

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

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### **Newsletter March - April 2017**

#### **AGM March 13th 2017**

Mechanics Institute 7 00pm for 7 30pm

**Everyone welcome**

**The new constitution will be presented to meeting for acceptance.**

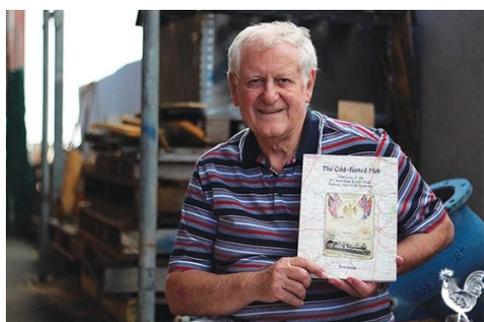
Constitution Can be viewed at 119 Swan Street, will be tabled on the night.

Fees will be accepted on the night see reverse side of newsletter for membership form.

#### **General meeting April 10th 2017**

Mechanics Institute 7 00pm for 7 30pm

**Speaker:** Tom Goode



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#### **The Cold-Footed Mob**

A History of the 5th Australian Broad Gauge Railway Operating Company

The history traces the events and decisions that led to the raising of Australian Railway Units for service with the AIF and follows the path of this particular unit from its formation in Western Australia through its service on the Western Front to its eventual return home.

### **Re Launch of Guildford Colonial Gaol 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

The Swan Guildford Historical Society has reopened the Guildford Colonial Gaol after a \$250,000 renovation program carried out by the City of Swan. The Colonial Gaol is a fine example of colonial architecture largely built by convict labour and is significant as an example of a public building dating from the early decades of colonial settlement in the State. It lies at the heart of Guildford's Heritage Precinct – both the Gaol and its neighbouring Courthouse are on the register of Heritage Places.

“We were able to find out more about the building due to the renovation” says Paul Bridges, Curator of the Swan Guildford Historical Society. We uncovered new doorways; the manure pit for the next door Police Stables and discovered new artefacts under the floorboards. A particularly poignant example is a clay pipe which reminds me of the story of Mrs Ellis and Mrs Saunders who fought over a pipe with much hair pulling and name calling. They were brought in front of the bench in 1852.”

The Colonial Gaol within Guildford's Heritage Precinct is looked after and opened to the public by the Swan Guildford Historical Society. “Our members are passionate about Guildford's very special history” says Celia Miller, President. “They love to uncover the stories behind the buildings and share them with our visitors”. The Society has developed a new exhibition for the building that reveals much about law and order in the early days of settlement, and includes artefacts from its important collection – the third most significant collection in WA.

New research has been used to produce our 'Rogue's Gallery' telling tales of the Gaol's various inmates.

GUILDFORD NEWS 1867

**Jan 1867** A ball was held as part of the official opening of the new Guildford Courthouse hosted by Resident Magistrate Dr Viveash and Chairman of the Town Trust Dr Waylen. A wing to the north comprised the magistrate's room and clerk's office both with fire places.

**Feb 1867** The police quarters attached to the new court at Guildford were ready for occupation, consisting of day room with fireplace and two bedrooms.

**March 1867** Guildford Occurrence Book records PC Campbell arrived from Perth at 11pm with information that 8189 Joseph Johns alias Moondyne Joe and 8652 Thomas Morris had absconded from Fremantle. Guildford Police failed to locate Moondyne.

**April 1867** For Sale by Private Contract That valuable property, situate in Guildford known as "Moulton's Store", at present let at a yearly rent of £100, and in the occupation of H. Saw, merchant. The property consists of a substantial Dwelling house, Store, Wharf, Out Office, Garden and Paddock Etc. Etc. Tenders are invited from persons desirous of becoming purchasers, addressed to Abraham Jones Guildford.

MEMBERSHIP FEES NOW DUE

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	DONATION	\$ _____
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