

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

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### Making History Matter

speaker

Dr. Lydia Edwards

presents

#### How to Read a Dress and the collection of Swan Guildford Historical Society

Sept 11th 2017 Mechanics Institute, Meadow St. Guildford, 7 00pm for 7 30pm, All welcome.

Dr. Lydia Edwards is a fashion historian and lecturer at Edith Cowan University, with a special interest in women's dress from the 16th-early 20th centuries. She is the author of 'How to Read a Dress' and is currently undertaking research into the history of male clothing from 17th-21st centuries.

*"Western Australia's remoteness; its solitary city of Perth mean that it is all too easy to imagine why its significance in dress history has often been overshadowed by that of Sydney and Melbourne. But it is Western Australia's very isolation that makes it of supreme interest and importance, coupled with the knowledge that, despite their remoteness, citizens of Perth have always striven to keep to the very forefront of fashion."*

*"As a collection of women's wear from the 1850s-1970s, this assortment of garments must be unparalleled in the rest of WA, and is quite possibly on a par with major collections elsewhere in Australia."*

*"Swan Guildford's collection is a rare opportunity to delve into the rich background of a once-perceived 'backwater', to add to the social and cultural history of an oft-neglected part of a still too often neglected nation." quotes Dr. Lydia Edwards.*



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Philippa O' Brien

presents

#### Edmund Du Cane Engineer, artist, comedian, lover

Oct 9th 2017 Mechanics Institute, Meadow St. Guildford, 7 00pm for 7 30pm, All welcome.

Edmund Du Cane came to WA in 1851 with the Royal Engineers and constructed roads, bridges and buildings with convict labour, making a substantial contribution to the life of the colony. By the time he left in 1856 he had acquired a wife and recorded the essence of colonial society in his often witty drawings and paintings.

Edmund Du Cane's house Guildford



## GUILDFORD VILLAGE - HERITAGE RICH - A MUSEUM WITHOUT WALLS

Who's been sleeping in my house?

Number 9 Station Street, nestled behind a magnificent Camellia bush, is a pretty unpretentious cottage. This cosy cottage hides a wealth of local history.

In 1896 a very successful land sale occurred. The whole of the 26 lots offered were sold in less than an hour. Location 87 had passed out the hands of the Parsons family.



John and Ann Parsons, servants of Thomas Peel, arrived in Western Australia in 1930 per *Rockingham*, along with their four children. After much hardship, they were released from the service of Peel and moved with their young family to Guildford and were granted lot 87 in 1834. I believe number 67 Terrace Road was the Parsons farm now much altered.

Major James Henry Munday, retired headmaster of Guildford Primary School, purchased Lots 6 and 7 [number 9] in 1906 where he built the desirable cottage we see today. James, in 1861 was seven when he arrived in the colony, per the convict ship *Palmerston*, with his Mother Mary and Father William. William a soldier and cordwainer, [shoe maker] was part of the Enrolled Pensioner Force. James married Elizabeth Gardiner, daughter of the previous headmaster, Stephen Gardiner. He built a lovely property "Fermoy" at 25 Market Street. James was not the most popular teacher, he tended to go to sleep in the class room, cane little girls and drill them, like army men, with wooden rifles.

By 1909 there was a new owner for number 9, Mrs Ellen Morley. The property stayed in the Morley family until 1986. Ellen née McMahon married Charles William Morley in 1857, the son of Henry and Sarah Morley. Henry and Sarah arrived in the colony in 1830, per the *Wanstead*, living at Upper Swan for twenty three years, Henry purchased 20 acres of land to farm in Chittering. Their property Enderslea Farm is heritage listed. In the 1860's and 1870 Ellen and Charles farmed in the Morley area, the suburb MORLEY was named to commemorate Charles and Ellen.

Neither James Munday or Ellen Morley lived at number 9, but in 1936 Henry Morley took up residence and occupied the property for many years. It changed hands in 1986 and again in 2014 when Simon and Bree-Anne Mateljan became the new owners. *Thank you Simon and Bree for the help you have given and permission to print.*

## VOLUNTEERS - TOUR GUIDES – ADMINISTRATION STAFF NEEDED

Swan Guildford Historical Society is looking for volunteers, administration staff, tour guides research officers and more. We operate from 119 Swan St, Guildford. Do pop in to see us, Tuesday Wednesday or Thursday 9 30 am -5 00 pm. For more details ring 0417 713 090