

Swan Guildford Historical Society (Inc.)

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General Meeting

Mechanics Institute, Meadow Street, GUILDFORD

Monday 8th July, 7 00 pm for 7 30 pm. All welcome, Free Entry, Free Parking.

Guest Speaker: Ron Mitchell,

Presenting: Bilgoman Well and Convict Depot above Greenmount.

Ron's talk is centred around his discovery/finding Bilgoman Well in 1979 and his push for many years to have it restored and placed on the Shire Heritage List. In 2018, the Mundaring and Hills Historical Society, the Shire and the Darlington History Group put a submission into State Heritage to have the well placed on their list, and as a consequence it has now been placed on their assessment list for inc



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Monday 12th August, 7 00 pm for 7 30 pm. All welcome, Free Entry, Free Parking.

Guest Speaker: Clair Greer archaeologist and historian

Presenting: Gender and Archaeological Records, yielded by the Guildford Gaol Police Station;

The documentary and archaeological records of Guildford Gaol and Police Station have been analysed and compared to produce an idea of gendered behaviour as it is visible in the material culture. A possible ten families who may have occupied the gaol quarters and produced the archaeological record have been identified through the documentary record. The identities of the women and children who lived in the quarters have been defined, as they were not expressly known before.



Vale Mildred Elizabeth (Min) Plunkett

14 November 1933 to 8 June 2019

Min, life member of the Swan Guildford Historical Society, departed this life suddenly, on the 8th June 2019, an active loyal member of the society.. Min a direct descendant of many of the early pioneer families including the Fergusons (Houghton) Rev Mitchell (St Mary's Middle Swan) and Dr Samuel Viveash (Ashby) medical practitioner, later appointed the resident magistrate of Swan District. Horse riding the love of Mins life, a member of the Pony Club, the Minchin Bridge club, a founding volunteer with the Swan Valley Visitor Centre.

Our condolences to her family and friends, she will be sadly missed..

Guildford Hazelmere Local Area Plan Background Report May 2019 (City of Swan)

Many members reported they were uncomfortable using the City of Swan Online tool. We thus surveyed our members asking them to read the Guildford Hazelmere Local Area Plan Background Report and respond with any criticisms along with their own priorities and suggestion for improving local planning. We were able to assist three individuals to lodge their comments online but received another 30 written responses from members which we have collated below under three main areas of concern.

Member Feedback

1 The Guildford Historical Precinct urgently needs a new Museum and Education Centre

- We have all these artefacts but nowhere to show them
- Why is the city of Swan funding a new storage facility for the SGHS but not a new museum?
- The Visitors Centre (Old Courthouse) should be the Guildford Museum
- We need our own Museum and it needs to be on Meadow Street

2 The Plan should demonstrate better preparation for Guildford being listed as State Heritage Listed Town

- If Guildford is listed as a historical town, surely it needs its own Local Area Plan to both showcase and preserves its unique history
- Heritage Listing for Guildford should be the focus of all planning because it will change everything
- Why doesn't the Report focus more on Heritage Listing as this will determine all future planning for Guildford?

3 Guildford should have its own Local Area Plan to capture the unique heritage, tourism and cultural opportunities of Guildford

- Guildford's cultural and tourism potential is being under-valued by making the Plan about Hazelmere as well. It doesn't make sense
- The Plan needs to focus more on tourism, especially Guildford
- Guildford has different needs and offers a different experience to the surrounding suburbs and needs its own plan to take advantage of this
- The Report needs to focus more on our unique and important history, and surely needs its own strategies re tourism and culture.

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