

## HISTORY

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## **Community Talk**







## Ink to image: Life on the trail with James Sweeney's diary of the 1874 Forrest expedition Greg Branson

In the annals of Western Australian exploration, the John Forrest expedition of 1874 stands as a pivotal moment, carving a path through the rugged inland from Geraldton to the Peake Telegraph station in South Australia. At the heart of this historic journey was James Patrick Sweeney, a farrier whose role extended beyond the care of horses to become a chronicler of the expedition's everyday trials and triumphs.

As the great-grandson of James Patrick Sweeney, Greg Branson will detail a unique exhibition that not only pays homage to the remarkable journey undertaken by his ancestor but also sheds light on the often-overlooked perspective of an 'ordinary' man on an extraordinary expedition. The cornerstone of this exhibition is the original diary of James Patrick Sweeney, a document that captures the essence of life on the trail, where the mundane and the extraordinary coalesce.

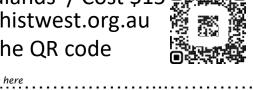
Greg and his partner Carol Mackay travelled along some of the route to shoot photographs that illustrate the diary entries.

His talk will cover the long journey from his first sighting of the diary to the exhibition at the City of Perth lower Town Hall gallery.

## Tuesday 19 March, 10 for 10.30-11.30am

Venue: RWAHS 49 Broadway Nedlands / Cost \$15 PROPERTY Tel: 9386 3841 Email: admin@histwest.org.au

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