

## Swan Guildford Historical Society (inc.) founded 1962

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### Newsletter July - August 2017

#### Meeting July 9th 2017

Mechanics Institute 7 00pm for 7 30pm

#### Speaker: **Steve Howell**

Steve has worked at the State Library, for over 40 years. Steve says, after so many years of helping other people research their family trees, he has absolutely no desire to do his own!

He will be sharing the story of

**Emma Mould** – Emma Mould was sixteen years old when she arrived in Western Australia with the Bussells on the Cygnet. This talk looks at the relationship between the Bussells and their servant Emma Mould, and Emma's life with Thomas Sweetman after she parted ways with the Bussells

Followed by refreshments

**Everyone welcome**

#### Meeting August 13<sup>th</sup> 2017

Mechanics Institute 7 00pm for 7 30pm

#### Speaker: **Dr. Shane Burke**



Shane's subject is 'Butting Heads: History and Archaeology in Western Australia'.



Come and see the inmates in the Colonial Gaol, situated in the Heritage Precinct, Meadow St GUILDFORD

Open on the following days

Gaol, Taylor's Cottage and Washhouse

Tuesday – Saturday 10.00 am – 2.00 pm

Admission fee Adults \$5 00 children \$3 00

Under 5 free

#### **Statue for Stirling Square?**

The historic town of Guildford in Western Australia was a significant military base in the First World War and recognised as the 'Home of the 10 Light Horse Regiment' in WA.

A fund raising committee, has been formed with Charlie Zannino Chair, to investigate using 2 or 3 figures including the possibility of an indigenous stockman, soldier and horse the statue to be placed in Stirling Sq. A memorial to honour an important part of Australian History.

## ON LOAN TO THE ROYAL WESTERN AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Following a request from the RWAHS for the loan of some Aboriginal artefacts for their display, a loan agreement for a coolamon, shield, stone axe and a spear thrower has been made. The loan period is until 30 January 2018.



Additional Aboriginal artefact, in the care of the Swan Guildford Historical Society, can be viewed, in the Swan Valley Visitor Centre, Meadow St. Guildford.

## WA DAY 2017



*Councillor Ian Johnson, Hon. Michelle Roberts MLA, Mayor Mick Wainwright and Audrey Holland cutting the celebration cake*

Speaker: Audrey Holland (far right).

Audrey is descended from free settlers and convicts.

..."Like most I was unaware of the convicts in my family tree and my mother had no idea that her mother was the daughter of a convict. Then further research revealed that my father's mother had also been the daughter of a convict.

On my maternal side, my convict ancestor married a girl, who had arrived on one of the *Bride Ships*, in the *Independent Chapel* in Swan St. Guildford on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1862. His address shown on the Marriage Certificate was *Water Park near Guildford*. Whether or not he had been at the Guildford Convict Depot is unknown due to the lack of records relating to the Depot. Many convicts had been sent to the Guildford Convict

Depot and many of these men remained in the area. Marrying, working hard and building new lives for their families. Their hard work also contributed to making Guildford the place it is today.

Although the arrival of convicts made a great improvement in the availability of labour for the Swan River Colony, life for most continued to consist of hard work. And it is this hard work that made the State of Western Australia what it is today. Regardless of what walk of life our ancestors came from or how they arrived, we should all be very proud of them."

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