



Our Heritage News

MOUNT LAWLEY SOCIETY

August 2017

From the President

Dear Members

As you will see in my report to you, your committee has delivered in spades in the first half of 2017! I am so privileged to have such a dedicated and hard-working committee.

As I always say, put the kettle on and sit and relax for a while over a wonderful read of all the latest heritage news in Mount Lawley, Inglewood and Menora, including our twelfth instalment of Mount Lawley Men in the Great War.

Quiz Night 19 May 2017

Our biggest fundraiser for the year attracted more than 100 members and friends at the Mount Lawley Bowling Club with some great and memorable questions from our Quiz Master Extraordinaire, Mark Hodge and lots of fabulous prizes and raffles.

Thank you to our Marketing & Events Subcommittee: Christina Gustavson, Mark Hodge, Phillipa Baines and John Wreford. As a parent of three school-aged children, I have been to my fair share of quiz nights but, hands down, the team organised a brilliant night enhanced, of course, by the intimate art deco function room at the Mount Lawley Bowling Club.

I especially thank our donors and encourage members to support these businesses and individuals: the Inglewood Hotel, Kaos Hair Studio, Mia Flora Garden Centre, Caffarelli and Associates, The Astor Theatre, Nervana Chiropractic, the City of Stirling and Tim Hammond MP, Member for Perth.



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26 Wood Street, Inglewood

26 Wood Street is a three-storey block of 23 flats built in the late 1960s.

The flats are not dissimilar to dozens of other blocks of flats built in the 1960s and 1970s in Perth's inner suburbs as part of the implementation of the Stephenson and Hepburn Plan.

The developments destroyed hundreds of heritage homes in Inglewood, Menora and Mount Lawley but the only saving grace was the mandatory setbacks and large land area they required for significant landscaping that today provides a wonderful green oasis as can be seen from the aerial photo (right).

A single developer now controls 26 Wood, who sought to re-zone the site to a higher density to allow development of the surrounding landscaped land.

Our local membership base in Inglewood alerted the Society to the re-zoning proposal and confirmed that at least ten large trees had already been chopped down, as the photo shows (right).

The City of Stirling advise there at least 40 blocks of flats in the Heritage Protection Area of Inglewood, Menora and Mount Lawley at risk of similar applications for higher zoning.

The Society recognised the precedent a successful re-zoning would create and stepped up on behalf of the local community to oppose the re-zoning. Local residents had already organised a petition but the Society was able to provide sound and convincing arguments against a further re-zoning. I attended and presented such arguments at the Planning and Development Committee Meeting on 20 June 2017 and again attended Council on 4 July 2017 putting questions to Council highlighting concerns with the proposal.

Pleasingly, the re-zoning was refused by Council. This is a very good example of our members being alert to local planning and development issues in their immediate neighbourhood, alerting the Society and working with us to ensure a positive outcome.

State and Federal Government Matters

Representatives of your Committee met with Simon Millman, MLA Mount Lawley; the Hon Alana Clohessy, MLC and the electorate officer for Lisa Baker, MLA Maylands in May.

Mr Millman said we were the first community group to meet in his office – we felt very privileged and we look forward to a positive relationship.

The Society requested the meeting to deal with three major issues which concern us:

- the Beaufort Street Scheme Amendment
- Development Assessment Panels (DAPs)
- our accommodation needs.

We also mentioned the need for improvement of Guildford Road and, in particular, the intersection with East Parade.

We also welcomed Mr Tim Hammond MP, MHR for Perth, to our May committee meeting and also raised the above issues with him, which are summarised on the next page:



Beaufort St Scheme Amendment

We expressed concern about the delay with the Amendment and noted that it has now been before three Ministers, totalling nearly 18 months.

The City of Stirling won a national planning award for the Amendment which was the result of two years of consultation culminating in unanimous support by Council and clear overwhelming support by local business, residents and the landowners.

Here is a link to the website noting the Planning Institute of Australia's Commendation Award in November 2016 to the City of Stirling for the Beaufort Street Scheme Amendment in the category of 'Public Engagement and Community Planning' <https://www.planning.org.au/awards/2016>

What's interesting is that the Silver Sponsor of the Award is the Western Australian Planning Commission!

We, at the Society, wonder why it has taken so long for the Planning Commission to deal with the Amendment.

Development Assessment Panels

We expressed concern about DAPs.

We want DAPs abolished or, if not, then substantially reformed with action immediately to deal with:

- Conflicts of Interest: preventing panel members acting as advocates or 'guns for hire'. We have observed panel members acting as advocates at DAP hearings for applicants when they sit as decision makers on the same or other panels.
- Raising the threshold to \$10m from the current \$2m and indexing it. A further option might be to elevate and reward responsible councils with the resources for good planning decisions with a higher threshold – such as the City of Perth and City of Stirling to \$20 million. Really, why should a small council have the same threshold as the Cities of Stirling or Perth?
- Limiting DAPs geographically by removing them from Heritage Protection Areas and our side residential streets. Containing them to District Centres defined by the WAPC and areas matched with the Government's Metronet Plan would be ideal.
- Improving transparency and accountability, principally by removing the 3-2 bias against the local government members of the Panel. We recall that panel members from the previous Government's announcement on DAPs were to provide expert advice and assistance. They never mentioned a voting bloc.

Accommodation for Mount Lawley Society

We outlined our accommodation woes. As little as 20sqm is needed to get us started. It would need to be a secure location. As much as we are grateful for the space, our existing location is a basement underneath a commercial kitchen with pipes running through it – not ideal for archival material!

Mr Millman and Ms Clohessy and the office of Ms Baker agreed to identify State Government owned assets in the Heritage Protection Area and notify the Society of any suitable accommodation.

Our Heritage & Archiving Sub-committee has also been meeting with the City of Stirling to identify any City-owned assets that might be suitable.

If any local business or property owner has a spare office or room then please let us know.

Guildford Road

We expressed support to our Parliamentary members for an upgrade of Guildford Road to provide turning pockets, landscaped median and an efficient upgrade of East Parade/Guildford Road intersection.

The Society lodged a submission which was sent to all local Parliamentary members. It was thoroughly

researched with much time spent by Committee members, Andy Ross and Phillipa Baines. Andy took the trouble to review the road reservation and found, with some adjustments, the project could work without affecting any building in Mount Lawley.

40th Anniversary Dinner

Our 40th Birthday Banquet was truly a night of celebrating and reminiscing with old and new friends.

For those of us who are 'more recent' members, we felt honoured to hear the stories from over the past forty years of the Society's early challenges, wins, losses and fun times. With seven Presidents, three Secretaries and one fantastic Patron, there were lots of stories to listen to and the feeling of warmth and camaraderie in the room was something to remember.

It was also a privilege to have the magnificent Ashley Arbuckle and Richard Price of Arco Duo entertain us during the night. Well done to all who worked hard to make it a success and a Happy 40th Birthday to the Mount Lawley Society. May the next 40 years be as fruitful and community spirited as the last.

Yours sincerely,
Paul Collins
President

Presidents and Patrons

As this is our 40th year as a community organisation, we can now say that we have a small amount of history behind us with lots of stories of our successes and disappointments. We are continually looking for more history and stories about our three suburbs: Inglewood, Menora and Mount Lawley. The people who live, or who lived, here are our best sources, so dig around in your cupboards and see what you can find. We take pride in treating everything that is given or lent to us as extremely precious and valuable.

Presidents

October 1977 – March 1980	Donald Urquhart
March 1980 – October 1980	Dr Guy Hamilton
October 1980 – October 1982	John McKechnie
October 1982 – October 1985	Barry Fehlberg
October 1985 – October 1987	Lachlan Walker
October 1987 – June 1989	Dr Sam Rogers
October 1989 – December 1990	Paul Doherty
December 1990 – March 1994	Julian Ludowici
March 1994 – June 1998	Lee Cassidy
June 1998 – August 2000	John Separovic
August 2000 – October 2007	John Lightowlers
October 2007 – April 2012	Paul Hurst
April 2012 – October 2014	Bruce Wooldridge
October 2014 – December 2015	Vacant
December 2015 – April 2016	Tim Hammond
April 2016 - current	Paul Collins

Patrons

Oct 1977 – 4 August 1989	Maurice Edgar HAMER
Apr 1990 –	Barrie Brentnall BAKER

MOUNT LAWLEY SOCIETY
40
 YEARS



Seven Presidents, two Secretaries and a Patron





Take Advantage of the Heritage Incentives Program !

For those members who have a property listed on the City of Stirling's Heritage List, why not take advantage of the City's Heritage Incentives Program. These incentives include:

- Annual **Rates Concession**, that is, a discount of 50% (or a maximum of \$2000 for commercial properties) on the general rates payable, to help with the care and maintenance of properties.
- One-off **Heritage Grants** of up to \$5000 to help with the conservation and maintenance of individual properties. The grant has to meet specified requirements and is only awarded once.
- Free **Technical Advice** about conservation and development for property owners preparing development applications.

Providing incentives for the protection of heritage buildings and places is a recent initiative of City of Stirling and started in September 2015. Following a recent meeting of the Planning and Development Committee in March, where our President, Paul Collins, spoke in favour of an extension of the initiative, the City has decided to extend the Program into 2017/2018 and 2018/2019.

A review by the City of the operation of the Heritage List Incentives Program 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 financial years showed a significant increase in applications over the two years and concluded that the program had been effective in contributing to works to conserve and improve a number of properties.

In 2015/2016, the City received one application for a heritage grant and one application for technical advice. Interest jumped in the following year with seven heritage grants, seven rates concessions and one technical advice application. The heritage grant applications awarded for this period totalled \$35,000 and covered a range of works including repairs, painting and maintenance and restoration works including tuck-pointing. Development application fees for these grants, to the value of \$1,029, were also waived. Rates concessions to the value of \$4,689.59 were granted in 2016/2017.

To make sure that this program continues past 2019, we encourage eligible owners to take advantage of these incentives.

Want to Know More?

For detailed information about each element of the Heritage Incentives Program, what is and isn't funded and eligibility criteria go to the [City of Stirling's Heritage Grants page on their website](#).

Instagram and Facebook

Please 'Follow', 'Like' and 'Share' our Facebook and Instagram posts. We are using these platforms to display some of the many photos that we have collected that have not been seen before or published in the newsletter. Likewise, we are posting short resumes of our World War I servicemen as well as continuing to write longer stories about them in the Our Heritage newsletter.

Just click on the icons to take you to our pages.



MOUNT LAWLEY MEN IN THE GREAT WAR (#12)

Peter Conole

Dedman Family

The Dedman family of 77 Guildford Road, Mount Lawley were by no means prominent figures in society. Our available data indicates they were respected working class folk. They certainly did well for themselves in WA and were noted as staunch members of the Methodist community.

The paternal line goes back to Charles Dedman and his wife, Jane Davidson, who lived in Yorkshire in the early 1800s. Their son, Charles Henry Dedman (1836-1887), was born in the port of Hull and married Elizabeth Deighton. News of the Gold Rush probably drew the couple to Victoria in 1861. They settled at the fast-growing town of Sale in the Gippsland district. Their son, Charles Henry Dedman, was born there on 23 April 1864. Sale prospered during the gold years and survives as an attractive regional city in Victoria.

Charles Henry Dedman, whose vocation remains elusive, married Sarah Tempest in 1889 and moved to the rural locality of Dutson near Sale. The first of their soldier sons, Arthur William Dedman, was born there on 5 April 1892. Francis Charles Dedman followed in 1894. For uncertain reasons, possibly but not certainly linked to the WA gold boom, the family moved to Western Australia some time before 1913. By that year the family were living in Mount Lawley.

It is quite likely both young men of the family became employees of what was then the Western Australian Government Railways soon after their arrival in Mount Lawley. In their enlistment papers the pair both gave their line of work as 'locomotive fireman' – a job which made working close to home possible but also involved transfers as required.

Later correspondence indicates the brothers were always close mates and worked together. Arthur (Service No 4720) and Francis (Service No 4719) heeded the 'call to the colours' on the same day. They joined on 1 March 1916 and were placed in the 2th Battalion of Infantry in the 1st AIF. After the usual months of intensive training, their detachment sailed for the Western Front on the *Aeneas*, April 1916. After a spell in England they were taken on the strength in France during September, 1916.

The older brother, Arthur Dedman, turned out to be a fine soldier and Army files reveal no evidence of even petty transgressions against army discipline. His battalion had a torrid time and amassed an impressive list of battle honours. Arthur was promoted to Lance Corporal in February 1917, to Corporal in June and also Temporary Sergeant on the same day when his actual sergeant was wounded. Substantive promotion to Sergeant followed on 30 September 1917.

Arthur was hit in the face by a bullet or piece of shell on 4 October 1917. It was serious and six days later he was sent to the military hospital at Bath, England for extended treatment. He did not return to France until August 1918, right in the middle of a period when the Australian troops were winning some of their most spectacular and decisive victories. Sergeant Dedman received another wound – this time in the neck – on 2 September, but required only local medical care and returned to duty seven days later. He and his comrades were in France at war's end and returned to Britain for rest, recreation and the eventual long voyage home.



Mt Lawley War Memorial

Perhaps as an additional reward for his fine record, Arthur Dedman was promoted to Company Sergeant Major on 2 February 1919. On 3 March he sent a war commemoration card to an old friend, Mrs Cull of the Mount Lawley Post Office. The document now resides in a special collection of the National Library, Canberra. Arthur returned to WA on the *Ormonde* and disembarked on 24 July 1919. He received the standard medals of the 'World War I' trio.

Readers may have guessed by now that his younger brother was long since dead. Private Francis Dedman arrived in England along with his brother. His company of the 28th Battalion went to France somewhat earlier, arriving at the Etaples base on 11 September 1916. The outfit was soon in action during the final stages of the gruesome Somme offensive.

In November 1916 the 28th Battalion was involved in an abortive push near a village called Flers. A post-action report indicated that Francis went missing during the period 3-6 November 1916. He was not confirmed as having been killed in action until 28 July 1917. As one can imagine, the uncertainty and stress had a rather negative impact on his nearest and dearest.

His body was finally found and buried in an unmarked grave on the Serre Road near Bapaume. The young man's few personal belongings such as wrist watch, wallet, letters – were sent to his parents after the war.

Francis also posthumously received the usual medals – the British War Medal, the 1914/15 Star and the Victory Medal. A memorial scroll was sent to the soldier's father, Charles Dedman, in 1922. For the family as a whole, life went on. Arthur resumed work for the railways and married his likely pre-war sweetheart, Elizabeth May McAndrew, very soon after returning home. Their son, Roy Francis Dedman, was born in October 1920. Sadly, Arthur's mother Sarah died in November 1926.

After her demise – a long silence. Then sudden and completely unexpected news arrived in the form of a letter from the Imperial War Graves Commission, which had been doing wonderful work to honour the fallen of the Western Front. The officials of the Australian chief office were based in Melbourne. They wrote to Charles Dedman in December 1933 with the news that the grave of an unknown soldier had been found in the Serre Road Cemetery No 2, Beaumont Hamel. As stated *"the remains were carefully exhumed and reverently reburied"*.

The identity disc of Francis Dedman ended any doubts and a headstone to honour him was to be set up as soon as possible.

Another letter was sent to Francis's father on 17 January 1934, along with the identity disc and a poignant letter stating *"this memento, although greatly impaired through long exposure, is forwarded herewith, as it is felt that it will be valued on account of its former intimate association with your son"*.

There was some confusion at the time, because the deceased soldier's father was not in Perth when the letters arrived – now retired, Charles Dedman was on extended holidays in Albany. However, the older son, Arthur Dedman, took care of some family matters and he responded after examining the letters.



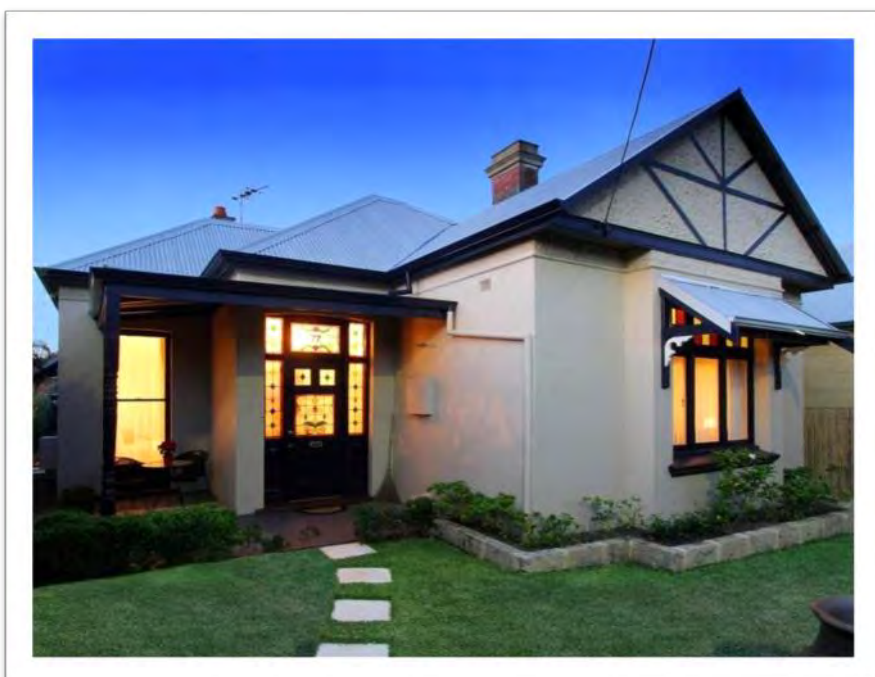
Arthur Dedman

He expressed his surprise and gratitude and explained some circumstances in regard to the death of Francis Dedman which the military authorities probably did not know: *“my brother and I were pals in civil life: we enlisted together. I was in hospital when he went under, during a day attack November 5, 1916 at Flers. I met two men who spoke to him...he was wounded and quite cheerful but never got back...My mother (now deceased) entertained hopes of him returning some day”*.

So the exact date was known by certain folk – 5 November 1916 – but for some reason it was never changed in the official file of Francis Dedman. Arthur asked if he could forward a few lines of verse to be included on the headstone, but the response from Melbourne was negative on that issue.

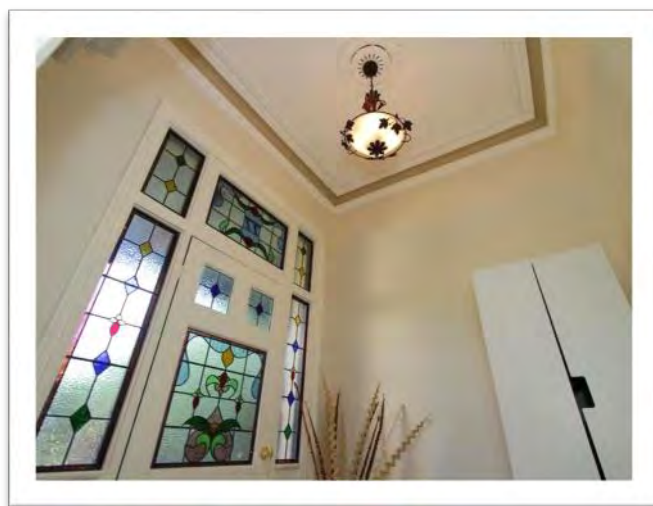
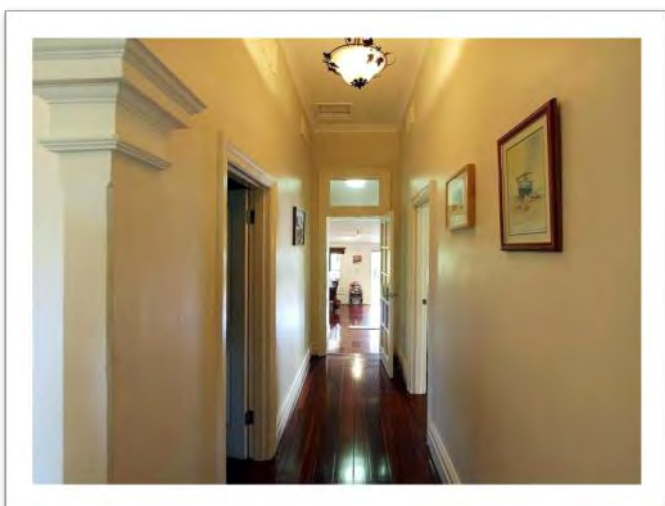
As one can imagine, when the news reached Charles Dedman he returned home at once, wrote to express his surprise and relief over the discovery, apologised for the confusion caused by his absence and asked if the Dedman family needed to pay for anything. It seems he was quite ready to meet some of the expense in setting up a memorial.

The reply from Melbourne came on 22 March 1934 and is quite enlightening to read: *“the whole of the expense of providing the headstone is being borne by the Government, which is also responsible on a contributory base for the future maintenance and upkeep of the military cemeteries abroad”*. The news must have been very gratifying for the Dedmans at the time. Of course, the policy of public responsibility for maintaining such sites is still in place today.



Charles Dedman again sent a letter to Melbourne expressing gratitude on his behalf, and that of his surviving son and daughter. He later settled in Busselton and died there in 1942. The war veteran, Arthur Dedman, died in the resort town of Dunsborough in his 80th year, 15 September 1972. Arthur's son Roy, in turn, responded to another and perhaps more desperate call to arms in 1939. He served in the 2nd AIF during World War II, rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant and went on to become an aviator in civilian life.

77 Guildford Road in 2013



FROM THE MLS ARCHIVES

Where Was Pineapple?

Local history taken from the Inglewood, Maylands and Mount Lawley Star newspaper.

Undated from the Mount Lawley Society Archives and retyped – possibly early 1980s.

Although the area now known as Maylands was settled in the early 1830s, it was mainly a farming area. The next settlement north of Perth was West Guildford, now Bassendean.

In the early 1930s, John Gregory was assigned land near the Maylands Peninsula. By 1933 he was operating the only stopping place between Perth and West Guildford and it was known as Pineapple Inn or Gregory's Inn. The Inn was located just south-west of the present day Third Avenue along the road to Guildford. Travellers on that road found the going tough and the route was unpopular with them due to the sandy conditions.

With the construction of the Causeway and a more suitable road on the east bank of the Swan River, the numbers on Guildford Road fell and Gregory's Inn only lasted until the 1940s.

The area of John Gregory's original allotment was known as the Pineapple probably into the 1890s when Maylands started to become the more popular name for the area. Gregory's allotment was 806 acres on the banks of the Swan River looking south to Burswood Island.

It is now believed that Williamson's Garage is now on the approximate site of Pineapple Inn.

Maylands was only developed from the 1890s when the name Maylands started to come into use. The Williamson's Garage building was originally a furniture showroom and was converted into a garage in 1921.

The area started to become popular after the railway was opened in 1881. What is now Maylands Railway Station was originally named Falkirk Station. The name was changed to Maylands Station in 1899 and this is the earliest occasion when reference can be found to the area being known as Maylands.

There are a few theories as to how the name Maylands came to be. Falkirk Station was named for Mephan Ferguson's birthplace in Scotland. His foundry was probably the first industry in the area and was a cause for the development of the suburb.



Gregory's choice of name for Pineapple Inn was possibly due to the name of the rum which was popular at the time.

A Melbourne water pipe manufacturer, Mephan Ferguson, bought two blocks of land in 1897 bounded by what are now Ferguson Street, Caledonian Avenue, Guildford Road and Whatley Crescent.

In 1898 Ferguson signed a contract to build pipes for the Goldfields Water Supply Scheme and set up a foundry on his property. Ferguson's wife had died in 1893 and his housekeeper at the time was his daughter May.

It is believed the name Maylands was coined shortly after her arrival in 1898. Mephan Ferguson was responsible for many street names in the area.



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