## MAYLANDS HISTORICAL & PENINSULA ASSOCIATION INC.

August 2022

**TELLING OUR STORIES SINCE 1992** 

The Old Police Station - 196 Guildford Road, Maylands

Our opening hours are: Wednesdays – 9.30am to 3.30pm First Saturday in<u>the month – 10am to 2pm</u>



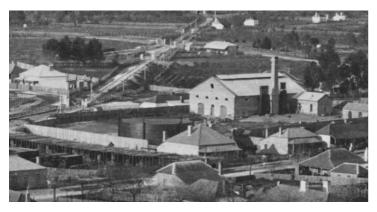
#### Looking ahead

Our next open meeting will be a talk on 18 August presented by John McLennan on Murder in Maylands.

John has become fascinated by this story going back to the late 1800s when gas and electricity was first being introduced into Perth.

The innovation and the changes it would bring to people's lives was tremendous but along with this bright side was a darker side. An opportunity to make easy money and plenty of it!

Come along and listen to John weave a story of innovation, skulduggery and murder!



#### **MONTHLY TALKS**

Our talks are held in the Old Dining room of the Peninsula Hotel - Railway Parade, Maylands

Doors open at **7.15pm.** 

Meeting starts at **7.30pm** 

<u>Next Meeting</u> Monday August 15th

> 'Murder in Maylands'

#### In the news!! Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 1930

AJ Kurmode gave a cheque for £5 to Herbert Don Burton of the Cleopatra Hotel, Fremantle and got from the same gentleman £3/4 in change. The only value of the cheque was the infinitesimal one of the paper on which it was written. Following a complaint, the police immediately commenced a search for Kurmode and traced him to the Maylands Aerodrome but he had already departed on an East-West plane to Adelaide. The police wired Adelaide and when the plane arrived Kurmode was arrested on a charge of vagrancy. It is unlikely the complainant will undertake the expense of bringing him back.

#### Early days in the Perth Hills

Greg Benjamin was our guest speaker in July, visiting us from the City of South Perth Historical Society. He talked about the early days of Perth and Perth Hills: timber, orchards and railways. Greg presented some fascinating anecdotes from the early pioneering days - when the Perth Hills were being opened up for timber-felling and, eventually, the planting of many orchards. He shared a number of period photographs and maps to show the way that agricultural and industrial development occurred in the Hills area - based on the timber mills and orchards whose products and produce were moved by the fledgling railways.

Greg's talk provoked some lively discussion from the audience - some of whom remembered the early businesses. I was particularly struck by the amazingly diverse range of apples, pears and soft fruit that were grown in the area and the fact that the local nurseries were offering an enormous range of young trees available to be planted.

Greg has offered to present another talk at one of our meetings and we look forward to welcoming him back next year!

Keith Cundale, President

#### Do you remember Maylands Primary School on Guildford Rd?

A recent post on Facebook about the original Primary School has produced some fascinating conversations with local people who attended the school and were able to help us identify some of the faces in old photographs. We hope that images like this, with names, will form part of the displays in support of the Heritage buildings walk during the History and Heritage month in November.



The Peninsula Hotel (now Dome café and headquarters) is a very special Maylands heritage building. It is always a pleasure to hold our monthly historical talks in what was once the Peninsula Hotel dining room.



Doors open at 7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm start. Raffle tickets - \$1 each or 3 for \$2 – cash only. All welcome!

#### **Public Talks, Open Days and November Events**

August 6 <sup>th</sup>	Old Police Station Open 10am to 2pm
August 15 <sup>th</sup>	Speaker - John McLennan
September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Old Police Station Open 10am to 2pm
September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Speaker – Roger Tomlins
October 1 <sup>st</sup>	Old Police Station Open 10am to 2pm
October 17 <sup>th</sup>	Annual General Meeting
November	History and Heritage Month
	Heritage Buildings Walking Tour
	Heritage Buildings Walking Tour Peninsula Walking Tour
	Peninsula Walking Tour
November 21 <sup>st</sup>	Peninsula Walking Tour Worshipful Maylands Walking Tour
November 21 <sup>st</sup> November 30 <sup>th</sup>	Peninsula Walking Tour Worshipful Maylands Walking Tour Talks at Maylands Library

# Some meetings may be at the Old Police Station – please keep a look out for any changes.

Do you have an interest in history and a bit of spare time? You are very welcome to come and join our team of volunteers (we're a lovely bunch!) and help preserve our history for generations to come. You can also become a member of Maylands Historical. \$15pa or \$12pa for concessions. Bank account details are: Maylands Historical and Peninsula Association BSB: 633 000 Account no: 146 446 489 Donations are also very welcome!!

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