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## **Making History Matter**



## **Newsletter September/October 2019**

**General Meeting** Monday 9 September 2019 - 7:00pm for 7:30pm start Mechanics Institute, Meadow Street, GUILDFORD – All welcome, free entry

Guest Speaker: Richard Rennie

Presenting: Professor Douglas Archibald and The First Phonograph in Western Australia

In August 1891, Professor Douglas Archibald (M.A. Oxon) introduced the first Edison Phonograph to Western Australia in a travelling roadshow through Fremantle, Perth, Guildford, Geraldton, Northam, Chidlow's Well and York. He also recorded a speech by the then Premier John Forrest.



Richard Renee is the director of the Museum of Early Western Australia Recorded Sound. His presentation will also feature a re-creation of the John Forrest speech, played on an Edison Cylinder Record Phonograph. **Picture:** Richard Rennie receiving the 2006 Premier's Prize for Excellence in Science Communication.

**General Meeting** Monday 14 October 2019 - 7:00pm for 7:30pm start Mechanics Institute, Meadow Street, GUILDFORD – All welcome, free entry

**Guest Speaker:** Ron Pass

**Presenting:** A Simple Life – Anything But!



Long-time Swan Valley resident, and valued member of the Swan Guildford Historical Society, Ron Pass will present a lecture on Stock and Station Country as experienced by a leading horseman and devoted family man - based on his recently published memoirs. Mr Pass is a highly acclaimed horseman, racehorse trainer, jockey, volunteer fireman and bush poet. **Picture**: Ron Pass at the Launch of his Memoirs.

#### **GUILDFORD GRAMMAR CHAPLAIN CELEBRATES A TENTH ANNIVERSARY**

Rev'd Canon Dr Philip Raymont was appointed as the Senor Chaplain of Guildford Grammar School in 2009. A delightful service was recently held in the iconic Chapel of St Mary and St George to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of his ordination as a priest, attended By SGHS member Margaret Couper-Grant. Philip is held in very high regard by all in the Guildford community.



Many of Father Philip's past and present pupils, parents, friends and colleagues attended the Anniversary to reflect on his religious, spiritual and liturgical contributions – paying tribute to his relentless enthusiasm, reverence, diligence, and sense of humour.

**Picture:** Rev'd Canon Dr. Philip Raymont demonstrating his infectious exuberance - "dancing before the Lord."

### **CHARGE OF THE NEK - COMMEMORATION SERVICE**

The 10th Light Horse's devastating charge at Gallipoli's Battle of the Nek was commemorated on August 4, 2019 - with memorial troops and military personnel paying homage at the Bellevue RSL.

The Nek was a vitally important position on the northern end of the ANZAC front line and the battle that decimated the 3rd, 8th and 10th Light Horse Regiments took place on August 7, 1915.

The battle was remembered with a display and the attendance of descendants from the regiment at Bellevue's commemoration service. Guest Speaker Major Duane Nurse - Officer Commanding A-Squadron 10th Light Horse - said the 8th Light Horse Regiment was completely wiped out in the first two waves of the attack at the Nek, but that the disastrous charge remains an integral part of Western Australia's history.



Kath Feucs and Rod Brinkworth from The Swan Guildford Historical Society attended the Commemoration and ".... were heartened that so many people are keeping the legacy of the 10th Light Horse Regiment alive."

**Picture**: Kath Feucs of the Swan Guildford Historical Society paying her respects.

The bravery of the 10th LHR is set to be immortalised with a commemorative statue at Stirling Square in Guildford.

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