

## TREASURES FROM THE COLLECTION

Everyday items from times gone by tell interesting stories about society. Take this moustache cup as an example.

Moustache cups were a thing from the 1860's, to around the First World War era. During this time, men styled their facial hair by applying wax to keep it stiff and in place. However, partaking in a cup of afternoon tea soon became a problem. As soon as the steam from a hot brew hit their moustache, the styling wax that held it together would melt and drip into the tea.

From 1860 to 1916, the British military also required soldiers to wear a moustache, as it was believed facial hair imparted an air of authority.

British potter Harvey Adams is credited with inventing the moustache cup, to solve this problem. A special teacup, with a half moon-shaped crescent insert at the top guarded a gent's facial hair. Mr. Adams was so successful with his invention that he was able to retire within 15 years.

Fashion changes, and so the trend for men of wearing a full moustache waned, consigning the moustache cup to history.

Check out the moustache cup during a tour of the Colonial Gaol!



**Swan Guildford Historical Society (Inc.)**

**founded 1962**

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## **NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2022**

The general meeting with a guest speaker for November will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

Venue: St. Matthews Anglican Church Hall, Stirling Square Guildford.  
Time: 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Guest speaker Stephen Anstey retired recently as Head of the History Dept of WA Museum (WAM). He will be known by many for his delivery of the Certificate of Museum Studies over many years. Stephen is also remembered by Society members for his involvement during his time as Travelling Curator with WAM.

Military history is among Stephen's research interests. Delving into the origins of an old cavalry sabre led him to the story of Henry Dyson Naylor, an Enrolled Pensioner Guard. His detective work takes us to the Battle of Crimea and an introduction to the extraordinary charge of the 13<sup>th</sup> Light Dragoons at Balaclava in 1854. Come along to hear the amazing story of how the WA Museum traced the acquisition of Private Naylor's sabre.

Following the talk, stay for a light supper, cup of tea/glass of wine, and some networking. All welcome.



## **VALE : MARCIA NICHOLLS**

We sadly report on the passing of Marcia Nicholls on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Marcia was a member of Swan Guildford Historical Society for many years, attending various events and meetings on a regular basis. For the past two years, she served as a committee member, only recently organising the entertainment for the annual Christmas party.

Marcia had an amazingly busy life, from Lions to Probus, Tupperware, Red Hatters, and Church. She was always there to lend a hand, had a big circle of friends, a happy marriage, involved in craft work etc. Marcia had a son and a daughter. Sadly, her daughter passed away on 27<sup>th</sup> September this year. Despite her recent health problems, Marcia kept busy and engaged. She had a good life, cut short too soon.

From the Committee, and all at Swan Guildford Historical Society, thank you Marcia, you will be missed. Our deepest sympathy to husband Bob and to all of Marcia's family.

## **GUNNERS DAY 6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**

Gunners Day, held on the nearest Sunday to 11<sup>th</sup> November has been conducted since 1928, honouring those who fought and fell during World War I, and subsequent conflicts.

The Royal Australian Artillery RAA in WA organises this event, held in Stirling Square Guildford. After a short march, participants gather at the Guildford war memorial to lay wreaths, followed by a memorial service at St. Matthew's Garrison Church. Invited guests are then invited to a light luncheon.

Swan Guildford Historical Society is invited each year to attend. A representative will pay our respects by laying a wreath at the war memorial.

## **WORK ON THE ARCHIVES STORE AND HEADQUARTERS**

Work continues at a cracking pace to erect storage shelving in the archives store, recently completed. A huge shout out and thanks to President, Andrew Minogue, assisted by Committee members Rod Brinkworth, Kathy Feucs and Fay Stockdale for moving items to temporary offsite storage, then bringing them back again to create a fabulous space for our precious artefacts. Many late nights and weekends have been spent on this project, which will stand the Society in good stead for years to come. Curators can maintain collections in a purpose built area.

Following the refurbishment of our headquarters at 119 Swan Street, volunteers Kathy Parker (photographs), and Gaye Sweeney (library) are working hard to ensure items are recorded and stored correctly.

## **VOLUNTEERING**

Welcome to two new tour guide volunteers, Britta and Aiden, who recently commenced at the Colonial Gaol on a Friday each week. It's great to have you on board, we hope you enjoy showing people around the wonderful Historic Precinct in Guildford.

In early October, Society representatives took part in the City of Swan Volunteer Expo held at Mandoon Estate. The day was an eye opener, with a diverse range of organisations in attendance. It was agreed that COVID has taken a huge toll on volunteering in general, and lots of places are now looking for people to help out.

Some of the representatives we met and chatted to on the day came from Kanyana Wildlife Sanctuary, Salvation Army, Armana Living, Swan Districts Football Club and Whiteman Park.

We welcome enquiries about volunteering. It's an exciting time at the Society, as we plan events and displays showcasing the collection. Tour guides also enjoy showing visitors around the Gaol and Taylor's Cottage, talking about the importance of Guildford and surrounding areas to Western Australia's history.

Contact us to discuss.

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