

# *Affiliated Societies*

*of the Royal Western Australian Historical Society*

## *Newsletter*

# November 2025

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## Eastern Goldfields Historical Society

**Eastern Goldfields Historical Society short listed in two categories for the 2025 WA Heritage Awards.**

The Eastern Goldfields Historical Society (EGHS) is proud to announce that it has been shortlisted in two categories at the 2025 Western Australian Heritage Awards, to be held on Monday, 17 November 2025, at the Government House Ballroom in Perth.

The EGHS has been shortlisted for:

**Interpretation Project**, recognizing the outstanding efforts of the Kanowna Heritage Trail.

**Contribution by an Organisation**, recognizing the outstanding efforts of Eastern Goldfield Historical Society

Founded in 1946, EGHS has long served as a cornerstone of the Goldfields community, preserving and promoting the region's rich and diverse history. For seventy years, the Society operated entirely through the dedication of volunteers before reaching a major milestone in 2016, when funding enabled the appointment of a full-time Executive Officer—ushering in a new era of professional leadership and growth.

Today, under the leadership of Executive Officer Rosie Stroud, the Society continues to thrive. Recent achievements include the opening of Stage One of the Kanowna Heritage Trail in December 2024 (for which we have received a nomination), being named City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community Group of the Year in 2022, and hosting the 2021 State History Conference, which attracted more than 200 history enthusiasts to the Goldfields.

President Tim Cudini added his appreciation – “The nomination in the Interpretation Project category recognizes the hundreds of hours of dedication that EGHS members invested in researching, planning, and delivering the Kanowna Heritage Trail. We are deeply grateful to our partners — the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Goldfields Esperance Development Commission, Lotterywest, the Eastern Goldfields Regional Prison, and local businesses including Board Construction, Roly Industries, Anvil Metal Fabrication, and McCrea Maintenance — for their invaluable support in bringing the trail to life. Since its opening late last year, the trail has been well used by visitors, and EGHS has received overwhelmingly positive feedback. We look forward to the Kanowna Heritage Trail continuing to serve as a valued interpretive asset for the Goldfields region for many years to come.”

Next Affiliates Committee Meeting will be held in February

Did you know the RWAHS Book Shop have more WA History books for sale, than any other Book Shop.

Open Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm, situated at 109 Stirling Hwy (corner Baird St), Nedlands. WA 6010.

[www.histwest.org.au](http://www.histwest.org.au) under services, History West Shop or for any queries please see the contact details below.

If you have a book or know of a book that you would like the Book Shop to stock please contact the Book Shop - [bookshop@histwest.org.au](mailto:bookshop@histwest.org.au) or 9386 3841.

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Please send all queries and submissions relating to the newsletter to Rosie Stroud at the Eastern Goldfields Historical Society. [eo@kalgoorliehistory.org.au](mailto:eo@kalgoorliehistory.org.au) or

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## Your Committee Members

An Affiliated Societies Committee is elected each year at the Annual State History Conference of Affiliated Societies. This Committee acts in the interests of Affiliated Societies and is represented on the Society's Council of management. Representatives for 2025-26 are below:

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Please feel free to contact anyone on the committee if you have a query or concern.

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## SECRETS OF THE PRISON HOUSE. AN INMATE'S VIEW OF FREMANTLE PRISON 1903-1905 by Bert Leighton.

Edited and introduced by Andrew Gill, Blatellae Books, Perth 2025. RRP \$40

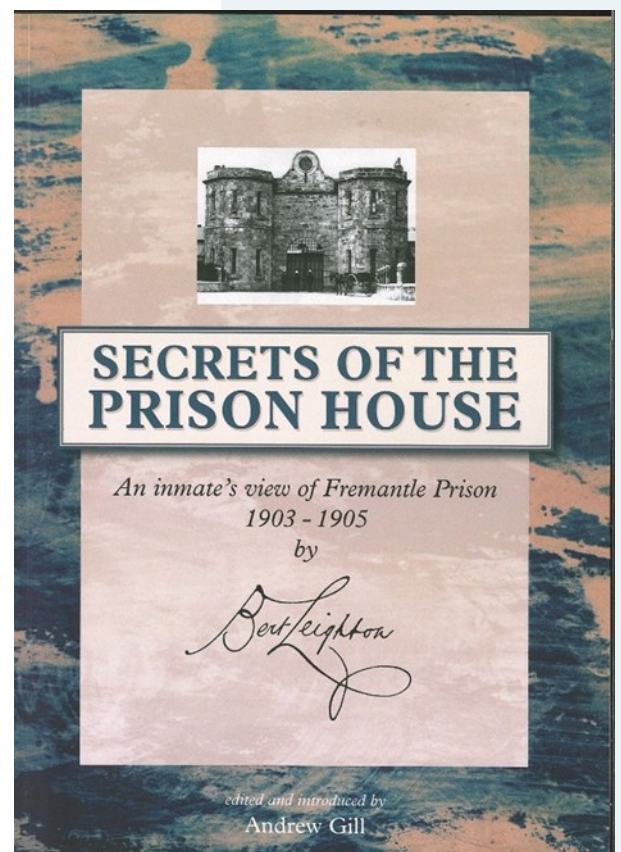
Bert Leighton served two years and nine months 'hard labour' of a five year sentence, for receiving stolen banknotes.

In 17 articles published after his release, Leighton described aspects and areas of the Fremantle Prison not mentioned in official reports, including the misery of separate treatment, the wasted hours spent in the prison yards, labour in the pump gang, singing in the Anglican prison choir, the absurd pomposity of the Sunday church parade, the poor quality of books in the prison library.

Leighton recorded the abuses he observed: the treatment of mentally unsound prisoners in separate treatment who were also subject to electric shocks- 'bath and battery', inconsistencies in granting remission for work within the prison, and the failure to observe the recommendations of the 1898 Penal Commission.

Leighton's account is written with the passionate belief that only a prisoner could write an accurate account of the experience of being imprisoned.

Available at RWAHS, Nedlands or bookshop Fremantle Prison  
Inquiries to [a.w.gill7@bigpond.com](mailto:a.w.gill7@bigpond.com) or 92444672 9am to noon only



# Friends of Donnelly Village Inc.

**You are invited to join us to celebrate the completion of our Jack's Shack Project!**

**1pm, Saturday 15 November 2025**

**at Donnelly River Village, Sears Road, Donnelly River WA 6258**

The Friends of Donnelly Village Inc have now completed the project to move and rebuild Jack Surina's 'cottage' at Donnelly River Village with funding from the Native Forest Transition Community Small Grants Fund in 2024/5. We are also grateful for all the other support, financial and in kind, which made the project possible. It wouldn't have been completed without many hours of volunteer time and effort over a two-year period. We hope you will join us to celebrate the work.

Program:

- 1pm: Official Opening: Join us at Jack's Shack.
- 1.30pm: Move to the Workers Club
- View our new video about the project and Jack's story. Launch of the latest reprint of John Tillman's book, 'Donnelly, Men and Mill'. John will be signing copies which will be available for sale.
- Afternoon Tea



**Where is Jack's Shack at Donnelly River?** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/JzUzs3MmAhwZJ7Yt8>

Please RSVP for catering purposes: [chair@friendsofdonnelly.org.au](mailto:chair@friendsofdonnelly.org.au) or call Sally on 0434350183 (leave a message, please)

For accommodation availability: please call Donnelly River Village on 9772 1244 or

<https://donnellyriver.com.au/>

[www.friendsofdonnelly.org.au](http://www.friendsofdonnelly.org.au)

Submitted by Sally Paulin

## December Newsletter

If you have any news for the December newsletter please forward to [eo@kalgoorliehistoy.org.au](mailto:eo@kalgoorliehistoy.org.au) by the 12th December 2025.



*Saturday 29th November*

*Caversham & District Memorial Hall*



*This year, we are decking the halls of Caversham and invite you to join us for a festive feast, catered for by Donatos Catering.*

- **Time:** 12.00pm
- **Address:** Lot 34, West Swan Road, Caversham
  - Ample parking is available on site
- **Cost:** \$60 per person
  - Payment by direct deposit To: Swan River Pioneers  
BSB: 016 352, A/C: 306 888 364
  - Reference: Name - number of attendees - Christmas
- **Menu:** Three course Christmas buffet
  - including roast meats, roast vegetables, pasta, salads and desserts
  - Tea/coffee, orange juice
- **Raffles - Quiz - Prizes**
- **RSVP:** by 14 November to Kim at [info@swanriverpioneers.com](mailto:info@swanriverpioneers.com)



# Serpentine Historical Society

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025, the Collie Probus Club visited the Old Bridge School at Serpentine. The President of the Serpentine Historical Society, Trevor Senior, gave a talk on the history of the school and the development of the Group Settlement Scheme in the Serpentine area.

After morning tea, Trevor went with the group to visit the Serpentine Tractor and Machinery Museum and then had a brief drive around the Serpentine townsite.

The bus proceeded to Jarrahdale for lunch at the Serpentine Dam. After lunch the group went to the Old Post Office Museum in Jarrahdale before they returned to Collie.

The Old Bridge School is open on the second Sunday of every month between 10.00 am and 2.00 pm, February - November except May when it is the third Sunday. Wheelchair access is available .



Group bookings are available by email [serpentine.hs@outlook.com](mailto:serpentine.hs@outlook.com) or Trevor on 0499 977 526. Submitted by Sue Mead

# Busselton Historical Society

Throughout our anniversary year, we have been highlighting a selection of our members who have contributed to the Busselton Museum's success over the past 50 years. The Busselton Historical Society particularly values the unwavering support of its Patrons, whose contributions have been crucial in preserving the community's rich history.

**SIR STEWART BOVELL** - Busselton-born Sir Stewart Bovell joined the Liberal Party in 1947 following his military service with the RAAF. He was elected to the Western Australian Parliament as the Member for Sussex (abolished in 1950) and then Vasse, a position he held for 24 years. He was posted to London as [Agent-General for Western Australia](#) in 1971 and served in this role until 1974, after which he retired to Busselton. Sir Stewart held the position of Society Patron from 1962 until 1990, dedicating nearly three decades to supporting the Society and its various initiatives. His lifelong dedication to public service has created a lasting impact on the community.

**MRS BETTY BLAIKIE** - Following Sir Stewart Bovell's retirement from community life, Betty Blaikie was appointed Society Patron in 1990, a position she held until 2000. Betty was the wife of Barry Blaikie, who succeeded Bovell as the Member for Vasse from 1971 to 1996. Both Barry and Betty were committed to community service, being members of the Heritage Council of WA, the Busselton Historical Society and many local organisations.

**MR FRANK ELLIOTT** - Former Shire President, retired farmer and long-term Busselton resident, Frank Elliott was Society Patron between 2001 and 2009. His commitment to the Society was rooted in his lineage to prominent local pioneers, including John Garrett Bussell, Henry Charles Prinsep, and William Locke Brockman, an early settler in the Middle Swan district. Their contributions shaped the community's identity and fuelled Frank's passion for preserving their legacy.

**MR WALLY LORD OAM** - Wally Lord OAM, the current Society Patron, is the epitome of community spirit. His service to a wide range of local organisations, including the Southern Districts Agricultural Society, Volunteer Bushfire Brigade, and Busselton Hockey Association, indicates his unwavering desire to make a positive impact on the community. Since his appointment in 2009, he has continued in the path of his parents, Geoff and Hilda Lord, to help preserve the success of the Busselton Museum in any way he can.



Submitted by Elizabeth Craigie

# Midland & Districts Historical Society

## THANK YOU BUSHMEAD

Sunday November 2, 2025 marked the final event for Cedar Woods and Creating Communities Australia within the development of Bushmead.

Midland and Districts Historical Society Chairperson, Matt Pavlinovich and Secretary, Don Butler were invited to attend the official opening of new walking trails created through the preserved bushland that connects Bushmead and Bushmead South.

Midland and Districts Historical Society has had an association with Bushmead and its partners Cedar Woods and Creating Communities Australia since 2019.

Cedar Woods presented the Society with it's first ever grant of \$5,000 back in January 2019 as part of their Neighbourhood Grants Program. The grant was used to purchase a laptop and digital camera helping kick start the Society to preserve and acknowledge the local history of Midland and the surrounding suburbs.

The Society was then provided an opportunity to work in collaboration with Cedar Woods, Creating Communities Australia and Nature Play WA in the development of the Bushmead Nature Trail which saw the site of the Poison Gully Train Accident which occurred in August 1904 recognised as part of the trail. The history of the Bushmead Rifle Range has also been acknowledged as part of the development.

Midland and Districts Historical Society have held walking tours telling the history of the area and been provided with the opportunity to attend many events over the last six years organised by Cedar Woods and Creating Communities Australia for the residents of Bushmead.

More recently the Society was invited to suggest stage names for the new Bushmead South. The names suggested by our Society reflected the history of the railway and quarrying in the area. Today the names of Ridge Hill, Zig Zag, Keane, Farrant, Burton and Statham have assisted in identifying the different stages of the residential development and in turn recognising the local history.



Thank you to Cedar Woods and Creating Communities Australia for the support they have provided the Society over the last six years and for their work they have done in ensuring the local history of Bushmead was acknowledged during the development of the suburb.



## Fremantle Studies Day 19<sup>th</sup> October - Army Museum of Western Australia

We had a number of dramas leading up to this year's Studies Day, not least of all that the arrangement to hold the event at the Port Authority Building fell through at the last minute. Then one of our speakers was no longer able to present their paper. The forecast for the day was rain and possible thunder, the EFTPOS gadget refused to work – what else could possibly go wrong? Nothing, as it happened. Our President, Jude Robison, welcomed us and thanked everybody for coming. Cr Fedele Camarda launched the latest Fremantle History Society Journal, Volume 14, presenting copies to the authors, almost all of whom were able to attend.

The day commenced with **Ways of relating: Noongar people, settlers and the environment in early colonial Fremantle**, by Max Vickery, a recent history graduate from UWA.

Max addressed how the Noongar people and early settlers' ways of relating to the environment around Fremantle differed. Max acknowledged the contribution of early Noongar people such as Yagan, and settlers' records such as those of Robert Lyon Milne and Mary Ann Friend to the store of knowledge that we have today.

By examining the different approaches to the balga or grass tree Max demonstrated how the Noongar people achieved long term management of their environment. Using only what was needed for 'insect husbandry' and ceremonial uses over thousands of years, Noongar people preserved natural resources for the future. This contrasts with the attitude of the early settlers who depleted the stock of balga around Fremantle in the first ten years of settlement as it was an excellent source of fuel for fires.

Using the example of the woylie or kangaroo rat Max contrasted Noongar management of the environment to the subsequent rapid destruction of the environment and its native animals by the early settlers, as a consequence of their different attitude to the world around them.

Max then discussed the importance of totems to the Noongar people and their relationships with plants and animals, connection to land and the importance of ways of being in the natural world. The early settlers wanted to make use of Aboriginal labour by exploiting their bonds with nature and this had a disruptive effect on Noongar social organisation.

Another feature of the environment and differing attitudes was the importance of limestone in the Fremantle area. The bar which existed across the mouth of Derbal Yerrigan (the Swan River) and pillars in Rocky Bay and their relation to the Waugal, an ancestral serpent that moved across the river plain, is central to Noongar traditional mythology. Limestone however was seen only as an important resource to the early settlers, useful for building and agriculture. Features such as the Seven Hills around Fremantle were mined, changing the topography of the area forever. These features however still exist in the Noongar imagination and stories.

This interesting talk has re-evaluated the ramifications of the shared history of colonial settlement and its effect on Noongar culture and way of life since the 1970s when the Black Action Group challenged mainstream views. Max is hopeful that further studies will open up new vistas for historical enquiry into the relationship that existed between the original inhabitants and the colonial settlers.



### **The Ballroom Murder: A scandal in Perth.**

The second speaker of the day was Dr Leigh Straw who is Associate Professor of History at Notre Dame University in Fremantle. Leigh has an interest in understanding how women are perceived in history and has authored many books on this topic. One of her books and her topic for the talk was *The Ballroom Murder: The dancefloor shooting that shocked Australia*.

The story is set in Perth in 1925 and involved a woman called Audrey Jacob who lived in Fremantle with her family. Although set locally the story was at the time notorious nationally.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> August 1925 Audrey Jacob shot her ex-partner at the St John of God Annual Fundraiser Ball at Government House, which was witnessed by all at the ball. The murdered man was Cyril Gidley, a 25 year old ship's engineer who had been living in Fremantle for just two years. Gidley was having a good time dancing with another woman and ignored Jacob at the ball. To the onlookers this was the reason why she shot him, perhaps out of jealousy.

Although superficially a straight forward case of murder, Leigh explores other aspects of the case such as the fact that Jacob's lawyer, a well-regarded man called Haynes, was sympathetic to Jacob's cause. Arthur Haynes was also on good terms with the editor of the *Mirror* and the focus of the story shifted to Gidley who was portrayed in the press as the bad guy who had been violent in his treatment of Jacobs. As Gidley's family was back in England he did not have many to speak up in his defence although some of his friends said that he was not the kind of man who was violent towards women.

Following the trial Jacobs was acquitted of the murder. Leigh talked about the frustration of not knowing what really happened and the importance for historians to focus on the facts and what we know about the case rather than conjecture. The murder case also spoke to the power of the press and the influence it had on the jury and popular opinion. She finished by commenting on how we have an interest in crimes and delight in being deviant and probably will never know the real cause of what happened.

Following the murder Jacobs moved away from Perth, initially to Melbourne and then the U.S. where she married a wealthy businessman. Although she did not go into detail Leigh implied that Jacobs was involved in other nefarious deeds before her death in 1970. We will have to read the book to find out more about this intriguing history.

### **Wadjemup Kepawirn/ the Rottnest Deepwater Scuttling Ground**

The third and final presentation of the afternoon was by a team of particularly passionate and inspiring people. Wrecksploration is a highly trained group of six divers' who work in close collaboration with the WA Museum to identify and document wreck sites. Andrew Oakeley and Alex Aberle-Leeming are two of the Wrecksploration team, and along with Aurora Philpin, Assistant Curator of Maritime Heritage at the WA Museum, present their work to the community.

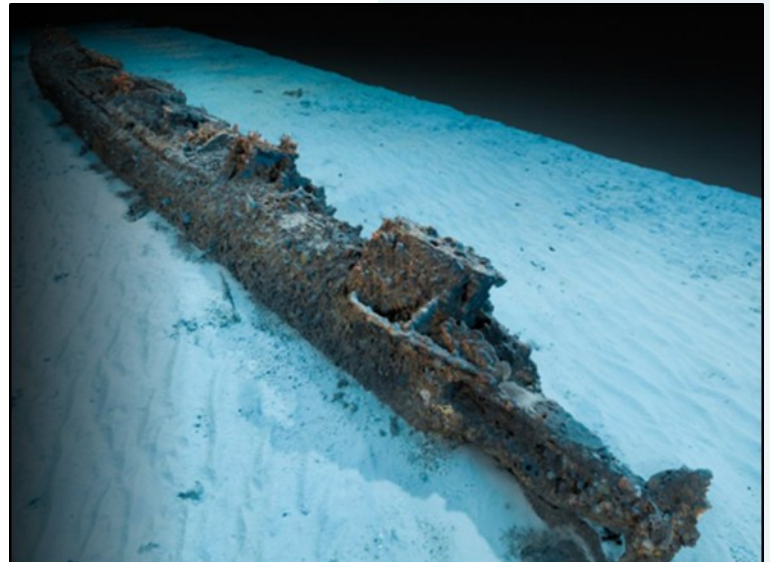
Between 15 and 20 kms southwest of Rottnest Island the water ranges between 60 to 200 metres deep and holds a wealth of historic material. From the early 1900s unwanted sea vessels were sunk in this area: barges, hulks and submarines, but also military equipment from both world wars such as warships, ammunition and even aircraft.

These waters have been studied since the 1980s when fishermen noticing large numbers of fish there, suggested there may be wrecks on the sea floor. Officially the site is Commonwealth Sea Dumping No.7. There are currently 18 identified wrecks, there are 21 vessels recorded as being scuttled in this area that have yet to be found. There are another 20 anomalies that require

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further investigation. Survey work in Area No. 7 really began in 2000 with a documentary series: 'The Shipwreck Detectives', although many of the vessels were too deep to explore.

Improvements in technology now allow divers to descend to depths of 100 metres and more, with photographic equipment so advanced they are able to compile the images of the deep wrecks into 3D models. The process is called photogrammetry: the science and technology of obtaining reliable information about physical objects through the process of recording, measuring and interpreting photographic images. This means everybody has the opportunity to learn about and enjoy exploring these historic sites as if they were there themselves, without the dangers of deep sea diving!



3D Model of Dutch submarine HNLMS K XI  
Photograph taken from: <https://wrecksploration.au/projects/>

Andrew and Alex talked about the diving team. They all have day jobs! All the equipment is their own but another team must be employed to operate the boat and Wrecksploration pays for this out of their own pockets. Each dive costs in the vicinity of \$5000. There is an eerie calm just before they dive, mental preparation to 'get into the zone'. The descent takes 5 minutes, they have 15 minutes on the bottom to do the imaging, then they must spend 197 minutes returning to the surface to allow for decompression. There is always a safety diver in the team to watch for hose leaks, current changes, etc.

An extraordinary presentation, I think we were all quite amazed with what these people are doing. They were obviously doing something they loved, but their hard work and dedication to their project was inspiring. Check the website for further information <https://wrecksploration.au/>

Submitted by Kristi McNulty.

## Kalamunda and Districts Historical Society

### The Kalamunda Railway Heritage Trail

Several community groups together with the City of Kalamunda arranged for the sign posting of the Railway Heritage Trail over a period of several years. The Kalamunda and Districts Historical Society contributed historical information and photos for the signage.

The Railway Heritage Trail follows part of the Upper Darling Range Railway line located in Kalamunda and its districts with trains running from 1891 to 1949. The main purpose of the line was to transport timber from Canning Mills to Midland, with passenger trains serving as a secondary service along the line, stopping at 5 stations and sidings along the way.



## Kalamunda and Districts Historical Society

The first stop of the line is the Gooseberry Hill Siding, located above the Zig Zag approximately 6 track kilometres from what is now Ridge Hill Road. This siding was upgraded in 1905 and saw the addition of a low level platform and a small red shelter shed that overlooked an orange grove just down the hill. This stop allowed Gooseberry Hill locals and visitors to easily travel to and from Perth and further up the line to Pickering Brook and surrounding areas.



The second stop is Kalamunda station located in what is now Kalamunda History Village. Originally Stirk's Landing, the station was renamed to Jeck's Crossing before it was changed again to its townsite's chosen name in 1901. Renamed the Calamunnda Station, it had its spelling adjusted two more times before it was finally settled as Kalamunda Station, a name and spelling it kept until the lines closure in 1949. When the line was taken over by the Western Australian Government Railway in 1903, a high level platform, goods yard and depot were added to the station, making it the largest stop along the line. Kalamunda station was the most popular stop for the passenger trains, picking up and dropping off many people at a time as city visitors travelled to the town for "the fresh air" and the many guest houses.



The third stop along the line and the first landing after Kalamunda, is the South Kalamunda Siding. During its early oppositions, the siding serviced a sawmill nearby owned by G. W. Guppy, which had originally earned the stop the name Guppy's Siding. While the mill was operational, a tram line also ran alongside the main line down to the mill, assisting with the transportation of cut timbers between locations. After the mill's closure in 1917 and its renaming in 1920, the siding was eventually relocated in 1938, just over a Kilometer down the line, where our plaque stands today.

The fourth stop along the line is the Walliston Station or the One Mile Siding. Located at the highest point of the railway, the siding was originally named the Twelve Mile Siding thanks to its location approximately 12 miles from the lines starting point at Midland Junction, but the station was renamed several times over its life. Known for a time as Wallis Landing and then Wallis Crossing, the name Walliston Station wasn't adopted until 1918, when the stop was used by locals to transport produce down the hill to the Perth Markets. The station was later completed with a low-level platform and a shelter shed which stood until the line's closure in 1949.



The last stop along the line was Green's Landing, named after local resident Levi Green. In its early years, the landing was used as an offshoot for Mason Mill and transported cut timbers down the hill to Midland Junction. After the closure of Mason Mill the site was renamed Carmel Siding and adopted by the Sanitarium Health Food Co. who used a large concrete pit located beside the line as a wheat product supplies store for its nearby Weet-Bix factory. Like the other stops, when the railway line was closed in 1949, so was Carmel Siding, but the remains of the old siding are still visible along the path today, including that of the old concrete pit.

Submitted by Dianne

## Maylands Historical and Peninsula Association

Two of the Committee of Maylands Historical and Peninsula Association were the leaders for a Guided Walk around the Maylands Peninsula on October 25<sup>th</sup> organised by Georgina Wigley, coordinator of the Tours and Events group of the RWAHS.

Twenty participants from all over the Perth area gathered at Maylands Golf Club for a complimentary cup of tea and briefing before setting off for a 3.5-hour amble around the Peninsula. Keith Cundale, President of MHPA was walk leader, assisted by Sue Cundale the MHPA Secretary. The walk stopped at key points for Keith to expand on the interesting features of the locations. The tour participants learned about the flooded claypits, the toxic waste dump (!), the site of Maylands Aerodrome (now the home to WA police complex), the current playground “Waterland”, which had been the site of a pottery producing many of the storm water drains for Perth. They learned about Chase Farm, one of the earliest farms in the area which went towards producing much of the fresh food for the emerging settlement of Perth. Keith told the story of the family behind the establishment of the amateur boat building yard (the only one of its kind in Australia.) Thanks to our good relationship with National Trust WA we were delighted that NT volunteers arranged to open Peninsula Farm (Tranby House) and give a guided tour of the oldest surviving residential building in the Perth area. The walk continued along the river bank to Bath Street Jetty – once the site of thriving river swimming clubs and the walk ended back at the iconic Maylands Brickworks. Incidentally, these Brickworks recently featured in the RAC “Top sights of Perth” survey! Many of the walkers had not visited our suburb before and had not realised the richness and variety of the stories behind the Peninsula. They also greatly enjoyed strolling along the banks of the Swan River: many commenting at how far from the city it felt to be by the water.



The route can be followed as a self-guided walk and information on the key sites can be downloaded from the MHPA website.

Since our last item in this Newsletter, we have arranged a number of fascinating talks: Bill Cutler shared more of his research on the life and sad demise of C Y O'Connor. Geoff Moor talked about “Shop Til you Drop” looking at changing faces of shopping in Perth. Allen Graham, runner up in the RWAHS Lee-Steere Book award talked about his book “The Inns and Outs of Fremantle”. Jaxon Thomas, a senior manager at Perth Airport gave a fascinating update on the long-term development plans for the Airport. Our recently retired local MP, Lisa Baker, gave a reflective talk as she shared her personal memories looking back on her time as our MLA.

Our final talk for the year will be given by Richard Offen on 17<sup>th</sup> of November when he shares some of the very early photographs of Perth taken by Alfred Stone: photographs taken in the 1860s which was only a few years after the photographic processes were invented.



The exciting digital map project we launched last year - "Putting Maylands on the Map!" - continues to expand in scope and content and so far we have had over 8,000 on-line visits, as well as quite a few drop-in visitors to the Old Police Station. This map can also be accessed through our website and users can explore the many and various aspects of Maylands: the walking trails, details of over 40 examples of street art, information on some of the many interesting and heritage homes, as well as images and information on many of

the businesses past and present that call Maylands home.

You can check out the walks and more on [Maylandshistorical.com.au](http://Maylandshistorical.com.au)

Submitted by Keith Cundale

### Grant Information

#### [Westfield Local Heroes Australia](#)

Overview - This program aims to discover and celebrate individuals and the organisations they represent whose work or actions positively impact the local community or environment within the local area of a Westfield centre.

Upon conclusion of the voting period:

- The finalist per centre who receives the most public votes during the voting period will be awarded the title 'Westfield Local Hero' (Westfield Local Hero) and their affiliated organisation or group will receive a cash contribution of up to \$20,000 to assist their elected activity or program.
- The remaining finalists who received the second and third highest number of public votes during the voting period will be awarded the title 'Westfield Local Hero Finalist' (Westfield Local Hero Finalist) and their affiliated organisation or group will receive a cash contribution of up to \$5,000 to assist their elected activity or program.

A total funding pool of \$1.25 million is available in 2025.

The key dates are:

- Nomination period: 14 October 2025 to 12 March 2026
- Submission period: 14 October 2025 to 19 March 2026
- Voting period: 25 August 2026 to 14 September 2026
- Celebration period: 20 October 2026 to 8 November 2026