-world magic.



Not bad for a quiet little spot where most of us are just trying to keep chips away from the seagulls.

Do you have a myth or a legend to share? Email us at: secretary@guildertoncc.com.au



Got something happening in the community? We'd love to hear about it!

If you have an upcoming community event, fundraiser, local initiative, volunteer project, club activity, or something of general interest to share, please send it through and we'll consider including it in the next newsletter.

This space is here to help keep members connected, informed & involved in what's happening around Guilderton & the wider local community.

Please note, this section is for community notices, not business advertising unless you are a sponsor. If you would like to promote your business through the Club, we'd love to chat about sponsorship options.

Send community notices to: secretary@guildertoncc.com.au

GUILDERTON COUNTRY CLUB MOORE RIVER

Club Life IN PICTURES

















GOOD COMPANY • GREAT FOOD • MEMORABLE MOMENTS

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The Guilderton Country Club is more than just a venue. It's where our community comes together. From live music nights & family events to sport, celebrations, fundraisers & weekend catch-ups, the Club plays a big role in keeping the Guilderton community connected. None of that happens without the support of local businesses & community-minded sponsors.

We are currently welcoming new sponsors for 2026/2027. Sponsorship with the Club is a fantastic opportunity to:

- Promote your business to locals and visitors
- Increase visibility through our newsletters, social media and events
- Support a valued community organisation
- Build genuine local connections
- Show your business is invested in the Guilderton community

We offer a range of sponsorship levels including Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze & Club Sponsorship packages, with options to suit businesses of all sizes.

Whether you're a small local business, a growing company, or simply someone passionate about supporting the community, we would love to work with you.

Our sponsors are an important part of the Club's future & we are proud to showcase & support the businesses that support us.

Get your business seen, support your community, & become part of something great at the Guilderton Country Club.

Because good communities don't build themselves. They're built by legends who say "*yeah alright, I'll help.*"

If you are interested in supporting the Club by becoming a sponsor contact secretary@guildertoncc.com.au.

GOLF CLUB NEWS



HOLE IN ONE: WELL DONE KEVIN!

Well done to Kevin Malone who scored a FANTASTIC hole-in-one at Wednesday afternoon Scroungers on the 27th May. He aced the tricky 4th hole.
Apparently, he and his partners spent some time looking over the back of the green until one of his playing partners located it in the hole, causing *GREAT EXCITEMENT*.
Kevin is one of our very popular committee members, our scroungers captain and does a heap of voluntary work around the course.
He thoroughly deserves this very rare feat!



HUGE NUMBERS AT OPEN DAY

The Guilderton Open Day held in mid-may attracted huge numbers this year and the weather and course were at their best!
We had 44 players (22 teams) making up the field with players from Calingiri, Kalbarri, Gingin, Lancelin, Ledge, Serpentine and Perth as well as a healthy number of locals.
The day is always a great success and we thank Abe and Emmie Wright (Stone Contracting) for their generous sponsorship.



Our winners were Clayton Smith and Desmond Toomey who regularly travel across from Calingiri for this event. They scored a magnificent 46 points in the four-ball best-ball competition.



Our own Lynn and Kevin Malone were the runners up with 45 points. Close behind were Kevin Smith and Peter Walker with 44 points.





WHITTINGTON–KENNEDY SHIELD
BACK TO BACK WINNERS

The Whittington- Kennedy Mixed Pairs Shield is one of the longest-running events for our Club. The Shield is named after and acknowledges the great contributions of foundation members who worked hard in setting up the Club and the course. The event began in 1988.

Well done to Lynn Malone and Andrew McKean who took off this year's Shield for the second year in succession.



Lynn and Andrew scored a nett 69.8 just ahead of the runner's up in Anne Gault and Justin McDiarmid with a nett 71.3

MONSTER BUSY BEE- HIGH PRUNING

Recently the Golf Club contracted an arborist to help us prune some of the very tall and overhanging trees around the course. After some hiccups with the cherry picker, he set to work using his expertise and specialist skills. To save money, our members jumped on board as we had a two-day busy bee where we cut, loaded and removed all the cut branches and debris to the cricket pitch for burning.

We had a fantastic atmosphere with 17 members helping out over the two days, not to mention the kids and grandkids who came along with family members.

And of course, the big attraction was the beautiful lunches baked by Maggie Schmiedte on both days! Maggie is a treasure and always positive and keen to help out in the best way possible.

A big thank you to Maggie and all of the members who turned up and cleaned up so quickly. The arborist was blown away by the effort of so many members, and he loved Maggie's baking as well!

Huge effort! Great job everyone.





STRATEGIC PLAN AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

Kerry Jones, our expert Secretary, has been leading the Committee through the process of reviewing and updating our Strategic Plan. She has received input and feedback from Committee members in what has been a long, steady process.

While there is no major change in direction, it is always good management to review such Plans regularly so they remain current, relevant and active.

At the same time, Kerry has also taken on developing the Management Plan which outlines the specific operations and *"nuts and bolts"* matters for the Committee (present and future).

Both documents are important for the good, progressive and directional management of the Club.

Great work Kerry and thanks.



The weather once again has not been good for SUNDAY Scroungers, rain and cold.

Ony one week in four were we able to get a good game in before down it came again, but the sausage sizzle after and refreshments were enjoyed by all

SCROUNGERS WILL STILL GO AHEAD EVERY SUNDAY WEATHER PERMITTING, 1.30PM FOR 2.PM START, BOWLS ALWAYS AVAILABLE FOR NONE BOWLERS, SO COME ALONG. JOIN IN THE FUN PRIZES FOR THE WINNERS,

Till next month stay warm hope to see you on the greens,
Dot Branch (Social Secretary) 0429969889

GUILDERTON BOWLING CLUB.

PLEASE KEEP THE DATE BELOW

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST 2026.

WHERE

GUILDERTON HALL

TIME

10.30AM

HOPING ALL MEMBERS WILL ATTEND.



On Sunday 12th July, our Annual Planting Day in the Guilderton area again took place.

Rachel from Moore Catchment Council along with several local community groups organised and co-ordinated the event.

We had a great turnout of over 25 volunteers being a mix of locals, city and nearby townsfolk.

The team worked very hard and planted over 800 native seedlings overlooking the Moore River Estuary on the degraded and weedy sections of the dunes.

hanks to the Moore Catchment Council and the State Natural Resource Management Program WA for funding the day, and to the Shire of Gingin for allowing us to plant on the dunes.

Special thanks to Rachel, Linda and Bob Johnson for helping to coordinate and promote the event!











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Got a question, suggestion, community notice, event idea, or just need to know what's happening at the Club? Here's where to find us.

CLUB DETAILS

Guilderton Country Club
Wedge Street, Guilderton WA 6041

Email: info@guildertoncc.com.au

Facebook: Follow us on Facebook for event updates, specials and Club news

Website: https://guildertoncc.wixsite.com/guildertoncc

MEMBERSHIP & NEWSLETTER ENQUIRIES

For membership questions, community notices or newsletter submissions, please contact:

Email: secretary@guildertoncc.com.au

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Have something for the next newsletter? We welcome:

- community notices
- local events
- photos
- sporting updates
- sponsor news
- volunteer nominations
- Club stories, myths and legends

Please send items through by **25 September** for consideration in the next edition.

Email: secretary@guildertoncc.com.au

VENUE & BOOKINGS

For venue bookings, function enquiries, meals, events or bar-related questions, please contact the Club directly or speak with the Venue Manager.

Venue Manager: Lynne Conway

Phone: (08) 9577 1013

See you at the Club. Come for one drink, leave three hours later with raffle tickets, a new mate and absolutely no idea how that happened.