



Swan Guildford Historical Society (Inc.)

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NEWSLETTER

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Celia Miller talking to the Governor of Western Australia, and the Mayor of City of Swan

On 24th September 2020, The Honourable Kim Beazley AC Governor of Western Australia, and Mayor of City of Swan, Kevin Bailey paid a visit to Guildford. They met with Swan Valley Visitors Centre staff to discuss tourism in the area.

Vice President Celia Miller, and Volunteer Tour Guide Fay Stockdale then accompanied the party for a tour through the Cradle of the Colony display, and the Gaol. The Governor and the Mayor were both interested in Guildford's history. The Governor was fascinated to learn his ancestor, Lieutenant Heal once owned a property on Market Street. The Mayor advised he has a convict link in his family.

VOLUNTEER TOUR GUIDES

Two new volunteer tour guides, Peter and Sallie have joined us recently. They are rostered each Tuesday at the Gaol. Welcome, we hope you enjoy your role as a tour guide. We are always looking for volunteers. if you are interested, please call 9379 1829 or email sghistsoc@bigpond.com

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

We are taking a break over the Christmas/New Year period. Tours of the Gaol and Taylor's Cottage will close from Saturday 19th December, reopening on Tuesday 5th January 2021. Thank you for your support during this difficult year. We wish all members, volunteers and visitors a peaceful Christmas, and a happy and healthy New Year.

OBITUARY: Bernard (Bernie) DOYLE 13th July 1937 - 23rd Sept 2020.

Bernie was a long time, active member of the Swan Guildford Historical Society. Over the years he served on the Committee as Treasurer, and then as President. He was also a regular at our monthly Monday night speaker meetings. He is remembered with great affection for his wit, humour and intelligence.

Bernie was born in Wandsworth London, attended Grammar School and on leaving became a laboratory assistant in a sweet factory. His wife Lee remembers with nostalgia their song, Muskrat Ramble. It must have won her over, as they married in their teens. They emigrated to Western Australia in the 1960's with their two sons Mark and Michael. Bernie scored a dream job in the Census Department of the ABC where he remained until his retirement. Guildford became home, where he was involved in a wide range of activities including performances at Olivers Music Hall in the Mechanics Institute, many plays at the Garrick Theatre, and with the Helena River Jazz Band, playing regular gigs at the Feral Brewing Company.

Although plagued by ill health in later years, it did not stop Bernie from working towards a degree in history. The curtain came down a little too early for him to complete his studies. The memories live on. Condolences to Lee, Mark, Michael and families.

MASONIC HALL BUILDING

Did you know, Guildford once had a Masonic Hall? Tucked away in Station Street, the only hint of its original purpose is the signage at the front of this now privately owned house. Formed in 1896, the Guildford Lodge was the first of its kind since the formation of the Grand Lodge of Scottish Freemasonry in Western Australia.



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