

Swan Guildford Historical Society(Inc.)

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Making History Matter

General Meeting

Mechanics Institute, Meadow Street, GUILDFORD

Monday 12th Nov 2018, 7 00 pm for 7 30 pm.

All welcome, Free Entry, Free Parking.

Swan Guildford Historical Society's "Making History Matter" series has highlighted the aftermaths of WW1 with a presentation by Dr Leigh Straw from the University of Notre Dame, of *After the War*. This publication steps away from the homecoming banners and massed bands that greeted the returning troops, many of whom faced a lifelong battle with physical and emotional stress, and uncovers a new struggle to win community and government awareness and support. Help in expanding the SGHS archival collection of photos and other material relating to the war would be appreciated, and families with service personnel from WW1 are particularly welcome to attend.



COMING IN DECEMBER A NEW EXHIBITION

“WALKING THROUGH TIME, 100 YEARS OF WEDDING DRESSES”

This exhibition will be on display at the Swan Valley Visitor Centre, Meadow St. Guildford.

The exhibit showcases the changing styles and fashions over the century exploring the motives and social pressures that influenced a women's choice of gown for what is arguably the most important day of her life.

See the photographs and cameras that captured these momentous events. These photographs tell the story of changing modes, not only the gowns worn by brides, but those of the wedding party and guests, the floral arrangements, and even the photos themselves, from studio, to outdoors and even if one would sit or stand.



ADRIANA BRANDAO

Sadly for us, our wonderful Accessioner, Adriana Brandao, is soon to return to Brazil with her husband, Fabio. Adriana has worked diligently behind the scenes at SGHS for many years, caring for our artefacts and preserving precious gifted items. She has created the frequently-changing displays at the Old Colonial Gaol which have been much appreciated by visitors to the Historic Precinct. Our very best wishes accompany Adriana and Fabio. Thank you Adriana, again all the best.



DEVENISH CONVICT PAINTING

In memory of his mother, Kathleen Chester (grand-daughter of Sydney Chester), George Game, and his wife Alma, of Fremantle, donated a gouache water colour painting of the Devenish Inn situated in James Street. Painted by an unknown ticket-of-leave convict probably c1870. The original Devenish Inn, built c1830's grew to be three single buildings, replaced by the double storey in the 1850's. The verandahs, as we see the Inn today added in 1916. Thank you George and Alma for your donation.



PIERCY STREET WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Piercy Street Guildford, was named after Frederick Piercy an English gentleman who was born in Nettlebed Oxfordshire England on 26th June 1854. Frederick migrated to South Australia at the age of 19 years to join his eldest brother at the South Australian Pottery. In 1894 he came to Guildford with his wife Emma and four children, he purchased a property "Argent" Cottage on Mangles Street (now known as James Street). Shortly after his arrival he began working at the Woodbridge Brick and Pottery Company. Being a very community minded person he became a member of the Guildford Council of which he spent two terms as Mayor 1904-1907 and 1910-1912. He was an instigator in getting electricity and drainage for the town. He was also a foundation member of the Swan Bowling and Tennis Clubs as well as being a Magistrate for a period of time.

His youngest son Eric was one of the first young men from Guildford to enlist in the AIF on September 2nd 1914.

As the grand-daughter of Frederick and daughter of Eric I have a great attachment to Guildford and I take a great interest in promoting Guildford to all I meet.

Thank you Glenis for your contribution.