

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: Celia Miller: More Mayors of Guildford.*

April 8th *Making History Matter: Lois Haime: Early policing in Western Australia*

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

June 10th *Making History Matter: Ann-Marie Merideth: Caving on the Nullabor.*

July 8th Annual General Meeting.

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

September 9th *Making History Matter: Allen Graham: Inns and outs of Fremantle: a social history of Fremantle and its hotels 1829 - 1929.*

October 14th *Making History Matter: Guest speaker Phillip Schubert* talks about George Cowcher, who built the first hotel in Guildford,

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

December 8th. SGHS members Christmas party



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NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2024

Welcome new member: Lisa Burnette. Thanks for supporting us.

The November Making History Matters series of talks takes place on Remembrance Day, Monday 11th November 2024.

Time: 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

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

Two guest speakers, Janet Megarrity and Mark Turton will tell us about a West Guildford artist at war, Reg Walters, the Regimental artist assigned to the 10th Light Horse Regiment.



After the talk join us for a light supper and networking. Membership or volunteer enquiries are welcome on the night.

Note : This will be the last Monday night meeting with a guest speaker for 2024.

We will return in February 2025 with an exciting new program of speakers.

FROM THE COLLECTION

The sad iron was a domestic tool that revolutionised the drudgery of ironing. It was so named because of the weight — five to nine pounds — needed to press wrinkled clothes and sheets. Before its invention, household irons were made of solid metal, including the handle. Thick cloths were used to pick the iron up and smooth the clothes. Even so, burns, blisters, and strained, tired arms were common.

In 1870, Mrs. Mary Florence Potts of Ottumwa, Iowa, invented the sad iron. It had a hollow metal body and an interchangeable wooden handle, so cloths to protect the hands were no longer needed. The sad iron's pointed ends also allowed ironing in either direction. Mary's invention was patented under her own name, a rarity for the time.

You can see a collection of irons through the ages, including the sad iron, when you visit the wash house display in Guildford.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!

It's time to wish members and friends an early Christmas greeting, and a wish for a bright and healthy 2025. Volunteer Tour Guides will be taking a break over the festive season. Tours of the Gaol and Taylor's Cottage will be closed from Sunday 22nd December 2024, recommencing from Tuesday 6th January 2025.

ORAL HISTORY

Our newest member and volunteer, Lisa Burnette is experienced in conducting oral history interviews. She expressed an interest in gathering stories about social life in the region, on behalf of the Society. Information gathered would become part of the documents collection of oral histories, held at our headquarters, Judy Hamersley House in Swan Street Guildford.

Lisa recently completed the transcript for her first interview, when she interviewed Mercia Barker, who has lived in the area for decades. Mercia told stories about her childhood, family life, and recollections of Guildford and the Historical Society over the years. Thank you Mercia for sharing.

Oral History is a vital part of keeping history alive, through recounting personal accounts of days gone by. Would you like to take part by recording your recollections about Guildford / the Swan Valley?

Talk to us by emailing sghistsoc@gmail.com, or phone 9379 1829. We would love to hear from you.

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