

Swan Guildford Historical Society (Inc.) founded 1962

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Newsletter

MARCH - APRIL 2015

COMING EVENTS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY, 9TH MARCH

Mechanics Institute

20 Meadow Street, Guildford

Commencing 7pm

All members and friends are welcome.

Members are encouraged to consider joining the committee for 2015 to assist in the management of the Society for the following 12 months.

Please Note: only financial members are eligible to nominate for the committee.

Membership fees are due on the 1st March 2015. You are most welcome to pay your fees on the evening of the AGM.

GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY 13TH APRIL

Mechanics Institute

20 Meadow Street, Guildford

Commencing 7pm

SPEAKER AIDEN KELLY

Mr Kelly is a conservation and development lawyer who has an ongoing interest in the history of the settlement and development of colonial Western Australia.

Subject:

THE SEARCH FOR KENNETH BROWN (1837-1876)

Kenneth Brown's family were early settlers in York and Champion Bay. The eldest child, Kenneth was brought up to be a highly skilled and experienced frontiers man, agriculturist, explorer, horse breeder, horse racer, turf club steward. A leading settler in terms of social and commercial standing, his life ended in failure at the end of a rope after being found guilty of the murder of his second wife Mary-Ann Tindall. His reputation and inglorious end appear to have obscured the historical significance and details of his life. His claims to fame include: being Edith Cowan's father, being the first WA thorough-bred owner to race the Melbourne Cup and being the first high standing settler to be hanged in WA for murder.

Good News, Improvements for the Gaol.

The City of Swan has initiated plans to conserve and restore the Gaol situated in the Heritage Precinct Meadow Street, Guildford

Shortly the Museum items displayed in the Gaol will be carefully stored on site. Tours will still be conducted on the following days.

Precinct tours

Wednesday 9 30am – 2 00pm

Friday 9 30am – 2 00pm

Saturday 9 00am – 12 00pm



Thank you Faye and team for your enthusiasm & dedication in the task of bringing history alive.

On show late April a new exhibition situated in the Swan Valley Visitor Centre, **“Guildford the Cradle of the Colony.”** The story commences with recognition of occupation by the Swan River Aboriginal people, and the first contact with Stirling's party in 1827.

Themes include the development of Guildford as an inland port, the arrival of convicts, the impact of rail, the boom period of the gold era. This is a professionally curated and designed exhibition, includes rare artefact from the Swan Guildford Historical Society collection, one of the most significant collections in Western Australia. The exhibition is a partnership between Swan Guildford Historical Society, Lotterywest and the City of Swan.

April new exhibition “Guildford the Cradle of the Colony”

WHO'S BEEN SLEEPING IN MY HOUSE 8 Hubert Street 1935

Sunday Times "29th December 1835 "Residing at number 8 Hubert Street, Guildford, is a man who awaits the running of next Wednesday's Perth Cup with probably greater interest than most people. It is because there is the possibility of the breaking of a 40-year-old record in the creation of which, he played a part.

That man is George Cleverly, who, in the 80's and 90's, was one of Western Australia's leading jockeys, and who in his day had two- winning mounts In the Perth Cup and running second in the next year. When he won the first cup Scarpia was owned and trained by the late G. A. Owton and next Cueesun will be set the task of eclipsing Scarpia by winning the race for the third year in succession. While Cueesun may manage what Scarpia failed to accomplish, if he does so, it can be argued in favour of Scarpia that that horse had bigger weights to carry. As a three-year-old Scarpia won with 7.9; when he won the next year he had 9.4 ; and when he ran second he had 10.1.

Cueesun had 7.0 and 8.2 respectively in his two wins, and next Wednesday he will carry only 8.11.

In his time Cleverly rode many winners and trained many good gallopers. No horse came up to Scarpia, an oil painting of whom, with Cleverly in the saddle, holds pride of place among pictures of equine celebrities of the past hanging in the sitting room of Cleverly's home. Was George's record broken? If you know the answer please let me know e mail celiamiller@bigpond.com or ring 0400 388 832

HELP Bus Preservation Society at Whiteman Park.

Dick MacDonald is seeking photos and any information on bus transport that operated between wars in the eastern region.

Initially this was the Paisley bus company, later bought out by Beam (1925 – 1937) that were owned by the Midland Railway Company.

Dick was also seeking anyone who may have memories of travelling on these busses and is prepared to be interviewed.

His contact details are 9332 7627 and macdonaldr@amnet.net.au and he's happy for these to be published in our newsletter as part of an appeal for information.

MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW DUE

I ENCLOSE PAYMENT FOR SUBSCRIPTION \$20 00 pp \$ _____
DONATION \$ _____
TOTAL \$ _____

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

POST CODE..... TELEPHONE..... E MAIL.....

Signature.....Date.....

Cheques to be made payable to Swan-Guildford Historical Society (Inc) and returned with this form to:
TREASURER, SGHS, P.O. Box 33, GUILDFORD, WA. 6935

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.