



MAYLANDS HISTORICAL

AND PENINSULA ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER



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 or pop into the Old Police Station and pick up one of the walk cards.

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.

Go to the [Interactive Map Page](#) on our website for further details or see the map in action at the Old Police Station.

Dear Members and Friends

It is a pleasure to be able to reflect on another busy and successful month of activities and to receive positive responses to last month's Newsletter. Brief updates on our various activities can be found in this month's edition along with some interesting snippets about the people and places of Maylands. August will be another busy month for the Historical Society and I hope to see you at one of the events highlighted in the Newsletter.

Best Wishes

Keith Cundale: President, MHPA

Did You Know?



The oldest existing hotel in Perth is the Royal Hotel – now incorporated in the new Raine

Square redevelopment (below right). In 1906 a substantial redevelopment and extension took it around the corner of William Street onto Wellington Street, as seen in the top picture. This redevelopment was built by someone well known to us: **Gustav Liebe**, who, as well as building the Old Peninsula Hotel, also built His Majesty's Theatre. An interesting connection between Old Perth and Old Maylands!



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

Behind the scenes at MHPA: New Signage Installed

Some time ago we won a grant from Bendigo Community Bank to acquire some new signs for our premises at the Old Police Station. After some delay in sorting out the design I am delighted that **aO Let'sGo** printing company in Sussex Street have delivered and installed a new cover for the large board outside the building and installed a new notice board where we can post information on current activities and future dates.



New signboard making clear who we are!



New solar-lit Notice Board allowing us to present up to date information on our activities

Because this notice board has a solar-powered light, it is clearly illuminated at night for passers-by to admire! We will also be getting some new teardrop banners and also some pull-up banners in due course. We will always need interesting images and items to put on the notice board – so please send in any suggestions or materials that we could include

New sponsors sign up to support Maylands Historical



We are delighted to let you know that the **National Trust of WA** has formalised their support for the Historical Society

by offering to provide a regular prize for our monthly raffles in the form of a “Free Entry” pass to any National Trust property. We will be circulating details of those NT(WA) places around Perth (and beyond the City for those who may be travelling around the State!). They have also generously donated a case of wine from which we will be able to provide gifts for Guest Speakers. In addition to this support, we will be exploring ways in which we can set up a members’ event next year in conjunction with the National Trust of WA.

We already have an existing relationship with **Maylands Golf Course**, and they provide a monthly raffle prize for free rounds of golf. This relationship has developed further after they have generously

Coming up: August talk

Ink in their veins



One of our most popular ways of engaging with the local community is through the public talks we offer each month in the dining room of the Old Peninsula Hotel (Dome Cafe) on Railway Parade, Maylands.

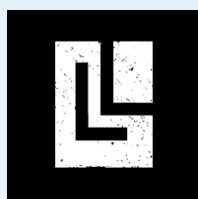
MHPA Member and local history expert, Geoff Moor, will be returning again this year to give a talk on the fascinating story behind the development of printing in WA. In days gone by – long before the advent of radio, TV and social media - local printers were the primary source of information, intrigue and public debate. Geoff’s talk will explain how, from the earliest days of the Swan River colony, printing technologies developed to serve the needs of the rapidly growing city. Examples of early posters, waybills, newspapers and pamphlets – along with a brief review of the development of printing machines in the Colony will contribute to a fascinating talk.

Monday 17th August in the usual place at the Old Peninsula Hotel.

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.



Lyric Lane



underwritten the cost of some new display cabinets which will form part of our longer-term redevelopment programme at the Old Police Station

STOP PRESS: More good news on sponsorship!

It is also great to be able to also announce that **Maylands Fish and Chips** have also just come forward with support for our fund raising! They will be providing vouchers for our raffles enabling the lucky winner to get a meal for two.

More details in our next Newsletter.

Looking back: July's talk

Dr Fiona Bush, OAM, gave a fascinating account of the technology of stained-glass manufacture and how it has changed over the centuries. Her lavishly illustrated talk included examples from as far back as mediaeval Cathedrals in England – glass from 1150AD, right up to contemporary designs and installations around Perth. Fiona's book will be released later this year and we will make sure to have a copy available in the MHPA Library. A recording of her talk will appear on our You Tube channel: which incidentally has recordings of almost all of the MHPA talks from many years.

Save the date: 29th August - MHPA Sausage sizzle

We will be holding another of our famous sausage sizzles at Bunnings Bayswater (on Collier Road next to the Tonkin Highway) on Saturday 29th August from around 8.00am through to the afternoon. Please come along and support the Maylands crew who will be making and selling the sausages: you don't have to actually eat any yourself!

Maylands Amateur Boat Building Yard

Most Maylands residents will be aware of the boatyard at the corner of Johnson Road and Hardy Road, but probably don't know much about what goes on there: nor how it came into existence.



The facility is owned by the WA Government to provide space for amateur boat builders to build, maintain, repair or store their own boats on site. The facility is leased to a private company that manages the facility for the use of private boat owners. It is believed to be only publicly owned facility of its type in Australia.

Over the years a considerable number of boats have been left unattended or abandoned and this had led to the facility becoming a bit of an eyesore.

Recently a new management team has taken over, and they are in the process of cleaning the place up. Members of the public are welcome to visit the facility.

As an historical society we have been documenting the history of this facility and the history of the surrounding area as these are important aspects of Maylands history. We have already gathered a significant amount of information on the history of this area and the boat building facility, but we probably do not yet have the complete story.

We are hoping that someone reading this article will be able to help us to do this. Go to <https://maylandshistorical.com.au/maylands-amateur-boat-building-yard/> to review the information that we have collected so far and let us have any further information or additional pictures that you may have.



Maylands LEAP – can you help?



We came across this picture in our archives – but not much is known about it. A small item appeared in the “Can You Help?” column of the West Australian recently which produced some interesting responses, but we would still like to know more.

We believe that the picture was taken along what used to be the riverside path near Tranby House / Peninsula Farm, before it was damaged by rising water levels and erosion caused by the wake of passing boats. It is also suggested that “LEAP” stands for Landcare and Environment Action Program which operated in the 1990s. Does anyone have personal memories of this group? Or, even better, can you tell us who these people were and when the photo was taken. Please contact us on 0402 164 206 or email to maylandshs@gmail.com

What other information can we share?

If you have any suggestions for future articles, or have any interesting pictures that you would like to share, please send them in!

Ways That You Can Help Us

- Attend upcoming events
- Help us with specific projects that match your interests and skills. Contact us to chat about this.
- Share local history and memories
- Become a member
- Donate or sponsor a project

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