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GLYDE-IN NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2026

A Word from the Chairperson – Jane Vallance



Welcome to term 3 at Glyde-In – hopefully you’ve found something of interest among the great programme offerings this term. There are still spaces available in some classes – please check the class table on page 5 of this newsletter or ask in the office.

Term 3 is important for Glyde-In as our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 2pm Tuesday 22 September. We hope to see as many members as possible join us to celebrate the past year, and to assist us put in place next year’s Committee to continue the good work.

We are lucky at Glyde-In to have generous people who show great leadership by joining our management Committee, coming together for a few hours per month to set the strategic direction and ensure the sustainability of our centre. Sadly, some committee members will be retiring at the next AGM. We will need new members to join the Committee to continue the smooth running and future direction of Glyde-In. Being on the Committee offers many rewarding moments, plus the opportunity to learn new things. If you are interested, let Jacqui or Celine know and one of our committee members will contact you to chat about what is involved. Nominations for the Committee will close on 25 August.

The Committee has been very busy this year setting the strategic direction and building on good governance. Late in 2025, the Town of East Fremantle confirmed a 10 year lease for the 42 Glyde Street premises. We are very grateful to the Council for this security of tenure, as well as their continued support for the community services provided by the Glyde-In.

In January 2026, we held a Glyde-In Community Learning Centre Member Focus Group. This was a very successful event where 27 members along with committee members engaged in open conversation to gather feedback and ideas to help shape the future of our programs and services. A focus group report was compiled, sent back to participants and forwarded to the Management Committee for consideration.

In March to early June, the Management Committee has worked with external facilitators to develop a 5-year Strategic Plan for 2026 - 2031. The Strategic Plan builds on Glyde-In’s many

strengths, including its welcoming culture, diverse programmes and strong member base. It highlights known challenges such as reliance on volunteers, limited funding opportunities and analytics to enhance future proofing. To read the plan, click on the link below.

<https://glydein.org.au/about-us/news>

The Committee has now formed 3 short-term working groups to further develop and operationalise some key elements in the plan. The groups are:

1. Strong People and Shared Leadership
2. Visibility and Connection – marketing and IT
3. Belonging – about enhancing memberships.

Any member with an interest in contributing to any of these working groups would be very welcome, or, if you have any feedback on the Strategic Plan 2026 - 2031 please let us know.

Lastly, I would take this opportunity to invite you to this year's Sunday afternoon fundraiser event. It's a ukelele singalong with Shirley Guy and the Glyde-In ukelele players. It will be lots of fun and will include a sumptuous afternoon tea. Funds raised will be used to support our volunteer program.



Glyde-In Ukulele High Tea



Enjoy a relaxed afternoon of music, singing, and homemade Devonshire tea.

Shirley Guy and the Glyde-In ukulele players will lead a singalong
of familiar favourites - lyrics provided.

Seats are limited so book early to avoid missing out.



Sunday 30 August, 2 to 4pm
at Glyde-In Community Learning Centre

\$23 / \$20 member conc.

Book online www.glydein.org.au or call 9339 3964



Enrolment Day Term 3

The brisk morning air couldn't chill the warm, jovial spirit at our term 3 enrolment day. We were delighted to welcome 95 members through our doors in person. And thanks to excellent volunteer support all round, the enrolment process went very smoothly.

The garden room was especially full of friendly chatter, featuring a coffee and tea station paired with a popular cake stall filled with delicious homemade treats. Not much was left after the morning rush! Thank you to everyone who contributed to the cake stall - many appreciated the morning tea and some treats for later on.

We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to our amazing team of volunteers. Your helping hands and welcoming smiles made the day both efficient and wonderfully inviting for everyone.



Parking reminder



Please be mindful when you park
to not block anyone's driveway – some may look like
they are not used but they are!

Thank you

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT GLYDE-IN

Casual Admin Assistant

We are seeking a warm, outgoing, competent person for occasional work in the office at Glyde-In. Hours would be on an as needed basis, approximately one day per week.

The role involves helping existing staff with reception, member contact, enrolment bookings, and day-to-day operation of the centre.

Skills required include Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, etc.), an excellent phone manner, capacity to set up rooms for activities and the ability to multi-task in a busy office.

The Admin Assistant will work with the Coordinators to ensure the efficient, welcoming environment of the Glyde-In Community Centre.

For further information please talk to Celine or Jacqui in the office or call 9339 3964.

Keeping Your Payments Safe

Moving forward, Glyde-In would like to encourage you to pay for programme activities in person at Glyde-In or by using our secure online payment process, following the payment prompts when you receive a deferred payment email.

While some talks and outings filled up during our first week of enrolment, we still have spaces available in the activities below. You can call the office on 9339 3964 to book or use our website to enrol online www.glydein.org.au

EVENT			
	Glyde-In Ukulele High Tea	30-Aug-26	2 - 4pm
SPEAKERS UNLIMITED			
AS1	The Fascinating World of Truffles	3-Aug-26	10 - 11am
AS3	Mining Legacies	14-Aug-26	2 - 3pm
AS4	Mining on Indigenous Lands	21-Aug-26	2 - 3pm
AS6	The First Western Australian Song	20-Aug-26	10 - 11am
AS9	My Crazy Life and Times	7-Sep-26	10 - 11am
AS11	Manjimup - Timber to Tobacco	17-Sep-26	10 - 11am
AS12	Not Calling Australia Home	24-Sep-26	10 - 11am
AS14	Development of Burswood Peninsula & Causeway	21-Sep-26	10 - 11am
NOT SO TRIVIAL			
BN6	Exploring Publication Opportunities for Short Writing	4-Sep-26	9.30am - 12.30pm
MIND & BODY			
CM6	Sound Healing & Meditation 1	16-Aug-26	2 - 4pm
CM7	Sound Healing & Meditation 2	6-Sep-26	2 - 4pm
OUT 'N ABOUT			
DO4	Fremantle Prison Tour	19-Aug-26	10am - 1.30pm
DO6	Day Trip to Bunbury	2-Sep-26	All day
CULTURE CLUB			
EC1	Fremantle Chamber Orchestra at Fremantle Town Hall	1-Aug-26	2.45 - 5pm
EC3	Sunday Live Music at Fire in your Belly	13-Sep-26	5 - 9pm
BY HANDS			
FB4	Textile Jewellery Making	25 Aug + 1 Sept	2 Tuesdays, 1 - 3.30pm
FB5	Intro to Cyanotype	28-Aug-26	12.30 - 3.30pm
FB6	Whimsical Worlds in Collage	29-Aug-26	10.30am - 3.30pm
FB8	From Cut to Colour: Screen-Printing with Stencils	4 - 18 Sept	3 Fridays, 9am - 12pm
FB9	The Beauty of Kimono - Wrapped in Tradition	11-Sep-26	10 - 12pm
COMPUTER CLASSES			
HC1	Android Customisation & Features (non-Apple)	3-Aug-26	9 - 11am
HC2	Apple Customisation & Features (iPhone/iPad)	3-Aug-26	11.15 am - 1.15pm
HC3	Excel Spreadsheet for Beginners	10-Aug-26	9 - 11am
HC4	Word Processing for Beginners	10-Aug-26	11.15 am - 1.15pm
HC5	Transferring Photos (non Apple devices)	17-Aug-26	9 - 11am
HC6	Transferring Photos (Apple devices)	17-Aug-26	11.15 am - 1.15pm
HC7	Facebook Marketplace	24-Aug-26	9 - 11am
HC9	Managing Subscriptions	31-Aug-26	10 - 11am
HC10	Maps on your phone	31-Aug-26	11.15 am - 1.15pm
HC11	Voice Recognition (non-Apple phone)	7-Sep-26	9 - 10am
HC12	Voice Recognition (Apple phone)	7-Sep-26	10.15 - 11.15am
HC13	Wide World of Podcasts and Audio-books	14-Sep-26	11.15 am - 1.15pm

A few reviews from Term 2

Cunards and The Queen – Chris Frame

Thank you to Sue Brown for this report

Chris Frame's childhood fascination with cruise ships was triggered by reading about the Titanic and later followed by his first cruise trip aboard the Cunard Shipping company's 'Queen Elizabeth' liner from Auckland to Sydney. This led to his career as a maritime historian, author and communicator of international repute.

Chris's presentation began with images of Cunard ships under construction in Scotland's Clydebank shipyards during 1920-30s. His photos and encyclopaedic knowledge of their transatlantic crossing times, structures, plush fittings, naming history, and final destinations, kept us absorbed.

Economic constraints during the 1930's depression and later wartime vulnerability of the Clydebank shipyards within range of the German Luftwaffe, led the British government, in 1938, to send Cunard's Queen Elizabeth liner on her maiden voyage across the Atlantic to America in secrecy, untested and untried. The Queen Mary began her career as a luxury liner but was painted 'camouflage grey' during wartime and became known as 'The Grey Ghost'.

A particularly enduring image from Chris's talk was a WW2 wartime photo, taken from an overhead helicopter, of the converted Queen Mary troopship, overloaded with around 16,683 American troops visible on deck. Troops were confined to poorly ventilated zones and had to share facilities including 'hot bedding' to cope.

These Cunard ships were later recognised as 'national treasures' for transporting 50% of the American troops to join World War 2, a factor which significantly influenced the Allies' D Day success.



In this photo taken on June 20, 1945, from a hovering U.S. Coast Guard helicopter, the decks of the Queen Mary are packed with 14,000 American soldiers straining to gain a glimpse of the New York City skyline

Jarrahdale and Serpentine

Thank you to Barry Ross for this report

Our visit to Jarrahdale was much appreciated by the efforts of our very funny guide Eileen Burns. Her local knowledge of the area was first class and choice of the restaurant for lunch proved to be very popular. The bush walk was very welcome with her descriptions of the area and its history was very interesting and entertaining.

Jarrahdale is one of WA's oldest timber towns located in the Darling Ranges. Its name comes from the extensive jarrah forests that surround the area and was founded in 1872. In those days, timber was hauled by horse and bullock teams and via a private railway (with wooden rails) to Rockingham for export to cities in Europe for street paving, as it had exceptional durability and resistance to rot and termites. Traces of the operation can still be seen today, including parts of the old railway lines, Railway Terrace in Rockingham marks the route to the old jetty where ships were loaded with timber for export. The Jarrahdale Heritage Society Museum which is housed in the old original post office, preserves old photographs, tools and records from the timber era. Jarrahdale is now a quiet heritage listed country town with many historic buildings still remaining and well worth a visit.



80 Years and counting: Cold War 1.0 to Cold War 2.0 - Alexey Muraviev

Thank you to Ken Farmer for this report

Talk 1

Alexey is a fabulous presenter and the large number attending reinforces that view. A lot of detail, great slides to illustrate the talking points and boundless information. There was so much rich content to absorb – impressive! I really appreciated the deep dive. I often wonder why the world seems forever on the brink of a hot war. The impact of the hubris, arrogance, and views of a handful of leaders and their followers is a vital topic that deserves to be noted for the profound lessons it continues to bring to humanity. For example: Arguments over boundaries in Korea and Vietnam, Zhenbao Island, submarines crashing and killing hundreds, Korean Airlines Boeing 747 shot down over Sakhalin in Eastern Russia killing 269 people. It goes on and on but is soon forgotten. Yuri Gagarin's journey to space and Artemis 11 return to earth! Are those dates coincidental or just another example of one upmanship that places the world in an ongoing state of tension?

Talk 2

Another information packed talk. This time we were informed about the perspectives of the world leaders that bring us to the present day. PESSIMISM was a word mentioned by Alexey. When he shared with us a map of the world showing the trouble spots through the Middle East and beyond it is easy to see where he comes from. A key point he brought to us was the difference between the leaders of the great powers of today and yesteryear was military service. If you have done it and endured the pain you are more likely to be reluctant to do it again. An interesting comment Alexey made was that Donald Trump may be more intelligent than we think! I shall have to give some deep reflection on that one.

Each session would have stimulated further research. I hope the following links will assist those who wish to go more deeply into this topic.

Further reading:

<https://securityconference.org/en/publications/books/selected-key-speeches-volume-i/2000-2009/speech-vladimir-putin-2007/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russo-Georgian_War

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GUAM_Organization_for_Democracy_and_Economic_Development

Catalpa. Crowd funded prison escape - Joy and Mike LeFroy

Thank you to Ken Farmer for this report

That was a great presentation by Joy and Mike. Most of us would have some idea about this famous escape from Fremantle but many of us, including me were a little light on for the details. I have recently been in Fremantle prison (as a tourist, that is) and the Catalpa escape was briefly mentioned. I am so glad that this presentation filled in so many gaps in the story. There were so many names, dates, places, ships, organisations etc mentioned during the presentation. I recommend to those that were not able to attend today that a little research on Google is well worth the effort. Apart from the story of the escape this talk also gave us a reason to explore some Fremantle landmarks that we may not have realised had a significant connection to this famous story. Unfortunately I was not aware of the steel silhouette sculptures at the entrance to the prison during my recent visit. Despite my many visits to Rockingham I have never been aware of the Catalpa Memorial on the beachfront. What a wonderful service that we receive from Glyde-In. Our eyes are opened and lives enriched thanks to the work of Celine and Jacqui and the talented Joy and Mike. May I make a suggestion? All presentations from now on must be completed with a sing-along led by the presenter.

Some further suggestion for you to research:

- Catalpa Memorial, Rockingham.
- SS Georgette
- Hougoumont convict ship
- Coreten steel sculptures at the Fremantle Prison.
- John Boyle O'Reilly
- The Wild Goose newspaper
- Book by Joy & Mike, CATALPA Escape to Freedom

Fremantle round house, more than just a gaol – Jane Cousins

Thank you to Dennis Cloughton for this report

Jane Cousins, President of the Fremantle Volunteer Heritage Guides Association (and a fellow Glyde-in Member) addressed an enthusiastic and receptive packed audience. We were treated to an enticing display of photographs on a large screen, depicting this marvellous building and we followed intently in the detail of these pictures unravelling the history of the Round House.

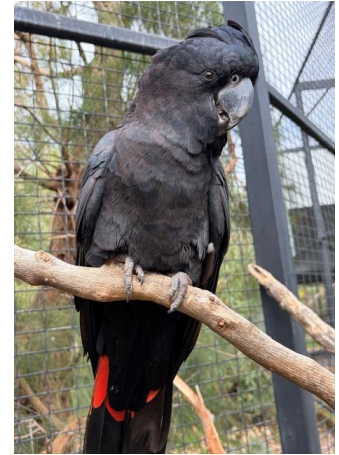
Eager questions from the members were welcomed and this conversation led to an engaging lesson in history. We were given surprising insight into the reason why the first government building in Australia's first free (no-convict) colony was a gaol! We were all absorbed in this journey, appreciating the excellent photographs and showed our appreciation with loud applause. And the most positive feedback was in the spontaneous exchange between many of those present: Well, let's go down to the Round House now? Who is in?

Kaarakin Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre

Thank you to Julie Robertson for this report

In June, 21 Glyde-In members drove to Mills Rd, Martin for an informative tour of the Kaarakin Conservation Centre.

Sam, the Education Officer is a knowledgeable, committed nature-lover who obviously is very hardworking. We viewed all the animals at the centre, many left-over from the Cohuna Wildlife Park before it moved. We saw dingoes, emus, kangaroos, finches and many cockatoos and discovered that cockatoos who were rescued from suburban cages could never be released because they would starve and dehydrate, unable to survive in the wild. We were lucky enough to go into a cage with some of these domesticated cockatoos for a wonderful experience.



We also talked about suitable food to grow in our suburban gardens for cockatoos to eat and discovered that *Hakea laurina* (pin cushion hakea) attracts bees and birds, in particular, cockatoos. Macadamia and pecans trees were also suggested. Kaarakin has been successfully re-vegetated with suitable food plants for bees and birds over the years.

Damaged birds, found and picked up by the public, should be taken to Perth Zoo, where they have an expert cockatoo section with experienced vets. After that they are sent to Kaarakin where they rehabilitate and are eventually released. All are ring tagged and some have trackers so that home range can be measured. There is an 80% survival on release. He stipulated the importance of not allowing the birds to become attached to humans because this would affect survival.

We also viewed nesting boxes set up around Kaarakin for wild birds (mainly cockatoos) which frequently visit for water, food sources and to nest. We learnt that cocky nesting boxes should be open at the top to allow in the rain, which cockies love and bees and other birds don't like. This reduces the competition for nesting sites.

Sam railed against ravens, which he blamed for much of the damage to cockatoos, suggesting that ravens pulled out tail feathers and attacked cockatoos as a group. It was also evident that crossing roads between habitats hurt and killed many.

We all need to encourage our local councils to put in permanent water stations, suitable nesting boxes and plants which are food sources if these beautiful birds are to survive as a viable breeding population.....or do it ourselves in our own gardens and/or verges.

HEART OF GLYDE-IN

Meet some of our incredible volunteers!



Lynn Christison has been a volunteer at Glyde-In since 2010 and has been Head Gardener (volunteer) in charge of a wonderful group of volunteers, for the last 7-8 years. As well as spending many hours beautifying our garden and producing cuttings and plants for sale, she has used her artistic skills to make information signs around the garden, create bark paintings and produce beautiful hanging baskets. Because of Lynn, we now have a Community Compost Bin and at Christmas time, our Woolly Bush Christmas Tree has been enlivened with beautiful native bush decorations. In her spare time, Lynn has run workshops on the making of

hanging baskets, decorating pots using paint, and the making of food wraps and moss balls. She has also been involved in hosting many Out and About outings with husband Mal, and her delicious scones have always been appreciated and consumed by all.

Lynn has been a very important part of our Glyde-In Community. She is a caring, thoughtful person, who is well-liked by everyone and is always ready to help others.

Lynn is moving to Melbourne at the end of the year, to be closer to her family, but I know she will be leaving a part of her heart here in East Fremantle.

Best wishes and good luck always Lynn. We, the Glyde-In community, wish you well and thank you for everything!



Terry Mercer has worn many hats since joining Glyde-In more than 20 years ago. An outstanding woodworker, he has made a number of artistic items for Glyde-In, such as our lovely lectern and bookshelves. He has been an active member of our Handyman group, and with the others is always prepared to fix any and all things that need repairing around Glyde-In. A skilled craftsman, Terry was one of a hard-working band who built our back deck and even set up the sound system in the front room.

Terry is always available to man the computers during Enrolment Day and is welcoming and friendly to all members. He has also been the person behind the layout of our Glyde-In programme for many years, a job he has done expertly, cooperatively and willingly.

A calm, positive person, Terry has been a long-standing member of the Glyde-In Management Committee, providing a steady, sensible approach to most issues. Latterly, he was involved in the development of our new constitution, where his sensible, intelligent attitude and knowledge was always welcome. Again here, his ability with layout was utilised and appreciated.

With his dapper way of dressing and his cheery demeanour, Terry is a much-loved member of our band of Glyde-In volunteers. Thank you, Terry!

Volunteering at Glyde-In



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VACANCY- Newsletter editor

After years of wonderful dedication, our lovely newsletter editor is taking a well-deserved break. We are now looking for a volunteer to step into this rewarding role. The task is straightforward: you will simply collate articles and photos using Microsoft Word. If you would like to help shape our community stories, please contact Celine or Jacqui at Glyde-In.



Our fabulous Out 'n About volunteer team is looking for extra support to continue providing wonderful outings every term.

We would love to hear from you if you think you could help



Did you know Glyde-In grow Fresh herbs?

***Feel free to pick some to take home and
add a little extra flavour to your meal 😊***

Thank you to our dedicated garden volunteers!

Some Highlights of Term 2



Visit to Bibra Lake Wetlands Centre& WA Wildlife



Mount Lawley Heritage & Art Deco walk



Visit to Kaarakin Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre