



Swan Guildford Historical Society (Inc.)

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NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year, everyone! Here's to an exciting year of continual growth, with new opportunities for the Society.

The 2024 *Making History Matter* series of talks kicks off on Monday 12th February. (Note: No meeting in January).

Time: 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

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

Guest speaker Nathan Hobby is the author of "The Red Witch: a biography of Katharine Susannah Pritchard", published in 2022. His book won the 2023 WA Premier's Prize for Book of the Year. Nathan is a special collections librarian and archivist at Curtin University's John Curtin Prime Ministerial Library.



All welcome. After the talk, join us for a light supper and some networking.

2024 PROGRAM: MONDAY NIGHT WITH A GUEST SPEAKER

February 12th *Making History Matter: Nathan Hobby* *The Red Witch of Greenmount – Katharine Susannah Prichard.*

March 11th *Making History Matter: Miller Celia* *More Mayors of Guildford.*

April 8th *Making History Matter: JAMES HURST* *Game to the Last -the 11th Battalion at Gallipoli*

May 13th *Making History Matter: Tom Goode* *Garrick Theatre – An overview 1932-2022.*

June 10th *Making History Matter: Haime Lois* *The De Burgh brothers revisited.*

July 8th Annual General Meeting: **Anne Marie Meredith** *Caving on the Nullarbor – to be confirmed with the president*

August 12th *Making History Matter: Bill Cutler - C Y O'Connor and the Golden Pipeline.*

September 9th *Making History Matter: Chris Holyday - The talent, skill & considerable achievement of Margaret Forrest nee Hamersley.*

October 14th *Making History Matter: Prof Jane Lydon - Our Slavery Legacy, including WA. Several Swan Valley landholders were among those who had benefited from slavery.*

November 11th *Making History Matter : Janet Megarritty and Mark Turton: A West Guildford Artist at War – Reg Walters. Regimental Artist of the 10th Light Horse Regiment.*

We are excited to welcome Ashton Warrick, who joined the Society recently, taking on the role of Secretary. A bit about Ashton:

Ashton is an Organisational Psychologist with a Master of Applied Psychology (Organisational) and one of the Directors of Perth-based consultancy ORGsight.

Ashton has over a decade of public sector experience in compliance and business integrity, as well as private and public sector consulting experience covering a range of leadership, stakeholder and community engagement, strategy and organisational development projects in various industries including mining, property, construction, health, education and legal. Ashton is a passionate volunteer having actively contributed to for-profit and not-for-profit Boards and Committees; she is delighted to be joining the Swan Guildford Historical Society.



TOURS RECOMMENCE

From 10am on Tuesday 9th January, tours of the Colonial Gaol, and Taylor's Cottage will be open for business once again.

Opening hours : Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, from 10am to 2pm. The last tour starts at 1.30pm. Group tours welcome. We look forward to seeing you soon.

MUSEUM VISITS

Under Stephen Anstey's guidance, committee members recently visited Belmont and Wanneroo museums, for a glimpse behind the scenes. This exercise will help us understand layout, functionality and required workspaces and display spaces.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As we know, volunteering around the country has declined, to the point that some organisations collapsed during the COVID pandemic. Luckily for the Society, our volunteers have given unwavering support, and we are grateful for this. Planning for the future, we need more volunteers! If you would like to join us as a tour guide or in administrative tasks, please make yourself known to us. The more volunteers the merrier.

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