

Application for NEW membership / or membership RENEWAL

SWAN GUIDFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY Membership Application or Renewal



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Application for NEW Membership
Application to RENEW EXISTING Membership

Details of Applicant:

Name _____

Address _____

State _____ Postcode _____

Best Phone Number for Contact _____

Email Address _____

Our mission is to collect, conserve, research, interpret and display

- the development of the early Guildford settlement as a port supporting the Swan Valley and inland agricultural region
- the development of the Swan River Colony
- the ongoing history of the town of Guildford and the Swan Valley Region and interpret with integrity the history of its people and places.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Fees: The membership joining fee of \$20.00 is payable with this application and the annual fee of \$20 is then payable each February thereafter.

Please Note: All new applications must be determined by the SGHS Management Committee which meets monthly. Applicants will be informed of the Committee's decision and a full refund will be provided if your application is declined.

PAYMENT METHODS (Payment is due on application for Membership):

- **In Person** by cash or by cheque made out to "Swan Guildford Historical Society (Inc)"
- **By Mail** to PO Box 33, Guildford, 6055 (cheques to be made out to the Society, as above)
- **By Direct Electronic Payment to:** Account Name "Swan Guildford Historical Society (Inc)"
BSB Number: 066 109 Account Number: 1001 1313
[Please include your full name]

The SGHS values the support of all our members as vital to the success of our mission. Thank you.



Swan Guildford Historical Society (Inc.) founded 1962

Patrons: Ken Wyatt AM, MP | Donna Faragher MLC | Michelle Roberts MLA

NEWSLETTER MAY-JUNE 2021

Our next general meeting with a guest speaker will be held on Monday 10th May 2021. Venue: St. Matthews Church Hall, Stirling Square Guildford. Time: 7PM for a 7.30PM start.

Roger Underwood, our guest speaker is a retired forestry officer and amateur historian, who has written several books on WA forest and bushfire history. His talk entitled "Railway pies: a cultural and culinary history" deals with the manufacture, varieties and consumption of a Western Australian bush delicacy.

Join us for an interesting talk, get to know us, and take the opportunity to network. A light supper is served after the talk.

The **Australian Heritage Festival** is held in April/May each year. In 2021, Swan Guildford Historical Society is participating by conducting walking tours in Guildford, pointing out convict sites around the town.

Dates: Thursday 6th May; Tuesday 11th May; Friday 14th May and Wednesday 19th May.

Times: 10.30am. **Meeting point:** Colonial Gaol on Meadow Street.

Cost: \$15 per person. Children under 15 FREE

Bookings are essential: Email Fay: fay@procreation.com.au, or mobile 0438 169 674

The Swan Guildford Historical Society's **Annual General Meeting** will be held on Monday evening, 12th July 2021. Members will receive email or letter soon with more details. We hope to see as many members as possible on the night.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome to our latest newsletter for May/June 2021

As part of the series of looking at the 5 key eras of buildings in Guildford, this month we look at one of the most important houses in the convict era, Du Cane's house at 14 Meadow Street Guildford.

Lieutenant Du Cane, R.E., arrived in the Colony in December 1851 in the *Anna Robertson*. He was only 21 years old. He was assigned to design and supervise construction of convict works in the Guildford, Toodyay and York Districts.

In a letter to his mother in April 1852, Du Cane wrote: On Lot 45 (14 Meadow Street) about the middle I am building myself a house (or office) consisting of two rooms, a big office, a kitchen, and servant room, stable and garden. The house is built by me for the Government, for myself to live in. It faces the road, looking up the Helena Valley to a distant glimpse of the Darling Hills.



Du Cane was in Guildford for three years, having first found lodging in a cottage owned by William Devenish at 10 James Street. Du Cane left the Colony in February 1855, never to return.

He and his Sappers and Miners were responsible for instructing the convicts in the development of the Depot, which by 1856 comprised a grand array of buildings.

The house still stands, an important heritage home built in the convict period.

Andrew Minogue, SGHS President

There was great news recently, with a newspaper announcement that a statue of a soldier from the 10th Light Horse Brigade and his horse will be coming to Guildford very soon.

A grant from the WA Government, along with previous private, Commonwealth Government, and City of Swan donations meant that work can finally start on the piece, after many years of planning.

When completed by sculptor Charles Robb, the statue will be unveiled at the north-east quadrant of Guildford's Stirling Square. The interactive statue depicts a soldier leading his horse out of water, depicting the special bond between soldiers and their horses. It will encourage children to play around and climb on the horse, bringing an exciting dimension to the park's attractions.



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