

Swan Guildford Historical Society (inc.) founded 1962

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Newsletter July-August 2016

General meeting July 11 2016

Mechanics Institute 7 00pm for 7 30pm

Speakers:

Marty and Connie Winch Buist:

The couple are sandalwood nut farmers near York in Western Australia, they were named 2014 Australian Forest Growers National Tree Farmer of the Year.

Topic *Old Industry to Modern Food.*

All welcome.

General meeting August 8 2016

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Speaker:

Dr Leigh Straw:

A Senior Lecturer in the School of Arts and Sciences in Fremantle. She is Discipline Coordinator of Aboriginal Studies and teaches across the History program. She is the author of several fiction and non-fiction works. Leigh has a strong interest in teaching and learning and has worked closely with Professor Deborah Gare at UNDA Fremantle to implement History Standards across the Australian universities.

Topic: Pests, Drunks and Harlots: women in Perth and Fremantle 1900-1939

All welcome

June 6 WA Day Thank you

Michelle Roberts MLA for raising the flag and sharing your family anecdotes, we were entertained by the delightfully honest, and endearing family stories. Michelle, ably assisted by Mayor Mick Wainwright cut our celebration cake, and 30 plus friends shared morning tea. Michelle accepted our invitation to become a patron of the society. Welcome.

Closure of the Gaol



The Gaol will close 31st July The City of Swan will be carrying out restoration work and will be closed for possibly 15 weeks. Do come and visit before the Gaol is closed.

Tours will continue after the 31st - there is so much to tell!! (*"the more people know about the place where they live, generally the better they can take care of it."* Prof Olaf)

We like to call it, *'Walking in the footsteps of the first settlers'*

Our Vision

Guildford becomes a "must do" tourist attraction in a similar way to Fremantle. That people come to view Guildford as a complete historic town with a wealth of heritage buildings and plenty to do and see. The Heritage Precinct will be at the heart of the historic town and offer interpretation, access to heritage buildings and guided tours.

The society members have sanctioned a budget toward producing a leaflet to support our vision. Spearheaded by our Tourism Chair Wendy Davidson, we are well on the way to making the leaflet a reality. It will be distributed to visitor centres, hotels and accommodation outlets.

TOURISM ACCREDITATION

We are working to achieve the Tourism Accreditation 'tick' which signifies quality assurance and the delivery of quality tourism experiences. This award by the Tourism Council WA which represents over 1,100 members across tourism including: accommodation, tours, venues, hospitality, attractions and events. The majority of members are small businesses operating in tourism regions across WA. The Council is also the peak body for Western Australian regional and industry tourism associations.



Accreditation will ensure that we do everything to make sure that we do everything to make sure we provide a top quality tourist experience for those visiting the Heritage Precinct and the historic buildings we showcase. Thank you Wendy and our tour guides for offering such a wonderful visitor experience. Supported by the city of Swan.

ANZAC POPPY TRAIL

Many ex-convicts (convicts) settled in Guildford, and my interest was aroused after attending the launch of the Anzac Poppy Trail website to go and check out the Memorial in Stirling Square. I wanted to see if any of the sons/grandsons of those ex-convicts joined the allied forces WWI

I was surprised to find that three of Edward Taylor's sons (3 Meadow St and Taylor's cottage in the historic precinct.) were listed, Earnest, Edward and Benjamin. Edward died of wounds and didn't return. John George Barker Killed in action. The Devereux's... and more. Why not check them out for yourselves. Google

www.guildfordanzacs.org.au well done Barbara and Guildford Association, a great project.



DON'T MESS WITH OUR MAYOR (*The West Australian 24 Dec 1903*)

A Suburban Mayor's Political Meeting:

"In the course of his electoral campaign, Mr. J. M. Fowler, M.H.R. visited Guildford, where he found himself without a chairman, and almost without an audience. It was with considerable difficulty that anyone could be found to preside at the meeting. Mr. Fowler was at a loss to account for the absence of the Mayor Mr. F. Piercy, but the explanation came from that gentleman last evening...Mr. Piercy said that Mr. Fowler had telephoned to the Guildford Hotel. Where the Town Clerk of Guildford resided, to convey through that gentleman the request that the Mayor would preside at his (Mr Fowler's) meeting. The Town Clerk being absent at the time, the message was left with the barman, and was subsequently transmitted by him to the Town Clerk, and in due course to the Mayor. Mr. Piercy, however, disapproved of the request filtering through other than official channels, and he accordingly absented himself from Mr.Fowler's meeting".