

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

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### Making History Matter

### Anyone for Wine and Cheese? And a talk by local journalist Kent Acott

Our next meeting is at the Mechanics Institute, Meadow Street, GUILDFORD on Monday November 13<sup>th</sup> 2017, 7 00 pm for 7 30 pm. All welcome.

*“Kent Acott has been a journalist in Perth for more than 35 years, mostly working for The West Australian. In more recent years, he has written extensively on heritage and local history issues. His interest in this area followed research into his own ancestral family. And while Kent’s family tree extends to the other side of the world, it has become deeply rooted in and around Guildford since the arrival of the Acott family in January, 1913”. 100 years in Guildford*



**Donation** of a French Oak Wine Barrel received from Houghton winery. Now proudly displayed in the Old Colonial Gaol. Captain Thomas Newte Yule was promised, by Revett Henry Bland half of Swan Valley Location 11 {Houghton} on condition Yule performed his {Bland’s} grant obligations. Yule was acting on behalf of a syndicate consisting of himself and fellow army officers Lieutenant Ninian Lewis and Lieutenant-Colonel Richmond Houghton. The land was named Houghton after the senior officer. What connection has Houghton with Guildford? Visit the Gaol and hear the stories of Moondyne Joe and Magistrate Yule. Gaol, Taylor’s cottage and wash house, Meadow Street, open Tuesday to Saturday 10 00am – 2 00pm



**Do you remember** Glowmesh handbags? Anyone over 40 years old will be familiar with the metallic fabric called Glowmesh that graced women's accessories throughout the 60's and 70's. It seems to have gone out of vogue in the early 80's and has yet to make a come-back. Tracy Pew, the bad boy of Australian rock infamously accosted a woman wearing a Glowmesh top at a party and demanded to know 'how many handbags have you killed to make that?' The peeved fashionista later chased him around the party with a boiling kettle to scald him! *Taken from the Glowmesh story written by Paul Warner Dobson.* Come and see a small collection of Glowmesh bags on display at the Gaol.

### **State Register Heritage listing for Guildford**

was supported by the councillors at the 30<sup>th</sup> August ordinary council meeting. they agreed to support the initiation of a process to nominate the locality of Guildford for listing on the State Register of Heritage Places."

Thank you to our Patron Hon Michelle Roberts, MLA for her leadership in this initiative.



*Ian Johnson, Michelle Roberts, Mick Wainwright and Audrey Holland cutting cake at recent WA Day celebration*

## GUILDFORD VILLAGE - HERITAGE RICH - A MUSEUM WITHOUT WALLS

**New interpretive panel** for 117 Swan Street, (now Sutherland close) reads, "In 1917, William Bell, a Scottish migrant, acquired a carrying business, located on Swan Street, consisting of three horses and two drays. William a lover of horses, tried to resist the new fad of motorised vehicles, but in 1924 relented and purchased his first truck, though he continued to use horses until his death in 1952. During the 1920s and 30s the business was a family affair, with William out on the job, Agnes doing the books and three of their sons, David, Robert and Alexander with their sister Mary working in the business. During this time William expanded "The Yard" through to Stirling Street. In 1937 the three brothers took over the business and renamed it Bell Bros".



## VOLUNTEERS - TOUR GUIDES – ADMINISTRATION STAFF NEEDED

Swan Guildford Historical Society is looking for volunteers, administration staff, tour guides research officers and more. We operate from 119 Swan St, Guildford. Do pop in to see us, Tuesday Wednesday or Thursday 9 30 am -5 00 pm. For more details ring 0417 713 090