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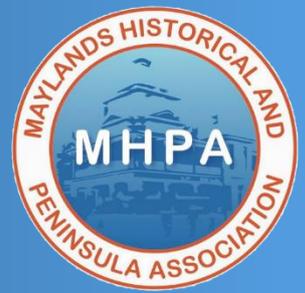
The Old Police Station - 196 Guildford Road, Maylands

Our opening hours are:

Wednesdays – 9.30am to 3.30pm

First Saturday in the month – 10am to 2pm

July 2022



## Looking ahead

Our next open meeting will be a talk on 18th July presented by guest speaker, Greg Benjamin titled 'Early days of Perth and Perth Hills – Timber, Railways, and Orchards'.

Greg will describe the difficult years of the early Perth colony, the convict involvement with infrastructure projects, the impact of the railway from Guildford to the Upper Darling Range, and the contributions of early pioneers and their activities in the Perth Hills, including Mason & Bird, Keane & White, Thomas Price and others.

Greg has been a resident in South Perth for 35 years, having come across from Sydney in 1987 and has been a member of the City of South Perth Historical Society since 2014. In the past four years he has given talks on various topics of local history here in Perth and around Western Australia.

This promises to be another interesting talk as Greg shares insights into the early years of Perth and the Perth Hills

## 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**

**Next Meeting**  
**Monday July 18th**

**'Early Days in the  
Perth Hills'**

## Railways of Maylands

Last month's talk is now up on YouTube for those who missed out! It was a full house and many people came with their own fascinating stories and recollections of the railway.

Interesting facts for the future – currently we have 426 trains per week passing through Maylands stations; when the airport line opens that will increase to 812 and when the Ellenbrook line opens it will be 1216!

## Memories of the railways in Maylands

Our public talk for June was given by Keith Cundale on 'The railways and Maylands: past, present and future' and prompted some interesting recollections amongst the large group of members and visitors who attended that meeting.

Some of the anecdotes included:

- Memories of riding 'The Rattler' - this was a steam-hauled service from the Midland Railways workshops that was still running after the introduction of diesel powered trains. Woe betide anyone who did not know the unwritten rules and tried to sit in 'Old Bert's' personal seat! No bookings or seat reservations had been made of course – it was just that he always sat in that seat and no-one else could ever take it. So a new passenger would find men already sitting in every other seat - with no chance of them moving up to make room - you just had to squeeze in where you could! And then enjoy the sounds and smells from the old steam loco.
- One resident told us more about the work that was done at the Southern Cross Windmill Company and the wide range of products that were made there for use on farms and in factories around WA. See also the notes below on this company.
- Mrs Kenny is a long-term resident of Maylands and her Grandmother used to catch the train regularly - but was always having to run for the train. She became quite a local celebrity and the stationmaster and porters would call out as she rushed past: "There she goes!" Mrs Kenny's brother was an accomplished artist - even though he was only 12 years old at the time - and he created some marvellous cartoons of his Grandmother and her desperate attempts to catch the train. Mrs Kenny has kindly allowed us to scan these pictures so that we have a record of them and allowed us to reproduce one of them in this newsletter. We will let you know when the others are available to view at the Old Police Station.
- On a more sombre note, Mrs Kenny's Grandmother was killed by a locomotive on the Caledonian Avenue crossing - a sad and terrible event that was actually witnessed by another of our visitors at the meeting. He was only three at the time but recalls being out the front of their property on Whatley Crescent when the loco hit the lady and recalls the Doctor who happened to be nearby rushing to the site and climbing under the engine to try and save the poor lady. Sad memories.

### **WOMAN HIT BY ENGINE DIES**

Mrs. Rose Kenny (83), of Railway-terrace, Maylands, died in the Royal Perth Hospital yesterday. She was critically injured last Thursday when she was struck by the locomotive of a passenger train at Maylands.

Report dated 31 Aug 1949



- More happily, one of our residents recalled his interest in rifle-shooting when he was still a young man and having to go along to the Parcels office to collect a new supply of ammunition. It arrived in a large metal case and was quite a load for a young man to lift and carry! But there were never any questions from the Parcels office officials! There were many other recollections as well, sent in to us by people who had read the article in the West Australian newspaper or who attended the talk and chatted to us afterwards. One of our plans for later this year is to look at ways in which we might capture more of these personal memories and incorporate them into our records and displays.

In the meantime, if anyone has any information about two of the businesses that operated on the Falkirk Sidings: 'Southern Cross Windmill Company' or 'K W Thomas Freight forwarders' (later TNT), please get in touch, so that Keith can incorporate the additional information into his next talk!

**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**

July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Old Police Station Open 10am to 2pm
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Speaker – Greg Benjamin
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 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup>	Heritage Buildings Walking Tour
November 12 <sup>th</sup>	Maylands Street Festival
November 14 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup>	Talks at the Rise (TBC)
November 19 <sup>th</sup> /20 <sup>th</sup>	Peninsula Walking Tour
November 21 <sup>st</sup>	Monthly Talk (TBC)
November 26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup>	Worshipful Maylands Walking Tour
November 30 <sup>th</sup>	History and Heritage Monthly closing event
December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party at Rifos

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!!

Phone: President, Keith Cundale, on 0402 164 206

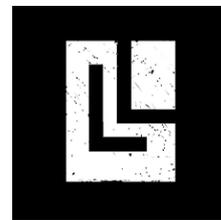
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