

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023

**February 13<sup>th</sup>** Celia Miller. Mayors of Guildford.

**March 13<sup>th</sup>** Cheryl Rogers. The Whiteman family of Jane Brook.

**April 13<sup>th</sup>** Pippa O'Brien No Stone without a name – art history to the mid nineteenth century.

**April 25<sup>th</sup>** ANZAC Day. 9am Service at the Guildford War Memorial, Stirling Square. Followed by morning tea in St. Matthews Anglican Church Hall.

**May 8<sup>th</sup>** Dr Toni Church. "The Women Should Have a Voice- The Edith Cowan Legacy of social justice in Western Australia".

**June 5<sup>th</sup>** Western Australia Day. 10am Flag raising Ceremony, Heritage Precinct, Guildford, Guest speaker . Followed by morning tea in the Mechanics Institute Hall.

**June 12<sup>th</sup>** Dr Leigh Straw, author of "The Ballroom Murder".

**July 10<sup>th</sup>** SGHS Annual General Meeting

**August 14<sup>th</sup>** Dr Bruce Baskerville. "Let Our Cooperative Spirit Stand" – with a particular reference to Walter Padbury and Charles Harper.

**September 11<sup>th</sup>** Richard Rennie. Sounds of World War I.

**October 9<sup>th</sup>** Dr Shane Burke Digging up the past.

**November 5<sup>th</sup>**. Gunners Day. Ceremony at the Guildford War Memorial at 9am.

**November 13<sup>th</sup>** Tom Goode "West Midland, as remembered in the 1940's".

**3<sup>rd</sup> December:** Members Christmas function

**TOURS:** A series of Swan Valley bus tours, conducted by archaeologist Dr. Shane Burke. More tours are planned for springtime.



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## NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2023

At our next Monday night meeting with a guest speaker, we welcome back published author and educationalist, Tom Goode, whose earlier presentations of his book "The cold footed mob", and his story of Railway Pies proved very popular.

Date: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Time: 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Venue: St. Matthews Anglican Church Hall, Stirling Square Guildford.



Tom will draw on boyhood memories of West Midland in the 1940's, when the siren from the Midland Workshops marked key sections of the day, and the train schedules dictated any plans to travel.

Currently the archivist for Garrick Theatre, and previously involved in the management of the Army Museum, Tom developed a keen interest in historical research during a career in education, including primary, secondary and technical education. Tom is experienced in small business, including a bookshop. He also volunteered at Stirling House, managing the Roval WA Historical Society bookshop..

At the conclusion of the talk, join us for a light supper and some conversation. This will be the last in our series of history talks for 2023. We will be back with a new and interesting programme of guest speakers, starting in February 2024. Please join us then.

## GUILDFORD HERITAGE FESTIVAL STALL

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023, the Society joined in the fun by manning the Swan Guildford Historical Society stall at a Nostalgia Day held in Stirling Square.

Volunteers were on hand throughout the day, showcasing examples of photographs, brochures, household items, books, clothing etc, that are held in our collection. It was a great opportunity to meet with lots of different people, talking about the work the Society does to collect and store items, thus preserving the rich history of Guildford and the Swan Valley.

## CHRISTMAS /NEW YEAR CLOSURE



Wishing members and friends a very merry Christmas, and a bright and healthy 2024. Volunteer Tour Guides will be taking a break over the festive season, with the Gaol and Taylor's Cottage closed from Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023, reopening on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

In 2024 we will be delighted to welcome primary school students, seniors groups, and individuals to take a tour with us. Note, we need advance notice for group tours, to ensure there are enough volunteer tour guides on hand. To book your tour, email us : [sghistsoc@gmail.com](mailto:sghistsoc@gmail.com), or book on the website <https://swanguildfordhistoricalsociety.org.au/>

## GUILDFORD IDENTITIES

- **Alfred Waylen** was born at Point Walter in 1833.
- His doctorate in medicine (1858) was the first medical degree granted to a native Western Australian.
- He was Colonial Medical Officer for the Swan District, and surgeon at the Guildford convict depot.
- He was an amateur vigneron, exhibiting his wines at international exhibitions from 1866.
- He was President of the Agricultural Society and of the Horticultural Society in 1894.
- At various times, he was chairman of the Guildford Town Council, churchwarden of St. Matthews Anglican Church, founder of the Guildford Mechanics Institute, a governor of the Perth High School (now Hale School), a racehorse owner, and a committee member of the West Australian Turf Club.
- He was an advocate for public health measures, leading to reforms.
- Waylen Street in Guildford is named in his honour.
- He married twice, dying childless in 1901.

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