

## THE ROYAL WESTERN AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC

## **Community Talk**



## Digitising John Forrest Scrapbook a journey Sally Anne Hasluck

This scrapbook, closed for 150 years, is now open and digitised. It is a personal record kept by John Forrest of his 1869, 1870 and 1874 expeditions and reveals a young man documenting his achievements not as a diary but in a collection of letters, telegrams and reports in newspapers — mostly accolades of his difficult desert journeys as leader of a team which included Aboriginal members. The most arduous in 1874 was from Geraldton across to the north/south telegraph line and down to Adelaide. He valued his 'scraps' as keepsakes and pasted them into a leather-bound scrapbook. A selection has been made for an online flip book while the whole can be accessed by researchers in the library. Come and explore the journey of the scrapbook and the man.

**Sally Anne Hasluck** has worked in the museum world since 1975 and is constantly drawn to the power of original records. This began in the old Battye Library with research for the History of Claremont by Prof Geoff Bolton at a time when there was access to real documents. Following board membership of the state and national museum she was President of the RWAHS 2013-16. She now serves as Vice-President and chairs the History West Community Centre Planning Committee.

## Wed 27 September, 10 for 10.30am

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Cost \$10 Bookings essential Tel: 9386 3841 Email: admin@histwest.org.au <u>Click here</u> or scan the QR code



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