



GLYDE-IN NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2026

A Word from the Chairperson

A warm welcome to all Glyde-In members and friends. Our Term 4 programme promises to be both interesting and informative. We have a smorgasbord of talks, outings, cultural activities and handicrafts offered to our members, along with the ongoing activities such as Mahjong, cycling, walking, languages, book club, writing and singing. Something for everyone we hope.

A big thank you also to all those members who attended our September AGM. Thank you for your continued support of Glyde-In. Thanks also to Cliff Collinson, Councillor from the Town of East Fremantle, who attended the AGM and acted as our returning officer. His continued support is most appreciated.

Thank you also to the two retiring members of our Management Committee, Jane Vallance and Kerry Donovan. Jane served as Chairperson for three years and Kerry was Treasurer for an incredible eight years. Their hard work, knowledge and wisdom are most appreciated and we wish them well and know that they will stay associated with Glyde-In in the future and remain strong contributing members.

The remaining eight members of our 2025-26 Management Committee were re-elected at the AGM and we extend a warm welcome to our two new Management Committee members, Liam Flanagan and Miranda Taylor.



Liam has been associated with Glyde-In since early 2000 and has enjoyed the variety of activities offered. He was previously self-employed in several businesses and has also worked in Industrial Management and Efficiency.



Miranda has had varied experiences in life, from a London University, a Kibbutz on the Golan Heights and community work in Kakadu. She has had a focus of public policy advocacy and helped to coordinate Australia's regulatory response to the Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill. Most recently she was CEO for a not-for-profit organisation. Miranda is interested in how learning and curiosity enriches us at every age and loves what she sees at Glyde-In.

Liam and Miranda will add to the depth and knowledge of our Management Committee and we thank them for making this commitment.

After the AGM the Committee members met and confirmed Executive positions for 2026-2027.

They are as follows:

Chair Julie Robertson

Vice Chair Terry Mercer

Secretary Miranda Taylor

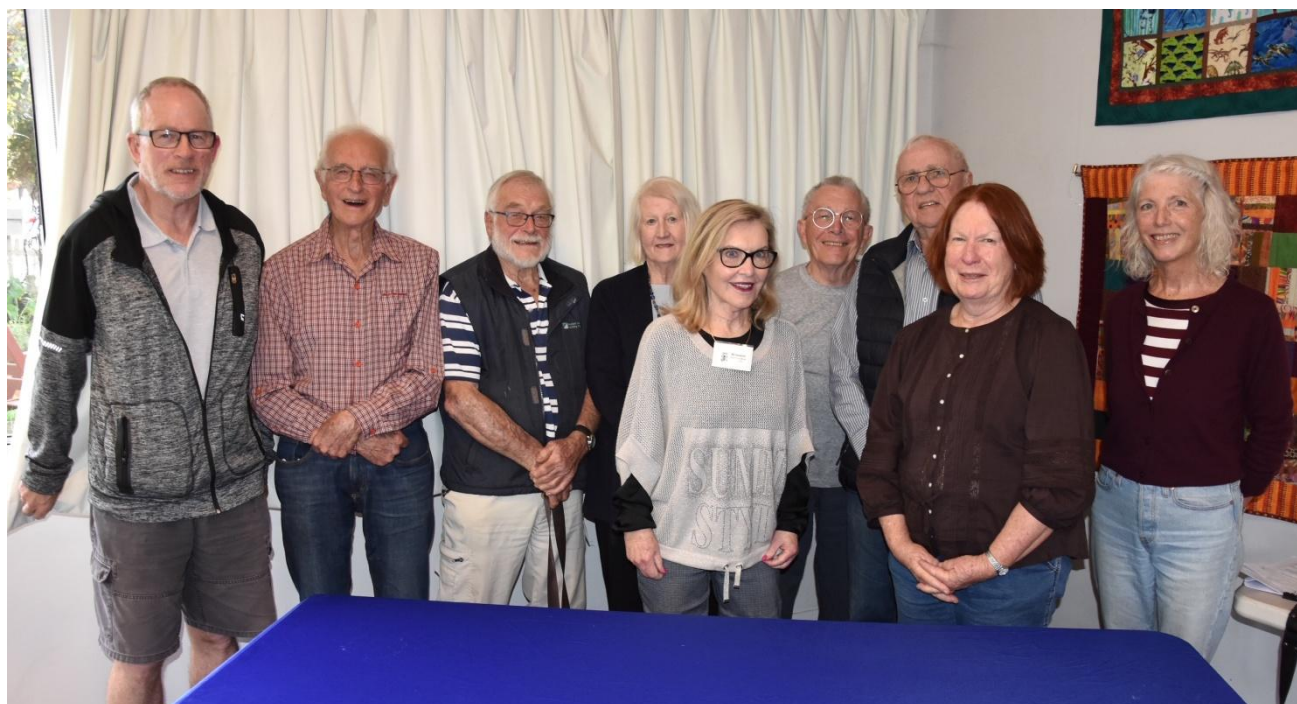
Treasurer Jono Farmer

The six other members of the Glyde-In Management Committee are Gordon MacNish, Liam Flanagan, Sue Brown, Barry Ross, Bronwen St John-Stephens and Terry Scudder. I also thank them greatly for their continued efforts and commitment to Glyde-In over many years and in advance, for all the work they will do this year.

Please feel free to approach any of our Committee members during the year to make positive suggestions which might improve what we do here at Glyde-In

Julie Robertson

Chair



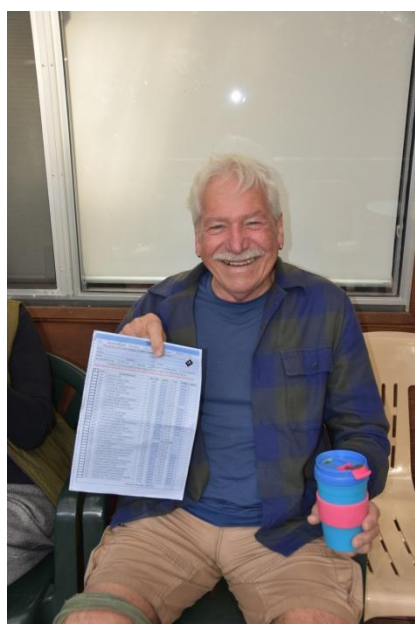
Left to right: Liam Flanagan, Gordon MacNish, Jono Farmer, Sue Brown, Bronwen St John – Stephens, Terry Mercer, Barry Ross, Julie Robertson, Miranda Taylor. **Absent:** Terry Scudder.

Enrolment Day Term 4

What a beautiful, warm morning we had for enrolment day - a truly welcome change from the weather last term! Thank you so much to the 78 people who joined us. We hope you enjoyed the later 9am start time.

The CARAD volunteers organised a sumptuous cake stall, which was a huge hit. Everything sold out, so a big thank you to everyone who bought a treat and supported such a worthy organisation.

We hope you had a wonderful morning and that the enrolment process went smoothly for you. Once again, Glyde-In's wonderful community spirit, warmth, and efficiency shone through, all thanks to our incredibly dedicated enrolment day volunteers!



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

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

Code	Name	Facilitator	Session	Time
SPEAKER UNLIMITED				
AS1	A Slice of Life	Chris Lawson-Smith	26-Oct-26	10:00am
AS2	Travels in Rural Japan	Lorna Kaino	29-Oct-26	10:00am
AS3	The Real Luddites and Why They still Matter	Alan Hancock	5-Nov-26	10:00am
AS4	Stories of the Busselton Jetty	Susan K Brown	6-Nov-26	10:00am
AS5	The Good Sea Voyage	Vanessa Hearman	6-Nov-26	2:00pm
AS6	WA's Rarest Bird at Risk	Rosemary Argue	9-Nov-26	10:00am
AS8	The Region in Flames - insecurity and conflict in the Middle East	Alexey Muraviev	16, 23 & 30-Nov-26	10:00am
AS9	Planning for the Future and Protecting Your Rights	Sarah Ghammachi	19-Nov-26	10:00am
AS10	Birdsville - Back of Beyond	Jane Cousins	20-Nov-26	10:00am
AS11	Protecting WA's Jarrah Forest	Denelle Kennedy	20-Nov-26	2:00pm
AS12	Early Albany	John Dowson	27-Nov-26	10:00am
AS13	No Rest for the Retired	Jono Farmer	3-Dec-26	10:00am
AS14	Wheelchairs for Kids	Greg Hebble	4-Dec-26	10:00am
AS15	A Men's Sheds Perspective	James Wild	7-Dec-26	10:00am
AS16	Understanding Knee Osteoarthritis	Andreas Schultz	10-Dec-26	10:00am
AS17	Voluntary Assisted Dying	Nikki Ericson	11-Dec-26	10:00am
AS19	Living with Greater Ease and Awareness	Swami Vishveshananda	2-Nov-26	10:00am
NOT SO TRIVIAL				
BN3	Advanced Care Planning Workshop	Sabena Lund	17-Dec-26	9:30am
OUT 'N ABOUT				
DO1	Lake Claremont Walk & Bird Watching	Eileen Burns	20-Oct-26	8:45am
DO6	Fremantle Men's Shed Morning Tea & Tour	Terry Scudder, Terry Mercer	25-Nov-26	10:00am
DO7	Fremantle Flight club	Julie Robertson	11-Dec-26	10:45am
CULTURE CLUB				
EC2	Roses and Hearts Home Concert		13-Nov-26	1:30pm
EC5	Theatre 180 - In their Care		8-Nov-26	5:00pm
BY HANDS				
FB2	Botanical cyanotype greeting cards	Odile Bell	2-Nov-26	9:00am
FB3	Floral Landscape Collage	Kate Hannah	14-Nov-26	10:30am
FB4	Textile Jewellery Making	Leisa Antonio	17 & 24-Nov-26	1:00pm
COMPUTER CLASSES				
HC1	Researching and Booking Travel Online	Fay Gerhard	14-Dec-26	9:00am
HC2	Data management at home and away	Fay Gerhard	14-Dec-26	11:15am
HC3	Facebook Marketplace	Fay Gerhard	9-Nov-26	9:00am
HC4	Transferring Photos (Samsung/Oppo/Google etc)	Fay Gerhard	16-Nov-26	9:00am
HC5	Transferring Photos (Apple devices)	Fay Gerhard	16-Nov-26	11:15am
HC6	Photobooks	Fay Gerhard	23-Nov-26	9:00am
HC7	myGov one-on-one	Fay Gerhard	30-Nov-26	10:00am
HC8	Digital Afterlife	Fay Gerhard	7-Dec-26	9:00am
HC9	Computer Help Desk - Fay Gerhard	Fay Gerhard	23-Nov-26	11:30am
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A few reviews from Term 3

Fremantle Prison Tour

Thank you to Bronwen St John–Stephens for this report

On a perfect, sunny, winter day a Glyde-In group of 12, led by Trish Stallard visited the Fremantle Prison. It was a wonderful day for a stroll, and everyone was in great spirits. The Prison's history was brought to life by the guide Debbie, who kept us all thoroughly captivated with her commentaries.

The Prison was given World Heritage Listing as a UNESCO Australian Convict Site on 31st July 2010. It was built as a convict barracks in the 19th century, renamed the Fremantle Prison in 1867. Following a series of prisoner riots in 1983, a Royal Commission recommended the Prison's closure and was decommissioned in 1991.

Debbie told how art was encouraged among the prisoners and examples of the art are seen in the cells and the Prison Chapel.

What a lovely day out in such a historical place amongst Glyde-In friends.



Avian Intelligence and Problem Solving – Lou Scampoli

Thank you to Ken Farmer for this report

That was such a well presented talk. Great slides and great audio. Lou is obviously a very experienced and well informed person and kept 42 of us fascinated for exactly 60 minutes.

Around the world so much scientific study of these wonderful creatures that, in many cases, are smarter than mammals. I have two Ravens that visit my house every day and I can assure you that they are more intelligent than my next door neighbour. Thanks, Lou, for confirming my suspicions.

Lou pointed out that the Corvid family is considered to be amongst the most intelligent. I am usually driven by the Glyde-In talks to explore the subjects further. I could not resist so I hope you will find the following link of interest.

Something else of interest was the collective nouns for specific Corvids:

CROWS: A MURDER

RAVENS: AND UNKINDNESS or a CONSPRACY

MAGPIES: A MISCHIEF or a TIDING

ROOKS: A PARLIAMENT.

Happy exploring.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Corvidae>



Ken Farmer's backyard

Warm Day Out at the RSPCA

Thank you to Barbara Saba for this report

On the first real warm day of spring, a full bus of Glyde-In members headed out to the RSPCA centre in Malaga. The staff could not have been friendlier, and their presentation left most of us realising just how much the RSPCA actually does, far more than any of us had known.

Afterwards we had the chance to meet some of the animals waiting for homes: rabbits, cats and dogs, all up for adoption. There were more than a few of us quietly working out how we might smuggle one home on the bus. The clear favourite was Tatum, a three-legged dog with apparently no idea he was missing anything.

From there it was on to Papa Gallo in Leederville for lunch. The food was excellent and the portions were not built for restraint, or for anyone planning to fit dessert in afterwards. A few doggy bags made it home, though rather fewer than the leftovers deserved.

All in all, a lovely outing: good company, good animals, and more pasta than any of us knew what to do with.

Shakespeare and the English Renaissance - Dr Alan Hancock

Thank you to Ken Farmer for this report

I must make a confession before I make my comments about today's presentation. I know next to nothing about this great person. What a pity that I didn't pay more attention when I was at school. Thanks to Alan for a great presentation and the very novel use of the white board with a few mystery figures to get us all interested.

Alan explored the facts and figures about the number of performances that continue to be performed each year of Bill's works. (May I use his Christian name? I don't think he would mind.) Today, we briefly covered something more than just the plays and poetry that Bill wrote, we learnt of the great influence he had on the world and how savvy he was to the needs and attitudes of his audience. How different to what we have today! What a time to be writing a comedy about domestic violence and misogyny; works that could not be published in today's world. Bill was lucky to be born in times when England was the dominant power and our wonderful language was being dispersed through the world's colonies. This paved the way to the present we now enjoy. What a contrast we experienced today in the gender mix of the attendees. A complete contrast to the days of the 17th century.

Something that I am always impressed by is the informed nature of the Glyde-In audience. So many women displaying their knowledge of one of mankind's greatest people. One expressed her concern that today's world may be seeing the end of the works of the "Bard of Avon". Let's hope not.

The Hidden Cost of AUKUS - Gwenaël Velge.

Thank you to Ken Farmer for this report

As I drove home and thought about what to write, following such a challenging, talk I realised that the answer was right there in front of me. Ask AI to write it for me!

"Hey GROK, is AI good or is it a threat?"

"Ken, I know you have just come home from a talk at Glyde-In.

"I am invoking my Fifth Amendment right to remain silent".

WOW! That was unexpected. That was a wonderful and very detailed presentation by Gwen that gave us a deep insight into the connection between the AUKUS agreement and Artificial Intelligence and the threats and hidden costs involved. Grok's refusal to answer confirmed what we just learned. We are in a challenging time for humans and the planet. Today's attendees looked a little sombre to learn the implications from AUKUS extend into the effect on jarrah forests and the lack of rehabilitation, the deep involvement of our government and the USA and its Department of War and the importance of Gallium to the data centres that are all the talk these days. National security

is a major concern to all countries but it comes at a cost. Water supply, heat generation and power consumption are the obvious big concerns that we will have to face in the future.

Thanks, Gwenaël. That was great. I hope I shall be able to sleep tonight.

Name meaning: A Breton compound name from “gwen” (white, fair, blessed) and “ael”(angel or princely being).

Further reading:

Mineral Policy Institute <https://mpi.org.au/>

<https://overland.org.au/author/gwenael-velge-2/>

Speaker Etiquette

We all love a lively discussion at Glyde-In! To make sure everyone gets a chance to speak, please save your comments and questions for the Q&A session at the end.

Thank you 😊

Many thanks to Ken for his reviews this term.

If you have attended a talk or event at Glyde-In and would like to write a brief review or even share a one line quote for the newsletter, we would love to hear from you!

VOLUNTEERING AT GLYDE-IN

VACANCY- Newsletter editor



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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.

Out 'n About Hosts and Drivers



Our fabulous Out 'n About volunteer team is looking for extra support and drivers 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 3



The Fascinating World of Truffles with Garry Lee



The First Western Australian Song with John Ralph



My Crazy Life and Times with Sandra Ramini



Nonna's Lunch at La Fattoria



Mining and Refinery Tour



The Beauty of Kimono Wrapping



Ukulele High Tea



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