

Swan Guildford Historical Society (Inc.)

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Making History Matter

NEWSLETTER March – April 2020

Meet the Society's new Curator



In September 2019 Swan Guildford Historical Society welcomed Curator Julianne Mackay. Julianne has a wealth of experience, evident from her biography of work experience:

Julianne has over 20 years' experience in a broad range of positions, notably 8 years with the Perth International Arts Festival where she was the Travel Manager handling flights, accommodation and visa arrangements for artists. She has worked for arts organisations including Communications Manager for PICA (Perth Institute of Contemporary Art) and the Business Development Manager at Yarra Yaakin Theatre Company. Julianne has also worked for STEPS Youth Dance Company, Performing Lines Western Australia and at the University of Western Australia. During her career she has curated a number of individual exhibitions including the annual St Georges Art Show since 2010 and Outside the Frame for the City of Armadale. In October 2017, Julianne became Curator of the Old Court House Law Museum in central Perth, the oldest building in the Perth CBD (circa. 1836). After completing consultancy work with the National Trust, Julianne began a new role as Curator of the Swan Guildford Historical Society.

Julianne has recently curated a new exhibition “Guildford to Bassendean swim”. This is a fun display featuring costumes and historic newspaper clippings. Be sure to visit this FREE display, located in the Swan Valley Visitor Centre. Opening hours: Daily from 9AM to 4PM.

Display: Guildford to Bassendean Swim



Welcome Julianne, we are pleased to have you on board.

Annual General Meeting 2020

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 9th March 2020 at 7.30PM. Doors open from 7PM. Location: Mechanics Institute, Meadow Street Guildford. Members please bring/wear name cards if possible. A new committee for 2020 – 2021 will be elected, and the President’s 2019 report will be presented. RSVP to sghistsoc@bigpond.com

Next General Meeting

To be held on Monday evening 13th April, 7PM for a 7.30 start. Mechanics Institute Guildford.



Guest speaker is well known Western Australian historian Joanna Sassoon (pictured). Joanna will be talking about her book “Agents of Empire: how E.L. Mitchell’s photographs shaped Australia”.

Book summary:

For nearly 100 years, E.L. Mitchell’s emblematic photographs have shaped ideas about Australia. But who was Mitchell and why did he succeed above his competitors? Joanna Sassoon’s book charts Mitchell’s rise from his struggles as a migrant in New South Wales and Queensland to significant image-maker in Western Australia. Agents of Empire shows ways photographs can be used as historical evidence and how archives can shape our understanding of the past.

This will be a fascinating talk, and we look forward to seeing you there. Gold coin donation appreciated. Ample parking nearby.