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## THE GLYDER - A NEWSLETTER

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Dear Visitor

Welcome to our Christmas newsletter.

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**D-Day: Demolition!!**



In no time at all our dear old art shed disappeared! Rubble replaced the garage that has served us as an art shed and various other purposes for 30 years. The Hartley Art Shed was named after Norma and George Hartley, and honoured the wonderful work and commitment of early volunteers in the creation of Glyde-In. The mosaics were created by artists, members and school students many years ago. We have managed to save some of them, but they are attached to the bricks. If anyone has any ideas how we could use these in the garden please let us know. Over the summer the Garden Gnomes will be busy recreating our gorgeous garden.



### [Mini Christmas Puddings](#)



Run by our very own Sandra, from the office, this activity has been offered for several years. Many of the participants return year after year, saying it is the only way they make time to prepare these delicious treats for Christmas. There is much fun and laughter as the puddings take shape and everyone goes home with their produce. They look great, taste great and are fun to make.

### [The Garden Gnomes](#)



So many members and visitors to Glyde-in comment on what a gorgeous and inviting garden we have. How is it so? It's thanks to the Garden Gnomes. They are a group of about 10 volunteers who, under the guidance of Jan Machin, enthusiastically water, weed, plant, pot and look after vegetables throughout the year. Although we have good (and very recently upgraded) reticulation, over summer there is still hand watering to be done for the pots and baskets. Before each enrolment day there are busy bees to make the garden look beautiful as well as preparation of pots for sale.

They have a particularly big challenge at the moment due to the Art Shed reconstruction. During November they had to prepare for the change in reticulation and move plants that would have been destroyed. They created a new temporary route to the entrance, moved the bike racks and the rear garden was tidied to make it particularly appealing while the front is in chaos.

Once the new building is finished there will be another frenzy of garden activity. The Garden of Memories will need a revamp. In this Garden, each plant is devoted to the memory of someone dear to a Glyde-In member. If you would like to contribute to such a garden please contact us. In addition a new entrance path will be styled, along with lots of planting and tidying.

Prior to each enrolment day we are always looking for donations of plants, seedlings, and cuttings. If you plan to donate plants for this, though, please do so in good time for us to pot up and prepare them for sale on E-Day. Right now, we are also looking for 3 new timber benches to replace some worn out ones.

Jan is always open to IDEAS. That could be for garden design or plant suggestions. And we'd like to hear what you would like to purchase from the garden at our plant sales on enrolment day. For instance, would you like to see hanging baskets on sale?

If you would like to become a garden gnome, even for a limited period, contact Glyde-In.

### [New Programme 2018](#)



Although we have no summer school this year due to the building work, Ann has put together yet another exciting and creative programme for Term 1, 2018. Learn about eccentric exercise, Persian architecture, the night sky from an aboriginal perspective, meet an entomologist or wake up your brain with brain gym! Pick up that guitar you've always said you would, knit some socks, make your first film, or learn the art of Japanese and Chinese brush painting, Go to the theatre or visit the herbarium. Try a language or improve your computer skills. All this and more!!! Enrolment Day is Wednesday, January 31. Remember, enrolments start at 8.30am and on line enrolments are available from 10am.

***Click here*** to view the full programme.

### [Bus Trips](#)

In Term 1 2018, we are trialing a new system for our bus trips. Due to their popularity we have found it difficult to meet demand, with many people being disappointed at finding a trip full when they try to enrol by as early as 9.30am on enrolment day. We are teaming up with Club 55 to offer the tours. On some tours we may be able to take more than our usual 20 people and it may often be possible to offer an additional trip. In this term there is an op shop crawl, and trips to Parliament House and the Herbarium as well as a boat cruise on the Leschenault Inlet. We welcome your feedback as to what you think of these trips.

## Untold Treasures

*Thanks to Jono Farmer for this report*



Sue Brown came up with a new idea for a talk this term which involved participants selecting a treasure of their choice to bring along to Glyde-in to display and tell its story.

Terry Mercer started the ball rolling with a very fuzzy photograph of his grandfather which his grandmother had salvaged. It was the only record she had of her German husband who had been interned in England for the duration of the First World War. The tragedy was that after the war he was repatriated to Germany and was never in contact with his family again....

Mary Yates introduced two old friends with whom she had spent most of her life. Their names were Jacko, a chimpanzee, and Josephine, a bear. They have travelled the world with Mary.

Jono Farmer brought a prized water-colour painting of the Monseignor Hawes-designed old Yalgoo Roman Catholic church painted by Peter Church. It captures this wonderful old derelict building standing in a field of dry grass.

Ann Cole showed us her late father's gardening hat which has many happy memories and now is Ann's.

Sue Brown showed us one of her prized possessions - an old colonial Dutch chair which her father made many years ago and has been since reproduced for other members of the family.

Dorothy Stevenson showed us an amazingly restored portrait of her grandmother. painted in 1880. She had it brought out from Scotland and had it restored.

## The Hunt for the Cyber Caduceus

*Thanks to Craig Johns for this little gem!*

We all know the frustration of modern technology. And Craig Johns, our long serving computer tutor, knows better than most just how intense this frustration can be. Often people have desperate and impossible expectations of a resolution to their technical problems. Many computers are quickly becoming outdated and even collapse. There are some problems that cannot be resolved due to technical issues beyond the control of the centre and its tutors.

Craig and Ann Reeves were recently brainstorming as to how Glyde-In could help to reduce the anger and frustration felt by some members towards computers and other devices.

It was decided that it required an extra special something. Something that would resolve any problem a member may have with their personal computer, no matter what brand, operating system or even how old. So an extra special something was commissioned. No expense was to be spared and time was of the essence.

It was noted that Hermes, the herald and personal messenger of Zeus, King of the Gods on Mount Olympus, had a magic wand called a Caduceus which had been given to him by Apollo. What better to fix the computers, phones and tablets?

But who could fulfil this great if not impossible task of creating such a magical instrument? It was decided that the challenge could only be given to one person at the Glyde-In, the wisest of the wise, the most travelled of the travelled - yes, Jono Farmer.

Jono asked Craig Johns 'What are the specifications for this instrument of mystical and incredible power?' and according to ancient texts the following was decreed:

*The Caduceus is a rod or staff framed by two intertwined snakes. At the top of the staff are two wings. The wand staff must be 0.7 cubits Long and 0.015 cubits in diameter. It must be real gold from the Golden Fleece of Medea and the wings must sing like the muses, sister goddesses, when the spell is cast.*



*Craig commented: "I am partial to the gold rod but drop the snakes. Not so keen on them. But most of all mate, it must, I repeat, it **must** work, as Glyde-In members do not stand for any nonsense- they expect the real thing. Do that and the Gods will reward you with God-like status - greatness and immortality. You will be greater even than Hermes, the messenger god on Mount Olympus, who used the Caduceus given to him by Apollo. I will pick it up early Tuesday a.m."*

When Craig arrived at the appointed hour, he was advised that his Caduceus was ready, and was made to his specifications but instead of the two wings specified, there was only one, as 'one of Medea's wings was burnt off by Apollo in his fire chariot'. The photo below shows Craig with his divine Caduceus.



**OTHER NEWS**

## **Computer Help Desk**

*One-on-one help with your computer, tablet or phone.*

*Our computer tutors offer a one-on-one 30-minute session for help with a problem or project of your choice.*

*\$20 for 30 minutes.*

**For Apple devices and Macs:** *Isobel Pearson, Fridays, 9 Feb - 16 March, 2.30 or 3pm;*

**For Windows, Android devices, Smartphones or Macs:** *Craig Johns, Wednesdays from 7 February, 4 or 4.30pm;*

**For Windows, Linux, Android devices or Smartphones:** *Warren Kimble, Tuesdays from 6 February, 11.30am or 12noon.*

*You can book by phone or via the website. [Click here](#)*

## **Holiday hours at the Glyde-In**

*The Glyde-In will be open from 9am to 3pm during December and January with the exception of Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years' Day.*

## **Happy Christmas and a wonderful New year**

*From all at the Glyde-In we wish you a happy and safe Christmas and look forward to an exciting 2018 with you. We plan to have a celebration when the new art shed is complete, late January, We'll let you know!*

## **Contributors wanted!**

*Would you like to tell us about your Glyde-In experience? Write a paragraph for our next newsletter!*

*Use the email feedback button below*

## **Welcome East Fremantle residents!**

*We would like to encourage more locals to join Glyde-In, and to acknowledge the support of The Town of East Fremantle, so we are offering a discounted membership to all East Fremantle residents. For only \$20 per annum you can come along and try us out!*



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