



MAYLANDS HISTORICAL

AND PENINSULA ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER



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Walks

We offer four self-guided walking tours that bring the suburb's past to life. Each walk can be completed in one to two hours, and all are accessible by public transport.

Go to the [Walks Page](#) on our website for further details.

Interactive Map

Use the Interactive Map to discover and learn about the many interesting places, people and buildings that exist in this fascinating suburb we call Maylands.

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Dear Members and Friends

I am delighted to share with you the first edition of a revised style of newsletter that one of our active volunteers, Greg Haughey, has put together for us. We aim to issue this regularly: aiming for a mixture of news, upcoming events and even a "Did You Know?" snippet.

Please send me any feedback or comments on the new newsletter or any suggestions for what we might cover in future editions.

In the meantime, thank you for your ongoing support and involvement and I hope to see you soon at the Old Police Station or at one of our regular talks.

Best Wishes

Keith Cundale
President, MHPA

Did you know?

We have identified over 20 places of worship around Maylands, although some of them have since been repurposed. This large number developed as waves of immigrants brought their own religion with them. Check out this story on our Worshipful Maylands Walk or explore the digital map.

Our Resources

If you want to learn more about the history of our unique suburb we hold an interesting collection of reference books, articles, documents, photos, audio recordings, videos and memorabilia at the Old Police Station and on our website.

We welcome visitors and researchers who would like to visit our premises and talk to us about their interests.

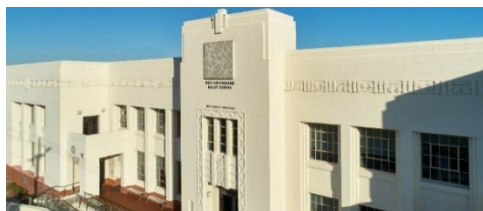
We are normally open most Wednesdays from 9.30am to 3pm and periodic Saturdays from 10am to 2pm. Our opening hours are regularly updated on our website [Events Page](#).

Monthly public talks

One of our most popular ways of engaging with the local communities is through the public talks we offer each month in the dining room of the Old Peninsula Hotel (attached to the Dome coffee building) on Railway Parade, Maylands. We aim to offer a wide variety of talks covering many different aspects of the heritage and history of Maylands as well as further afield. Talks are given by our own members and guest speakers and are held on the 3rd Monday of each month. Talks start at 7.15 for 7.30pm, no booking is usually necessary and entry is always free! Newcomers, friends and neighbours are always made welcome if they chose to come along to these informal and entertaining evenings.

Looking back at recent activities

Our Talk in May was given by Taui Pinker from WA Ballet and he explored the ways in which one of the most recognisable buildings in Maylands was re-purposed and now has a new part to play in the life of our suburb.



Blind School repurposed as WA Ballet School



After school activity for students at Blind School

Taui traced the development of the Victoria Institute for the Blind, the various names and organisations that followed – such as the WA School for the Blind and the workshops associated with the institute. He also illustrated how part of the original complex was then refurbished for use by WA Ballet for their dancers, costume and set production and management. A really good turnout which saw over 40 people in attendance with a lot of interest in both aspects of the talk: the WA Institute for the Blind and WA Ballet. We are now following up with a number of connections made with people who have had some sort of personal connection with the Blind Institute. You can access this talk and past talks through our website.

Our next step will be to sort out arrangements for a Members Event tour of the WA Ballet facilities. If you wish to join us let us know through our contact form on our website.

Community News & Updates

Some of our Committee members are taking part in a project at Bold Park School on Intergenerational story-telling. Keith, Bobbie and Bevan met with Year 10 students who interviewed them individually with a view to creating a life story. It is planned that these individual life-stories will be combined within a future publication. Watch this space for more news!

Our Sponsors

As a voluntary community organisation we rely on the generous support of our sponsors to help us fulfil our Mission.

We encourage you to support these organisations.

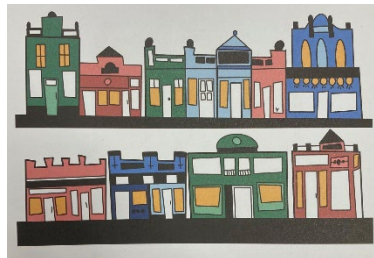


Looking ahead

June 15th

Our speaker will be local resident, author and artist Deb Huff who will talk about "Gossip, Ghosts and Good times: Perth's most colourful building histories".

Many of the stories that Deb tells concern heritage buildings in our own suburb – for example the range of shops along Whatley Crescent. So come along and learn more about places that we probably go past every week!



July 20th

Dr Fiona Bush OAM is a recognised archaeologist and heritage consultant as well as an active member of the Council of History West and many different community groups in her neighbourhood of Mundaring. Fiona will give an illustrated talk about the rich and beautiful history of stained glass as she recounts the evolution of artistic skills as well as glass-making techniques which together created the many different styles of stained glass to be found around WA.

The schedule of future talks is regularly updated on our website.

Ways That You Can Help Us

- Attend upcoming events
- Help us with specific projects that match your interest and skills
- Share local history and memories
- Become a member
- Donate or sponsor a project

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Did you know that Albany Bell Castle was once a factory?



Albany Bell Castle on Guildford Road is a prominent nearby landmark of Mount Lawley rather than Maylands as many think.

Its land, once part of the Pineapple Estate was purchased in 1909 by Peter Albany Bell, a well-known confectioner and tea-room proprietor, who had 11 tea-rooms in Perth, three in Kalgoorlie and opened the first cafeteria in Western Australia.

The building was designed to provide a pleasant working environment for workers producing cakes, pastries, ice, icecream and confectionery for shops around Perth. It was constructed between 1914 and 1919.

Ownership of the building was transferred to West Australian Newspapers during World War II, so that the company could continue newspaper production if its St Georges Terrace premises were bombed.

After the war, West Australian Newspapers sold the building to the Australian government.

The Civil Aviation Authority later sold the building to Perth investors Hugo Bombara and Camillo Dellamaddelena for \$1.04 million.

The building is now part of an apartment complex.

Read more about [Albany Bell Castle](#) on our website

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