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FROM THE VERANDAH

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Newsletter for the members of the Mount Lawley Society (MLS) Est. 1977



57 Lawley Crescent, Mount Lawley

... taken from a 1984 edition of a Mount Lawley Society newsletter.
John and Mable Broadfoot bought the home at 57 Lawley Crescent from its original owner, Francis Fogarty. Mabel and John had two daughters — Verna (Ikie) and Dorothy (Dickie). Both were educated at Perth College, being original students following its transfer to Mount Lawley in 1915. After completing her BA in English at the University of WA, Ikie spent her whole career as a teacher at Perth College (except for a short period in England). Dickie joined the Volunteer Aid Detachment during the war, then worked as a laboratory assistant at the Blood Bank and later with the blood research team at King Edward Memorial Hospital.

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We aim to bring you a mix of new and old updates in and around our neighbourhood.

If you have some photos you'd like to share – maybe your garden, architecture, renovation hints or leadlights, or anything that you think represents the different characters of Menora, Inglewood or Mount Lawley, please email them to us at www.mountlawleysociety.org.au

Dear members and friends

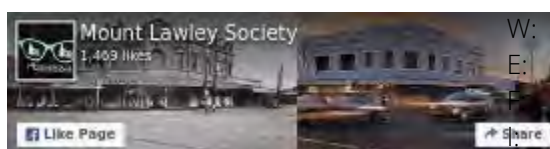
For those who don't know me, my name is Mark Hodge and I was elected President of the Mount Lawley Society at the AGM in December 2021. I have been on the committee for the last seven years, and have enjoyed being involved with the community, the heritage and the activities the role involves.



This year has been an interesting one, and in spite of various restrictions over the last two years, we have still managed to keep busy. We were lucky enough to win a commendation at the recent City of Stirling History and Heritage Awards for our leadlight tour which took place last year. There will be another tour in April 2023 when we will discover the beautiful leadlights of a fresh batch of homes. I hope to see you there.

Our most important fundraising event of the year, our Quiz Night, was held late in August, and again was a fantastic success. Please see photos on page 6. I sincerely thank everyone who came along and, especially our generous local businesses who made the donations which helped to make the night the success it was. I hope you enjoy our newsletter.

Mark Hodge
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Things to note

AGM

Make a note in your diary:

The MLS Annual General Meeting will be Sunday 11 December 2022.
More information soon.

GUEST SPEAKER SERIES 2023

Our exciting new Guest Speaker Series 2023 will be held every second month at the Forrest Park Croquet Club. The first talk in February will be **The Evolution of the Mt Lawley Subway: 1906 to the Present Day**, by Phill Matson on 27 February 2023 (time to be confirmed).

More information and booking details will be on our website under Events Coming Up: www.mountlawleysociety.org.au/coming-up and emailed out to members when the date gets closer. For the rest of 2023, the presentations will be 24 April, 26 June, 28 August and 23 October. There are some exceptional speakers lined up, so put these dates in your calendar.

MLS MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Reminder to keep an eye out, and please renew - only \$20 per family per year.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Do you have any stories on the people that lived in your house in the past? Have you found anything of interest when cleaning out or renovating? Do you have any questions for our Historical Sub-committee? If so then please contact us at mountlawleysociety@gmail.com

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

MT LAWLEY AND INGLEWOOD WAR MEMORIAL

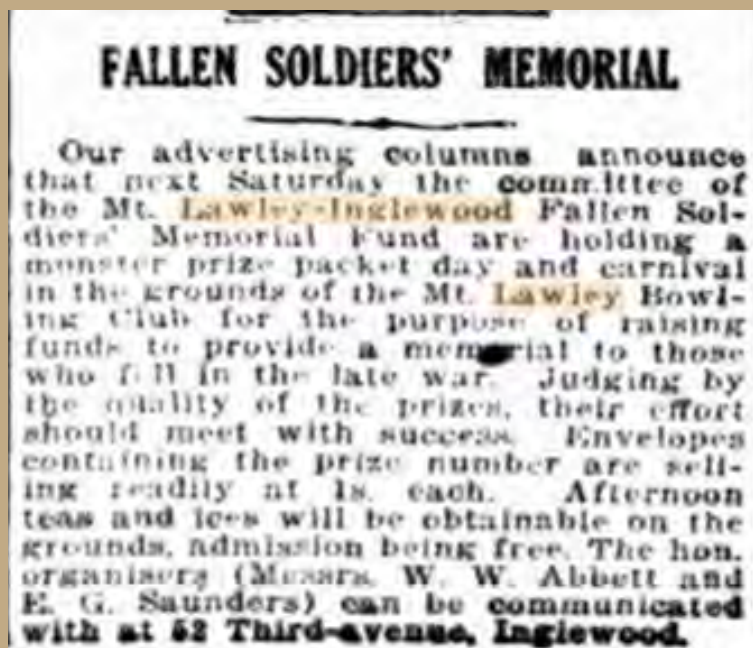
The 5 November 1922 edition of *The Sunday Times* had the following article:

Like all things, the War Memorial didn't just happen. There are many articles and advertisements in the press around the early 1920s advertising fetes, raffles and other money-raising activities to raise funds for the proposed War Memorial that we see today.

There is no reference as to how much was raised at the 'monster prize packet day' mentioned in the notice below, but when the War Memorial was unveiled two years later (30 November 1924) it is reported that it cost approximately £3,000. It was designed by Messrs Eales and Cohen and the contractors were Messrs Wales and Gillies.

Among the speakers at the opening was RT Robinson KC who, together with Samuel Copley, was responsible for developing Mt Lawley as we know it today.

If any of our members have more information, we'd love to hear from you.



A JOURNEY IN TIME

A FAMILY HOME

MENORA HOME LOST TO ROAD WIDENING

This 1974 photo is the only known view of this fine example of a Menora home at 123 Rookwood Street which was demolished in the 1970s to make way for the widening of Alexander Drive.



The house was built in 1926 by Webster Builders for Joseph and Molly Hillel. Alexander Drive only went as far as Bradford Street in those days. Joseph was born 25 November 1890 at Jasse (Iași today), Romania.

He arrived in Fremantle from Belgium on 17 May 1911 on *SS Roon*. In 1917 he married Molly (nee Goldberg) (1897-1970) in Perth. They had four daughters and two sons.

In 1922 Joseph was employed as a tailor for Robertson Moffat Merchants of Hay Street Perth. Sadly, Joseph passed away after a short illness at the early age of 48 at Nurse Ashton's Hospital, Mt Lawley in 1938. Molly continued living at 123 Rookwood until her death in 1970. The Hillel family owned the house from build to demolition.

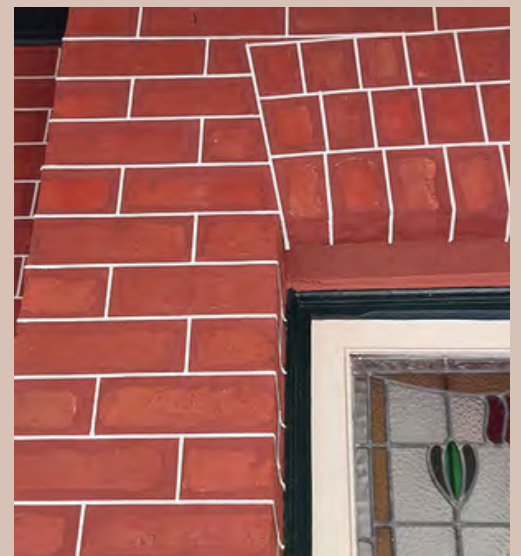
Progress and road widening is inevitable – and often necessary – but it would be nice to occasionally appreciate the lovely homes that were demolished to make this possible, and this is one of them.

TUCKPOINTING

The tuckpointing method was developed in England in the late eighteenth century and is often seen on old houses in the Mt Lawley area.

A house in First Avenue, Mt Lawley, built in 1915 is a good example. When the old bricks have a poor finish and irregular edges (below left), the whole joint is filled with a base mortar of similar colour to the bricks with a secondary pointed line pressed on top as a means of contrast in both colour (sometimes black but more often cream) in lined layout to give the impression of well-formed brickwork.

Old tuckpointing can look dull and jaded even after washing (centre photo) but when the old joints are ground down and the base mortar and line replaced (right), it can make individual bricks stand out to give a striking distinguished effect.



THE ADAM FAMILY OF 6 CLOTILDE ST, MT LAWLEY

The Adam family were the first residents of No 6 Clotilde Street, Mt Lawley. In the *Wise Post Office Directory* of the period, the first entry for Robert Adam, Inspector of Food, was in 1917 suggesting this is when the house was built.

Robert was born at 2 Maxwell Street, Paisley, Glasgow, Scotland on 9 March 1874 (*more information on this lineage is on our website - see link below*).

Robert came out to Australia in 1912, and his family must have been excited and apprehensive when they followed their father out to Australia arriving in Fremantle on *SS Zealandic* from Liverpool on 8 November 1913. The passenger list shows Janet Adam (40 yrs), with William Robertson Adam (15 yrs) and Margaret Bowie Adam (13 yrs) – with race stated as Scotch!

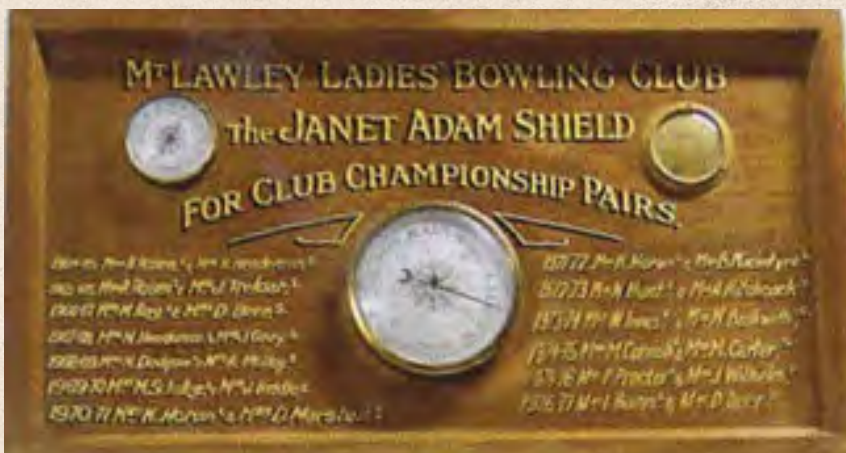
They started life here in Australia in West Perth at 46 Kingston Avenue. By 1917 they had moved into No 6 Clotilde Street which was named 'Ardgowan' (from an area at the mouth of the River Clyde, Scotland).

Robert Adam started his career with the City of Perth where he was later appointed the Inspector of Food. By the number of court cases appearing in the local press, as early as August 1913, it appears that he took his job very seriously and efficiently. He was very active in the Health Inspectors' Association (WA). He was elected Hon Secretary and Treasurer of the Health Inspectors' Association in January 1918 and was a Freemason. He was Food Inspector for Perth City Council until his death.

The Mount Lawley Bowling and Recreation Club was founded in 1909 with a membership of 60, originally as a 'men only' club. By 1919, Robert was a member of the Mt Lawley Bowling Club State Premiership team and in 1923 he is listed as Hon Secretary. Mrs J Adam was one of the 13 foundation members when the Ladies Bowling Club was formed in 1921, and there is an Honour Board called 'The Janet Adam Shield for Club Championship Pairs'. The first pair is dated 1963/64 so, presumably, it is in remembrance of Janet's passing in 1961. Janet Adam is also listed as Ladies President for the years 1922-23, 1925-26 and 1927-29.

Robert died in 1928 age 54 and Janet on 9 November 1961 – both in Mt Lawley. They are buried in the Presbyterian Section of Karrakatta Cemetery with their daughter Peg who had lived at No 6 for 71 years; from 1917 to her passing on 28 March 1988 at age 87.

The full story on the Adam family is a very interesting read so go to our website for this story as well as many other archiving stories: <http://www.mountlawleysociety.org.au/archive-stories>



A current view of 6 Clotilde Street

MLS Quiz Night



Thank you to everyone who came along to our recent Quiz Night at the Mount Lawley Bowling Club. Our Marketing and Events Committee, Christina, Mark, Julie and Fiona, took us to a Christmas and Winter Wonderland themed evening with a fantastic array of questions and prizes.

Well done to everyone who won a prize.

A big thank you goes to the generous local businesses who helped make our night a success and donated prizes: The Elford Hotel, Simon Millman MLA, Mt Lawley Hardware, Chris Pham – Realmark, Glen Phillips, City of Stirling – Elizabeth Re, Mark Irwin and Suzanne Migdale, Studio Pilates, The University Club of UWA, Balshaw's Florist, Milan Chetkovich – Essential Financial Services, Meet & Bun, Grill'd, Stephen Patrick for Hair, Frank Torre Butchers, Quintus, Adam's Traditional Barber, Grand Cru and Bossman Coffee.

We raised approximately \$2000 which will assist us continue our archiving efforts and cover ongoing costs.

Thank you all for your generosity. We look forward to seeing you at next year's Quiz Night.

