

Swan Guildford Historical Society (inc.) founded 1962

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General Meeting Monday 14th November

Mechanics Institute

20 Meadow St. Guildford

Commencing 7 00pm for 7 30pm

All members and friends welcome

Speaker: Barbara Dundas, Guildford Anzac Project Coordinator, will share her journey in bringing the project to fruition

2015 Centrepoint Community Day

Thursday 19th November

Entertainment and activities will be held for the seniors from 100am-1 00pm and then entertainment and activities for families from 3 00pm-6-00pm. There will be hourly prize giveaways from 11 00am-6 00pm.

Come see something special from our collection that day and get acquainted with our members

BIG thank you to Laura Pedan Nolan for donating forty copies of "Treasured Island"- "175 years of growing up in Guildford". to our society. the book was written and produced in 2008 by Laura.

A must for Guildford lovers to have on your shelf.

Cost to members \$40 non members \$45

place your order by tel: 9379 1829

Thank you Robert for identifying this shield as logo for one of the orders associated with Royal Perth Hospital



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Thank you to the people who responded to be part of our Social Media team ready to . market our attractions, events special items and more.

Welcome new tour guides Robert Watson, Rameesha Akram, Kathy Feucs.

We also welcome Adriana Brandeo to the Thursdays tour guide team. Adriana has been volunteering for SGHS for several years and is a museum professional. She is our Keeper of Artefacts and looks after the paperwork behind our collection, and also runs the society's facebook page!

The SGHS wish to bring more visitors to our visitor attraction – Colonial Gaol and Taylor's cottage and to act as a catalyst for encouraging more visitors to Guildford, which we believe should be marketed in its own right and not purely as a gateway to the Swan Valley.

VALE LESTER RANCE born 17/01/1938 died 08/09/2015

Lester Rance passed away Thursday 8th September 2015 For those of you who knew and worked with Lester - you will know that we have lost a true gentleman. Lester loved the Goal and all its artefacts (the quirkiest the better) and the Friday team were privileged to work with someone who lived and breathed being a tour guide. We send on our best wishes to his family including Vic and Yvonne. He will not be forgotten.



GUILDFORD ANZAC PROJECT

Congratulations Guildford Association on receiving a Federal Centenary of Anzac grant through the department of Veterans Affairs and creating the Guildford Anzac trail. The next part of the project is recording over 600 names of soldiers who lived, worshipped or went to school in Guildford, on a website which is due to be activated in November.

We are proud to display a poppy plaque at 119 Swan St. Our resident soldier was Walter James Hess 5976, a railway employee (then based at Moora) who enlisted in late February 1916 as a private and was a reinforcement for the 11th Battalion. After service with the battalion on the Western Front, he transferred to the 3rd Light Railway Operating Company in early 1917. He was made a temporary corporal, survived the war and was repatriated home in June 1919. His father was Constable James Hess of 119 Swan St Guildford.



WHATS IN A NAME Piercy Street

Frederick Piercy, a foundation member of the Swan Bowling Club and the Swan Tennis Club. Worshipful Master of the Guildford Masonic Lodge and also a member of the Perth Freemasons Lodge. He entered the Guildford council and was known to promote the interests of rate payers with great vigour. He was Mayor of Guildford 1903-1906 and again in 1909-1912. During his time on council, a great achievement was bringing about the introduction of electricity to the town.

On arrival to Guildford from South Australia in 1894, he lived at "Argent Cottage" 71 Mangles St (now James St), with his wife Maria and seven children. A potter, Frederick found employment with Mr F. A. Harris, proprietor of the Woodbridge Brick and Pottery Company. By 1904 Frederick formed a partnership with James Turton and together they purchased Mr Harris's business. The two biggest selling items at that time were ink bottles and ginger beer bottles. In 1907 Frederick sold his share to Turton. He joined his nephew at Belmont where Frederick became the manager of The West Australian Pottery Co. Ltd. Frederick died in 1934 aged 80. His name is etched forever in Guildford by the naming of Piercy St. in his honour.

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.