

**SWAN GUILDFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**Membership Application or Renewal**



Please tick the relevant box

Application for NEW Membership   
Application to RENEW EXISTING Membership

**Details of Applicant:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
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 regions
- 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: | Donna Faragher MLC | Michelle Roberts MLA

**NEWSLETTER**  
**JULY-AUGUST 2022**

Swan Guildford Historical Society (Inc.) invites you to our Annual General Meeting, to be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

Venue: St. Matthews Anglican Church Hall, Stirling Square Guildford.

Time: 7pm.

The meeting is an opportunity to review and discuss our achievements over the past 12 months, and hear about options under consideration for 2022.

The main task at the AGM is the election or appointment of Office Holders and ordinary Committee Members. Under Rule 10.1 (a) the Committee acts as the governing body of the Society and has authority to control and manage the affairs of the Society. The vacant positions to be decided will be:

President

Deputy President

Secretary

Treasurer

Committee Members (Five)

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Our next Monday night meeting with a guest speaker will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022. Venue: St. Matthews Anglican Church Hall, Stirling Square Guildford.

Time: 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Details on the guest speaker will be advised soon, via the Website, and on Facebook.

## HAMERSLEY: FROM THE OLD IRON CHEST

Swan Guildford Historical Society was recently gifted a copy of the book "Hamersley: from the old iron chest" by member Christine Lindsay. This detailed reference book of Hamersley family will be of interest to any family descendants or others interested in studying this family. It covers lineage from the 13<sup>th</sup> Century, terminating in the early 1990's.

Thoroughly researched and compiled by Daphne Foulkes-Taylor, it was first printed in 1996, then reprinted in 2021, a project fulfilled by Lloyd Young, a direct descendant of the Hamersleys, from the York, Wilberforce branch.

The Hamersley name is significant in early Swan River Colony settlement, with a specific connection to Guildford. They were known as genteel, educated, musically gifted and very hospitable. Edward Hamersley (Senior) arrived in the Colony with his French wife Anne Louise Hamersley (nee Cornelius) in 1837. They raised 8 children, six sons and two daughters. Four of the children were born in France, and four in the Swan River Colony.

They lived in Fremantle at first, then moved to Guildford to Preston Flats (Lockridge) and afterwards to "Pyrtou" before they retired to "The Bungalow" in Perth. A coastal retreat at North Beach called "The Castle" was used for summer holidays. Unfortunately all these residences have been lost to future generations.

Family descendants ventured in all directions, leaving a pioneering legacy, thankfully, now fully recorded.

Lloyd Young wrote "this is not a commercial venture, just a part of enabling future generations access to the family history. If you are interested in obtaining a personal copy of the book, feel free to contact Lloyd directly at [Young13549@bigpond.com](mailto:Young13549@bigpond.com) or by phoning 0448 215 056.

Thank you to Christine Lindsay for donating this book to the Society. It will be a valuable addition to our library collection.

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## TO DWELL IN UNITY: A HISTORY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN WA

Author Dr. Chris Berry has published this book, recently launched by the Minister for Local Government at a WALGA convention. It covers local government across the whole state, with numerous references to key developments in Swan's municipal history. A comprehensive index is included.

Cost: \$70 for a hardback +\$15 postage, OR \$45 for a softback + \$10 postage. Collection in Perth can also be arranged by calling Dr. Berry on 0434 325 605.

Chris will be giving a presentation on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August at the Old Midland Court House, 5.30 – 6.30pm. This is a free event. Bookings via Eventbrite are recommended. Go to the City of Swan website to register.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome to the Presidents corner for July/August 2022, which is short and sweet.

The renovations at our headquarters, Judy Hamersley house are finished. Thank you to the team at the City of Swan, SGHS Volunteers and all that assisted along the building journey. We are starting to move back in with furniture, fittings being installed and the IT systems starting to get back up and running.

If you would like to volunteer at the Swan Guildford Society, please come up and let us know, the more the merrier. Opportunities are available for tour guides, as well as in administration areas. Contact us via email: [sghistsoc@bigpond.com](mailto:sghistsoc@bigpond.com), or by telephoning 9379 1829, Leave a message, and we will call you back..

The Swan Guildford Historical Society Annual General Meeting is on Monday July 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. I hope to see you all there. A light supper is served afterwards.

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Website: [www.swanguildfordhistoricalsociety.org.au](http://www.swanguildfordhistoricalsociety.org.au)



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