

Swan Guildford Historical Society (Inc.) founded 1962

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Newsletter

May – June 2015

EVENTS

GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY, 11th MAY
Mechanics Institute
20 Meadow Street, Guildford
Commencing 7pm
All members and friends welcome

Speaker: Mr Bruce Mullins

As they saw it: local views of WW1
Mr Bruce Mullins, a grandson of the late Col J McKinley of North Road Bassendean who was a veteran of WWI and WWII, will draw on Colonel McKinley's diaries to provide a vivid oversight of some of his experiences during WWI service.

GENERAL MEETING

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Speaker: RICHARD OFFEN

Richard Executive Director of Heritage Perth is a popular lecturer and a regular broadcaster on radio. We are always delighted to have Richard speak to us.



TOPIC: "Outbreak of WW1"

What was happening in Perth 1914?

WESTERN AUSTRALIA DAY

MONDAY, 1st JUNE

Gaol
Meadow Street
Commencing 10 00am
followed by morning tea, Mechanics Institute. If raining the event will take place in the Mechanics.

W.A. Day Flag Raising Ceremony



Guest: Deputy Mayor Mick Wainwright reflecting on the ongoing contribution being made by the Armed Forces as well as the historic role.

HERITAGE FESTIVAL 29th March 2015

Congratulations Bromwyn for another great Guildford Heritage Festival.

"History matters" congratulations Paul curator of The Swan Guildford Historical Society for creating a wonderful display of memorabilia and photographs telling the story of "Blackboy Hill to Gallipoli". Paul teamed with Gary Hayes from the Military History Society of WA. Gary's private collection of military uniforms (complimented by memorabilia) the highlight a rare Turkish WW1 uniform.

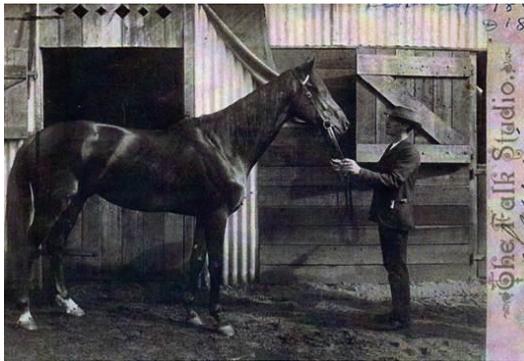


Ozgur left and Mr. Erhan Goz, the Turkish Consul, right, take a photo opportunity at the Guildford Heritage Festival.

In her report, Celia Miller, thanked the City of Swan for their financial support which has allowed the Society to employ a curator three days per week over the last three years. The work by members to grow the Society continues to be achieved through tours at the precinct, networking, education programme, new website, face book, events, bi-monthly newsletters and social activities. The volunteers were thanked for their contribution, also the executive committee for giving of ideas, interest, and reports.

Election of new committee 2015/16 followed: Clement Mulcahy, President - *Clem's contribution to Western Australia and the Swan Valley region as an educator and historian is well known and documented. He has given service to many societies, councils and groups where his drive and dynamic motivation have commanded the respect and gratitude of his peers. Clem's passion for history benefited his many students over countless years as he encouraged their involvement in oral history, heritage walks, and the conservation of the built and natural environment of the Swan Valley region and beyond.* Welcome on board Clem. Celia Miller immediate past president, Victor Rance, junior vice president, Margaret Couper-Grant, secretary, Jean True, treasurer and keeper of images, Fay Stockdale, keeper of the gaul, Carole Temple, keeper of textiles, Adriana Brandao, keeper of artefact, Gaye Sweeney, archivist, and committee members Ann-Marie Meredith, Lynda Haythornthwaite, and Yvonne Rance. The position of Social Convenor was not filled.

WHO'S BEEN SLEEPING IN MY HOUSE



George Cleverly leading jockey, featured in our article last month. George's record of two consecutive Perth Cup Winners 1893 and 1894 on *Scarpia* was equalled but not broken in 1934. It has been equalled since by back-to-back winners in 1958/1959 *Fairetha* and 1981/1982 *Magistrate*.

In 1937 George moved to Helena Street, in later years he was seen being helped on his horse (which he kept in his backyard) and riding each day up and down Helena Street.

NEW ACQUISITION

A significant donation of ephemera from Angela Sellin of Orange Ave, Upper Swan, who married a Croatian miner come vigneron (now deceased), has added considerably to the migrant story in the Swan Valley. The donor allowed the Society president and curator access to the sheds on the property to choose items for the Collection. Items selected fill gaps in the winemaking story and Angela has agreed to retain the larger items until we can accommodate them on site. One of the items with high interpretive value is a portable hand powered grape crusher



The mission of the SGHS is to collect, conserve, research, interpret and display the development of the early Guildford settlement as a port supporting the Swan Valley agricultural region, the development of the Swan River Colony up to Federation and the ongoing history of the town of Guildford and the Swan Valley Region and to interpret with integrity the history of the people and places.