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FROM THE VERANDAH

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



Above: Harold and Olivia Hadfield on their verandah 37 Second Avenue Mt Lawley.

OVERVIEW:

- Copley Park 40 Year Anniversary
- Mural at Alexander Buildings
- How the community saved Monmouth Street Pocket Park
- The Flintoff Family and Flintoff Lane
- Leadlight Tour
- Inglewood Design Guidelines Review

Our newsletter is going through some changes. We want to start bringing you a mix of new and old updates in and around our neighbourhood.

What ever you have going on your verandah, feel free to share. We would love to see your pics of great gardens, architecture, leadlights and anything else you believe represents the character of our local area. Remember to include @mount_lawley_society to share.

Dear members

It's a joy to feel the cooler weather, certainly from my front verandah. It has been a busy few months and this newsletter highlights some of our key activities which include helping residents on Monmouth Street retain their pocket park, celebrating Copley Park's 40th Birthday and attending the community consultation for the Inglewood Design Guidelines.

On behalf of the Committee, I invite our members to join our twilight leadlight tour – you will find more details in our newsletter.

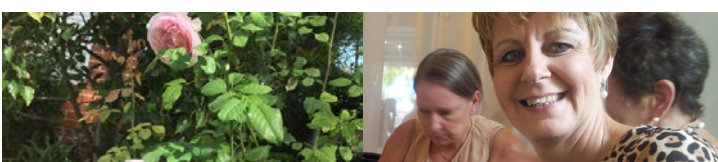
Our lovely gardens in our suburbs have been impacted this summer by a thrip plague and so we are also asking any members who have any successful tips on eradicating the thrip to share with us.

From my verandah on Park Road to yours. Enjoy.
Tracey King, President.



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COPLEY PARK 40 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

MOUNT LAWLEY SOCIETY COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

It was forty years, on 22 March 2021, that the much-loved Copley Park in Mt Lawley was officially named and opened with kite flying and pony rides instead of the usual ribbon cutting.

This well-used small park would not be in existence if it wasn't for the Mount Lawley Society and local Stirling Councillors at that time, Ethel Douglas and Terry Tyzack. So it is timely today that we thank the past committee and members of our Society as well as former Councillors, Douglas and Tyzack, for their foresight and commitment to the community.

Former City of Stirling Councillor and Mayor, Terry Tyzack, recently expressed the opinion that "formation of the Mount Lawley Society was a significant event in the social history of the City of Stirling having regard for the Society's leading role in the preservation of the character of Mount Lawley through its success, at that time, in championing lower densities and heritage protection legislation".

The community may not know that this iconic community space and park located on the corner of Beaufort Street and Regent Street East, Mount Lawley, which is now well known for its beautiful rotunda, playground, barbecues and basketball practice area, was initially playing fields for Perth College students.

In 1977 Perth College indicated that it wished to sell its playing fields in Regent Street East to finance a new Junior School. When local residents became aware that Multiplex Constructions had made an offer to purchase the playing fields for the purpose of constructing an aged care facility, they petitioned the Council asking that the City purchase the playing fields to address the drastic shortage of public open space in the immediate area.

Public support for the proposal that the City should acquire the land led to the formation of the Mount Lawley Society. Whilst the land was ideal for high rise redevelopment, the stars aligned for the newly formed Society.

Working closely with local councillors, Ethel Douglas and Terry Tyzack, who is now a life member of the Mount Lawley Society, through strong persuasion, the City of Stirling agreed to purchase the playing fields for the very considerable sum of \$450,000.



Above: The Invitation to the Opening in 1981

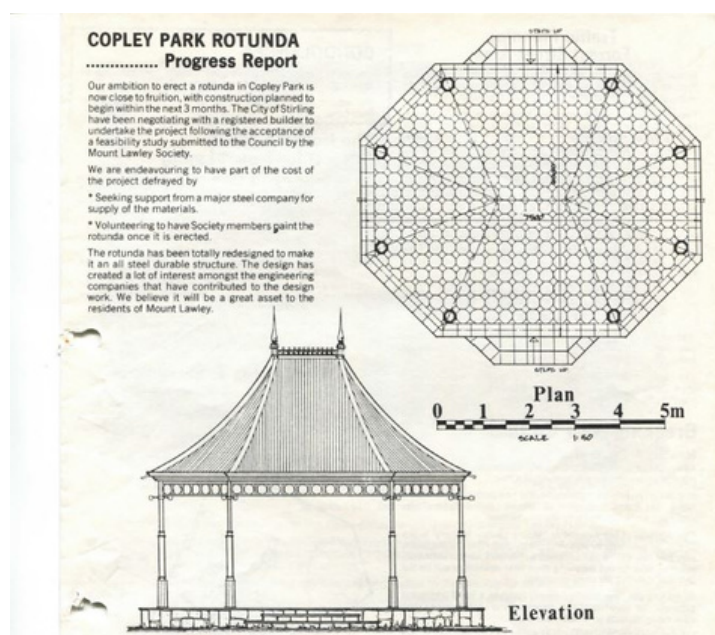
CELEBRATING COPLEY PARK

One of the key objectives of the Mount Lawley Society today – and why it was originally formed – was to ensure community engagement and focus to address the lack of public open spaces available in Mount Lawley, Inglewood and Menora.

EJ Luber-Smith AM suggested the name to honour one of the suburb's founders, Samuel Copley and the suggestion was adopted. Samuel Copley and RT Robinson bought 730 acres on the outskirts of Perth city (now Mount Lawley) which was subdivided into quarter-acre blocks. Mr Copley's foresight in providing for wide streets and in passing building regulations was largely responsible for the development of Mt Lawley.

Although the normal planning requirement was 10%, at that time the suburb of Mount Lawley had only 4% open space and many institutions.

The Society's work did not stop there. Within a few years, the Society, under President Barry Fehlberg, pressed for a traditional rotunda to be built in Copley Park. Again, the Society's lobbying paid off and the rotunda was installed under the presidency of Lachlan Walker and the Mount Lawley Society further contributed by painting the rotunda.

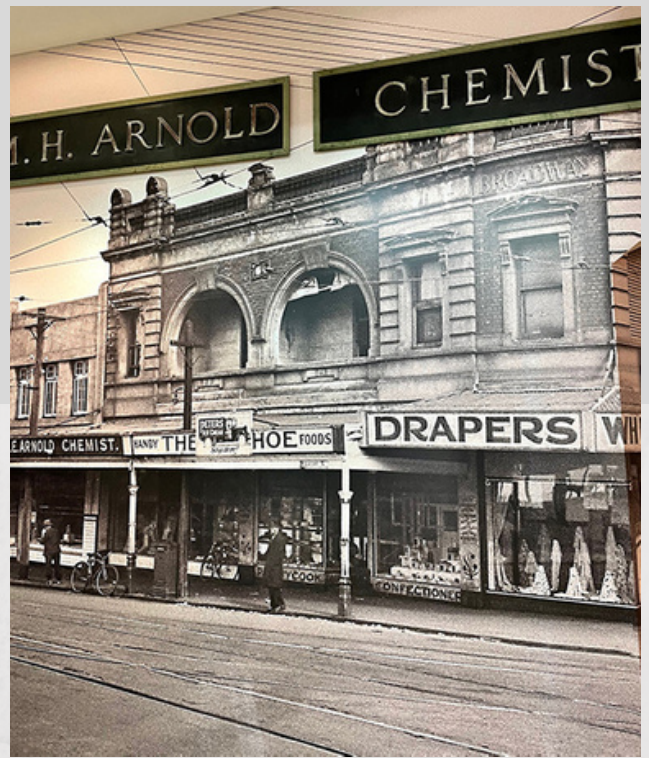


Above: Rotunda Copley Park drawings MLS Newsletter 3 July 1985

Left: Rotunda being painted September 1986

THERE'S A NEW MURAL IN THE RECENTLY RE-FURBISHED ALEXANDER BUILDINGS

Next time you visit the Beaufort Chemist, on the corner of Beaufort and Walcott Streets, exit via the back door and see the beautiful mural on the wall which leads to the new pedestrian laneway.



It is an image of the same Alexander Buildings on the south-west corner of Beaufort and Walcott Streets, taken in 1933 and which shows Arnold's Pharmacy quite clearly. Arnold's Pharmacy was established at 645 Beaufort Street, Mount Lawley. in the Alexander Buildings in 1910 and ran at least until 1949 under that name. This was Mount Lawley's first pharmacy and was the first and longest-lasting tenancy, facing Beaufort Street). The business was named after the proprietor, Mr Albert Edward Arnold, and then his son Mr Maxwell Arnold who operated the pharmacy until the 1980s.

It is understood that the Arnold family did not initially live on the premises but resided in Rookwood Street, Mount Lawley whilst living quarters were built. Mr Bert (Albert) Arnold had six children (four boys; Les, Trevor, Maxwell and Ted) and two girls (Mollie and Beryl). About 1912 or 1913 the family shifted to living quarters behind and above the pharmacy remaining there until around 1924 when they moved to 31A Rookwood Street whilst still retaining the pharmacy.

Current owners, Dean Schulze, Bruce Affleck and Alexis McLeod, contacted the Mount Lawley Society for the image, and the Society is thrilled that this piece of Mount Lawley history is on display in a perfectly appropriate place. The original awning signage from when Max Arnold was proprietor is also included as part of the mural.

"My partners and I were considering using this prominent wall space for advertising but instead decided to pay tribute to the history of the building and more particularly, the pioneers of pharmacy in Mount Lawley" said Dean Schulze.



Alexander Buildings, taken c1933 Note Arnold's Pharmacy signage on the left.

MOUNT LAWLEY SOCIETY

2021

Leadlight Tour

Enjoy a guided evening stroll admiring some of WA's best leadlights.

This is a fundraising event for MLS and the walk will take about 1.5 hours and finish back at the start for refreshments and nibbles in the garden



\$20.00 PER ADULT

THURSDAY 22 APRIL 2021

6.00PM - 8.00PM

MEET AT 22 ALMONDBURY ROAD,
MOUNT LAWLEY

GUEST NUMBERS ARE LIMITED DUE TO COVID-19
SOCIAL DISTANCING RESTRICTIONS WHICH NEED TO
BE PUT IN PLACE.

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[TRY.BOOKING.COM](https://www.trybooking.com)

Email us below if you have any questions
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THE FLINTOFF FAMILY

FLINTOFF LANE AND THE HOUSE AT 3 SECOND AVENUE

Flintoff Lane

Where is it and why was it named?

Flintoff Lane is a narrow former right-of-way between Rookwood and Walcott Streets starting nearly opposite the entry to the Mt Lawley Bowling Club. Just over 40 metres long it contains two houses.



So why was it called Flintoff?

Colonel Thomas Flintoff was a well-known dentist who practised in Perth between the wars. He and his wife Minnie built the house at 3 Second Avenue Mount Lawley in 1922. The family resided there until at least the late 1960s.

The Family

Thomas Flintoff was born in Grafton, New South Wales on 31 October 1876. There is some conjecture as to his actual year of birth as it is recorded as early as 1873 on his army papers and 1875 on his memorial plaque. His parents were Thomas (1848–1921) and Harriet Mary nee Hearn (1841–1913) Flintoff, both of whom were born in England.

He married Elizabeth Minnie nee Gray (1879–1958) in Fremantle in 1902.

Thomas and Minnie (as she was known), had four children, two of whom did not reach adulthood.

The survivors were son Thomas Wickliffe Gordon (1904–1989) also a dentist and daughter Faith Wickliffe (1906–1986).

Thomas Flintoff

Thomas came to Western Australia when he was about 20.



Above: Flintoff family: Thomas Snr, Thomas Jnr, Faith and Minnie in about 1906. Courtesy SLWA

THE FLINTOFF FAMILY

Thomas Flintoff

The *Daily News* of 31 October 1931 gives a description of Thomas's path to his dentistry qualification:

Following a preliminary course at the local education institute he was apprenticed to Mr JJ Driscoll, dentist, and pharmacist, and continued under his tuition for the following four years. Later he entered a wholesale house. Messrs. Elliott Bros. of Sydney, and still further pursued his studies. He attended the Sydney University and while there secured his diplomas in dentistry and pharmacy.

Once qualified he practiced in Fremantle on the corner of William and High Streets (see photo).

He was a keen citizen soldier and took an active interest in military affairs. He received his first commission as second lieutenant in the Fremantle Volunteers and three years later he was gazetted captain. Subsequently the Fremantle Volunteers were merged into the Australian Infantry Regiment, and the enthusiastic soldier received his majority in 1910.



At the outbreak of World War I, Major Flintoff enlisted and took the Western Australian half of the 32nd Battalion to Adelaide. On the formation being brought up to full strength they embarked from Adelaide on board HMAT A2 *Geelong* on 18 November 1915 for Egypt.

During the re-organisation of the Australian forces after the Dardanelles campaign, Major Flintoff was made second in command of the 47th Battalion. In this capacity he accompanied it to France and during the Somme Campaign of 1916 he was promoted lieutenant-colonel and commanding officer.

The circumstances of his wounding are as follows, and which have been taken from *Battle Scarred: The 47th Battalion in the First World War* by Craig Deayton:

The 4th Division moved back to the Somme at the end of October. Two weeks later, it was back in the front line, relieving companies from the 11th and 6th Battalions in Bernafay Wood on 12 November 1916. The first few days in a new position were the most dangerous, and on the morning of 14 November the 47th Battalion's new CO (Flintoff) was severely wounded there. He was hit by machine gun bullets that shattered his right arm and tore into his side. The exact circumstances of his wounding remain obscure, but his exposure may have resulted from his desire to take his share of the front line's dangers, something that was attested to by one of his men.

He was mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's dispatch, 13 November 1916, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the field.

After a long period in hospital, he was transferred to the 6th Division where he commanded a training camp in England. He embarked on the HT *Malta* 31 July 1918 and disembarked in Perth 21 September 1918.

THE FLINTOFF FAMILY

Thomas Flintoff and the House at 3 Second Avenue

He had one more appointment and that was to serve as Officer Commanding Troops (voyage only) on the SS *Carpentaria* leaving Sydney on 7 November 1918. However, with the cessation of hostilities, this voyage was curtailed and his appointment was terminated in Perth on 6 December 1918. He was awarded the 1914-15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal.

Upon his return from war he resumed his dental practice but this time at 678 Hay Street (where the Carillion Shopping Centre is today).

Colonel Flintoff was an active member of the RSL and for some years was the President of the Mt Lawley sub-branch. He was a member of the military branch of the Freemasons' Lodge and was a foundation member of the Queen Victoria Lodge at Subiaco, eventually becoming the second master of that lodge.



Above: Thomas Flintoff in 1935

He has always been a keen lover of horses and he was a patron of the turf for many years. He was also a member of the Perth Club.

It was reported in his obituary that, in his spare time, he was an enthusiastic flower grower and a leading horticulturist. The half-acre block at 3 Second Avenue certainly lent itself to such a hobby.

Thomas suffered considerably from the effects of his war wounds and two years prior to his death underwent a serious operation in the Repatriation Ward of the Perth General hospital. He died at his home in Mt Lawley, as a result of his war wounds, in January 1935 aged 58.

No 3 Second Avenue Mt Lawley

According to the entries in the Wise Directories the house at 3 Second Avenue was built around 1921 as this is the first entry found for 3 Second Avenue and it is in the name of 'Flintoff, Thomas'. Note that the State Heritage list the Construction Date 'from 1935'. It is known as Tanya House – why or when it was given such a name is unknown.

This is a somewhat grand home apparently consisting of six bedrooms, nanny's quarters and lounge, TV room, etc. It is listed in the City of Stirling Heritage Inventory as a Category 2A (Place records 15486) and described as 'an inter-war house in a classically derived Mediterranean style of great aesthetic merit'.

Roger Elmitt

MLS Archives

Data for this article has been extracted from Trove, obituary from West Australian, the Mt Lawley Society database and other sources on the internet.



Inglewood Design Review

UPDATES FROM OUR COMMUNITY CONSULTATION



Laneway streetscapes may need more flexibility, however architectural character, and tree canopy should be retained.

INGLEWOOD DESIGN GUIDELINES REVIEW

Many properties in Inglewood are located in what's known as the Inglewood Heritage Protection Area. This area has unique planning controls to ensure the character of the area is retained. These controls are outlined in the Inglewood Character Retention Guidelines. A significant difference in Inglewood is the zoning of the land which allows many homes to subdivide, with developments that can be on lots smaller than 300 square metres.

The City is investigating whether the design controls can be relaxed where development is located:

- at the rear of existing houses
- fronting a laneways
- on a corner lot.

Council conducted a consultation about the design guidelines on Saturday 27 March with local residents. Members of the community also want to understand how the regulations came about. The views of the groups were incredibly different depending on lifestyle requirements, such as young families versus downsizers. A significant discussion point was the streetscape that residents are seeking on laneways vs primary streets. There was much debate on the need to protect and retain trees, prevent overshadowing, ensure building materials and future buildings are sympathetic to existing architectural styles in the primary streets. It included a debate as to whether solar panels should be visible from the street. Whilst Council was brave enough to ask whether a utilitarian architectural style should be present in the laneways, it would be hard to decide based on consultation as to community preferences.

We will continue to keep an eye out for the Council report on the consultation.



SAVE OUR POCKET PARK

UPDATE - NOW SAVED

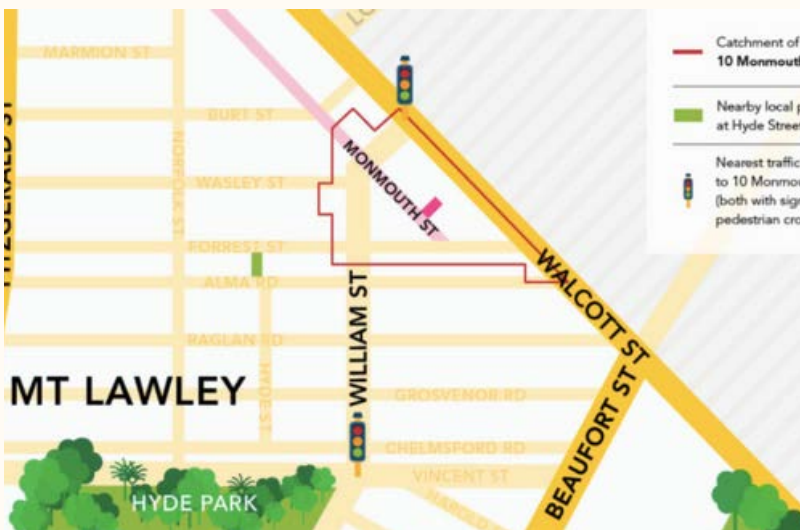
10 Monmouth Street pocket park to be Upgraded

Local residents of Monmouth Street in Mount Lawley successfully defended the retention of their pocket park at the City of Vincent Council meeting on 21 March 2021.

The Mount Lawley Society was proud to support the community to help publicise the community consultation period and ensure everyone had their say.

In addition to saving their pocket park, Council also agreed to ensure the community of future funding of improved facilities for the park to ensure all local residents can enjoy the space for recreation.

Photos | 10 Monmouth Street



Q2 How do you use 10 Monmouth Street?

- 10/17/2020 09:52 AM PLAY WITH GRANCHILDREN AND WALK DOG
- 10/18/2020 07:28 AM Sometimes walking dogs
- 10/19/2020 09:56 AM playing with child
- 10/19/2020 04:54 PM Dont. it is just a vacant block.
- 10/21/2020 11:00 AM Dog exercising
- 10/21/2020 05:13 PM nothing there to use
- Take my Dog to run around that space with the other neighbours and their

Image: City of Vincent

For all the information on the approved council decision, go to:
[Options for 10 Monmouth Street | The City of Vincent](#)

LOOKING FOR COMMUNITY HELPERS

Help us make a difference to the retention of our heritage and history of our inner suburbs.

COMMITTEE

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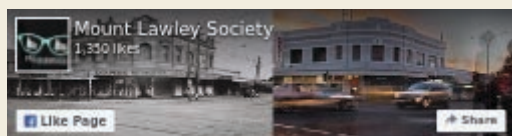
Rita Tognini, Fiona Henfrey,

Julie Harrison

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VOLUNTEERS EMAIL US

We encourage everyone to take an active role in our community through our volunteering opportunities and events.



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