

## Swan Guildford Historical Society (inc.) founded 1962

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### Newsletter September-October 2015

#### GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>

Mechanics Institute

20 Meadow St. Guildford

Commencing 7 00pm for 7 30pm

All members and friends welcome

In the last 6 months, 58 items have been donated to the society.

The shield below is one of them. Can you identify it? Do you know what it represents? If you can help, please contact curator Paul  
Tel: 9379 1829



Bianca Sumich of The Vines

Bianca Sumich from Holy Cross College will be the guest speaker at the September Meeting and will refer to her Award winning Essay and highlights of her visit to Gallipoli.

#### GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY OCTOBER 12<sup>th</sup>

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20 Meadow St. Guildford

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Vince Cusworth will address the Society in October. Vince is the member of a well-known Midland family and the proprietors of hardware stores. He is the author of *Jum' Luck - The Saving of Private Moore*, pub 2015 and copies will be available for members and guests to purchase at the Meeting. *Jum's Luck* follows him through early life on the goldfields of WA onto the battlefields of WW1 in Gallipoli and France; and subsequent return to "civvy street" and a varied life in WA.



#### Can you help us?

The Society has recently launched its new website and has lots of information that we want to include. Do you have writing skills and could help us with writing content for our web pages? If you have any experience in this area, and could spare a few hours then please let us know.

We are also looking for a Social Media volunteer to keep our visitor attractions (Colonial Gaol and Taylor's Cottage) in the news with their own Facebook page and Twitter account.

For more information and to apply please to Wendy Tel: 0426 847 563 or e mail [wendyj.davidson@gmail.com](mailto:wendyj.davidson@gmail.com)

#### New opening hours Gaol Historic Precinct

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.

10:00am – 3:00pm

Saturday

10:00am – 1:00pm

## DID YOU KNOW?

Male Bathing Sheds were erected at the Rec (Hill Street) in 1898 and 1900 for females. The bathing reserve was located on the banks of the Swan and Helena River. Men were prohibited from bathing at the reserves on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Mixed bathing was permitted on Sunday only. A pavilion was erected identical to the timber pavilion at Bassendean Oval, now demolished. Nothing remains of the bathing sheds. The Guildford Swimming Club and Water Polo Club operated from this area around the turn of the century. A new municipal bathing and recreational reserve was believed to have been opened in 1915 on the banks of the Swan River. A public recreation area sited at the confluence of the Swan and Helena Rivers; an area rich in bird life. (taken from the City of Swan municipal inventory)

## WHAT'S IN A NAME? Allpike Street



Appropriately, when Allpike St. was gazetted in 1890 John Allpike who had served Guildford well was honoured in the naming of Allpike Street. See his obituary below:-

DEATH OF MR. JOHN ALLPIKE, died 11<sup>th</sup>

June 1899

“Mr. John Allpike, an old resident of Guildford, after a long illness, died at his country residence, near Darlington, yesterday. He was a native of Western Australia, and was 53 years of age.

Until compelled to retire from business some four years ago, Mr. Allpike had been continuously engaged in commercial pursuits from his youth up. Being endowed with sound business instincts, which he carefully cultivated, he succeeded beyond most men with similar opportunities. For very many years he was engaged by Messrs, Padbury, Loton, and Co. in their Guildford establishment, first as assistant, subsequently as accountant, and still later as manager, and the undoubted success of the firm's Guildford business was largely due to Mr. Allpike's careful management and assiduous attention to matters of detail.

On the retirement of Messrs. Padbury, Loton, and Co. from mercantile pursuits, the Guildford branch of the firm's business was acquired by Mr. Allpike, who continued to conduct it with conspicuous success. Like most busy men, Mr. Allpike took an active interest in the local government affairs of the town in which he lived serving for many years as a member of the town council. He was also for some years keenly interested in the volunteer movement. He was one of the first commissioned officers of the Guildford corps, among the members of which company he did much to encourage rifle shooting a pastime in which he himself excelled.

Mr. Allpike was also a foundation member of the Guildford Lodge of Oddfellows, of which order he was a Past District Officer, and a member of very long standing of St. John's Lodge of Free-masons.”

***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.***