



Our Heritage News

MOUNT LAWLEY SOCIETY

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Dear Members

The new year of 2019 has got off to a flying start with lots of exciting things happening and we welcome it with open arms. It is our wish that 2019 is a year that is full of happy and memorable moments for each and every one of you. We hope 2018 ended well for you, your families and friends.

Your 2019 Committee

Following our AGM, we welcomed two brand new committee members, Adrienne Horrigan and Lisa Stanley into the fold, as well as a former President, Tim Hammond, back onto the committee. I have had the honour, once again, of being elected President; Mark Hodge – Vice President; Pina Caffarelli – Treasurer and Sheila Robinson – Secretary. As well as our new committee members, we welcome back our Patron, Barrie Baker, Christina Gustavson, Rita Tognini, Peter Conole, Tracey King and Jan Wilkie who form the balance of our hard-working committee.



L-R: President Paul Collins with members, Steve and Cath Dean at the December Sundowner.

Your Heritage and History

Encouraging our members and our neighbourhoods to look after our heritage is vital if we are to appreciate and show our children and our children's children our stories and our history. Remember, saving a building, a house, shop or a tree from demolition starts with only one persistent person asking a question to the right organisation, community group or government department. You could be that person!

Hearing from you, our Members

Social media can be a nightmare in today's world, but it also can be a helpful way to interact with our members. Our Facebook page reaches out to a much wider audience than our members and as of December 2018 we had over 1,000 followers, we reached over 35,000 people with our posts and we are very close to having 1,000 'likes'.

As always, we appreciate all the comments and encourage our members and friends to 'share' their stories with us.

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More News

Pretty much on a weekly basis, we have also been following up on planning and other local council and state issues which may have an impact on heritage, our streetscapes and green open spaces. We will soon elaborate in our more ‘business oriented’ e-newsletter – the *Bulletin*.

In This Issue

We share photos from our hugely successful Sundowner when we were honoured to welcome guest speaker Captain Wayne Gardiner from the Australian Army Museum of WA. Please also read the story from our MLS Archives on the interview with Erica Biermann who talks about her memories of living in the Highgate area as a child. This is particularly interesting as she tells her story as a child from German heritage.

Another exciting bit of news is the announcement of the winners of the City of Vincent Name The Lanes competition. With 251 entries, three of the winners were names of prominent men in our suburb’s history and submitted by our Society. The Park Road Christmas Street Party also looked like a lot of fun.

Peter Conole’s not-to-be-missed next instalment of *Mt Lawley Men in the Great War* – No 17 in the series – is about the Ferguson family who lived in Queens Crescent.

As I always encourage you to do, please put the kettle on – or the coffee machine – make a cuppa, then sit back, relax and read the stories on the following pages.

Paul Collins
President

Huge Turnout at our 2018 Sundowner

It was a huge turnout of members and their friends who attended our Summer Sundowner at the Mount Lawley Bowling Club on Wednesday 5 December. Over the years, our Sundowner has been a fabulous event to celebrate the past year, meet new members and mingle with old friends.

Over the past few years our guest speakers have been outstanding. Alec Coles (CEO of the WA Museum) enthused us with his knowledge and love of our museum and told us all about the exciting new WA Museum.

Jenny Gregory (President of the History Council of WA) entertained and informed about how WA has celebrated its milestones over the years.

This year, our talk in this 100th anniversary year of the Armistice was *1918 – The Year of Victory* presented by special guest, Captain Wayne Gardiner (Assistant Manager Australian Army Museum of WA).



Pictured top: Captain Wayne Gardiner ; Middle: Sylvia Scrimgeour, Michael Jardine, Euan Scrimgeour ; Bottom: Cr Elizabeth Re, Mary Spagnola, Cr Adam Spagnola, Terry Tyzack

His vast knowledge of 'the greatest victory in the history of Great Britain and her Empire' was shared with our large group.

It was a very moving and enlightening presentation filled with lots of heart-warming photos and not-seen-before graphics depicting the devastation that tore through western Europe during those Great War years.

We sincerely thank Captain Gardiner for sharing this story.

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM followed the Sundowner and as well as the usual formalities, the resolution was passed to repeal our existing Constitution and adopt a new Constitution, which had previously been circulated to members, and which was required by the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA).

We also farewelled committee member, Terry Tyzack who has been instrumental in many submissions as well as helping members with their various issues. Welcome to our three new committee members: Adrienne Horrigan, Lisa Stanley and former President, Tim Hammond.

We look forward to 2019 being an exciting year.

Pictured are other guests and members who attended our Sundowner.

Top left: Alex and Lauren Pinkster, Bradley Maguire

Top right: Adrienne Horrigan, Shane Ellison, William Ellison

Bottom left: Stuart Irving, Joe and Julie Drago

Bottom right: Rod and Lyn Willox, Ross Povey



Impressive Community Interest in the Name the Lanes Competition

Three Laneways to be Named After Prominent Local Men following Successful Submissions by Mount Lawley Society

In late 2015, a Name the Lanes competition was run by the City of Vincent and the Beaufort Street Network and the community was asked to submit suitable names for some laneways in Mount Lawley.
<https://perthvoiceinteractive.com/2015/11/05/lane-name-game/>

Because of Mount Lawley Society's large and ever-growing archive, it was an ideal opportunity for us to delve in and see how we could be a part of this exciting community exercise as well as provide a legacy for some well-known or important people from our past. Led by Deb Olle, our Archiving Sub-committee put together a rationale for six Mount Lawley residents to be recognised as worthy.

There were 251 names submitted overall, which shows the huge interest by the local community in being involved in building the identity of our suburb. After much consultation with various groups, the City of Vincent has now released the names chosen as suitable and three of the names that we submitted are on that list: Arnold Lane, Danker Lane and Merifield Lane.

Arnold Lane: runs parallel and between Raglan Rd and Grosvenor Rd (Beaufort Street end) – in recognition of Arnold's Pharmacy and the Arnold family's longstanding links to the area and local community.

Arnold's Pharmacy was a historic Mount Lawley business, established in the Alexander (previously Broadway) Building at 645 Beaufort Street in 1910. Arnold's was the first pharmacy in Mount Lawley and was named after the proprietor, Mr Albert Edward Arnold, and then his son Mr Maxwell Arnold who operated the pharmacy until the 1980s.



Arnold's Pharmacy – to the left of the photo

Danker Lane: runs from Grosvenor Rd to Chelmsford Rd (alongside No 36 Grosvenor and No 21 Chelmsford Rd) in recognition of Eric Leslie Salisbury Danker's, service to the country and the Danker family's long-standing links to the area and local community. Eric Danker enlisted from his parent's home at 32 Grosvenor Road Mount Lawley in May 1915 at the age of 22. He served in the Australian Army Medical Corps, 2nd Field Ambulance in France, rising to the rank of Staff Sergeant before he was killed in action on 17 April 1918 at the age of 25.



Eric Danker – Middle row fourth from the left

Merifield Lane: runs parallel and between Chelmsford Rd and Vincent St (Beaufort St end) in recognition of William Merifield's service to the country and the Merifield family's long-standing links to the area and local community.

William Merifield enlisted from his parent's home at 19 Grosvenor Road Mount Lawley in June 1915 at the age of 19. He served as a private in the 28th Battalion of Infantry of the Australian Imperial Force. In 1918 he was wounded but recovered from his injuries and returned to live in Mount Lawley in 1919.

We are now endeavouring to track down family members of these men and make them aware of this significance. If anyone has information please contact the MLS. Information about the competition and all relevant documents, including the Mount Lawley Society submissions have been uploaded to our website:
<http://www.mountlawleysociety.org.au/news>

FROM THE MLS ARCHIVES

Childhood Memories of Erika Biermann

I suppose another name for this story could be called 'war wounds' for the scar that my sister carried on her forehead and in both our hearts have lasted all our lives.

We lived in Chatsworth Road, Highgate Hill. It was a nice street, with some good people living there. One of its sons was to become a well-known clergyman, another a well-known lawyer. I was about five years old at the time and World War I was in its second year.

My father, a former university student, came out from Germany when he was twenty, and subsequently married my mother who was born in Victoria and of German parentage. They had seven children, all Australian born and my father never returned to his homeland.

Unfortunately at that time, due to newspaper propaganda, there was much hate generated for anything or anyone connected with Germany, the operative word being 'huns' or, if you like 'dirty

huns'. My father, who had been employed in a large government department as a senior, was relieved of his position because of the discontent of those under his jurisdiction, having to work under a 'hun'. My father was a dignified and proud man, a nationalised British subject, with an Australian wife and children. My eldest brother could not offer his services to the armed forces, because he was needed to keep our home going and he consequently was a victim of the 'white feather' syndrome.

We survived, as did many others, but perhaps the hardest time for me was at school, where I was bewildered at not being able to make friends, being mobbed and called names, and not quite knowing why.

My sister and I attended Highgate School. The Infants' School (as it was then known) where I started, had its entrance in Bulwer Street and the 'big' school – Highgate State School – was in Lincoln Street. To get to the Infants' School, one could walk down Cavendish Street into Bulwer Avenue, or down Harley Street into Knebworth Ave. Our family grocer (Mr Gagnie) had his shop on the latter corner. We liked going with Mother when she paid her weekly account, because he always gave the children a bag of boiled sweets.

One day, my older sister was walking me home from the Infants' School and as we came up Cavendish Street, out rushed five or six large (to me anyway) children from a laneway who started belting into us, calling us names like huns. She yelled at me to run home and get Mother.



The Biermann family 1917

Of course you can imagine the reaction of an outraged mum racing to the scene, but when the gang saw the wrath about to descend, they shot off and hid. My sister's head was cut – probably not very badly, but she did carry the scar until the day she died.

I do understand now that ignorance was a lot to blame. The only news came from newspapers, who printed lists of wounded, dead and missing. We also lost friends amongst the lists.

Hyde Park has changed very little. I have an idea there used to be a bandstand somewhere there, and it was the done thing for young people to get dressed in their best and go strolling around the Lake on Sunday afternoons, in the hope of meeting someone they knew. It was a great place to have a picnic with sandwiches. One day, one of my sisters had the job of taking my younger brother (about four) and his friend and me to the park. My brother was keen to fish, so we made him a line of some string and the usual bent pin. To his joy, and our consternation, he did catch a fish (the pond was stocked with some sort of fish presumably for the bird life which abounded). Just then, we saw a 'keeper' approaching. With visions of the entire Police Force descending upon us, we hastily put the protesting fish in the toy bucket, placed a school case on top and had one of the children sit on it, looking innocent. I don't think we were even noticed as he was busy doing some tidying up of the pond banks. Once we got the all clear we raced home, feeling very guilty. The shock was far too much for the fish and he didn't even respond to artificial resuscitation.

We had good friends living in Mary Street and there was just a lane dividing the houses (provided for the 'nightsoilologists'). A block lay vacant next door (in Mary Street) and this made a playground for us, building cubbies and playing, much to the despair of the mums as the sand was black, and so were we, when called in from play.

One Sunday evening there was a fierce thunderstorm and the huge cross of the Sacred Heart Church was struck by lightning and fell to the ground with a mighty crash in front of the church porch. Fortunately, no-one was hurt. It was a marvellous talking point for the neighbourhood for days, as well as visiting 'the spot'. From memory I think a fund was soon started to have the new cross fitted with a lightning rod.

Beaufort Street, between Chatsworth Road and Mary Street, was the shopping centre and I remember with affection the chemist, Mr Scurlock, a kindly man, helpful with advice, yet not overstepping his profession. Many an anxious mother was helped and referred to medical help only if really necessary. There was no such thing as immunisation, so childish ailments were treated, if possible to allay expense of calling for the doctor. The local, respected and liked medico was Dr Wardell-Johnson who lived in Beaufort Street. He did his rounds by push bike until he bought a horse and trap.

Dear old St Alban's Hall in Beaufort Street – many happy evenings were spent there, when hired for special occasions. I well remember my eldest brother's 21st birthday party. The hall was decorated by my sisters and catered for by the family. The crockery, cutlery, glasses and linen were all packed in washing baskets and carried down to the hall, as well as the food. We all took turns in helping to carry. Candles were shredded all over the floor (to make the surface easy to dance on) and the younger members of the family had to get someone to sit on an old chaff bag and pull them around the floor to get the candle wax smooth. This was a wonderful frolic, thoroughly enjoyed, but it soon got out-of-hand.

Transport was by tram car. The lads of the day had a way of getting off the tram with great nonchalance. Before the conductor called out the name of their street (where they would get off), these lads would stand on the back platform, and then when the train was slowing down, face the way it was going, and with a graceful movement, step off with a run the same speed as the slowing tram – thus alighting! Mind you, there was a knack to it, and one soon spotted the amateur. The last tram car left the Town Hall maybe about 12.45am and universally known as the 'rattler'. I

If you missed it, then a long walk awaited!

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Would You Like To Help Us Run Our Society ?

The Mount Lawley Society's Secretary's role is being split and we are looking for a person who cares about maintaining our heritage and streetscapes to manage our general email account and generate the meeting agenda each month.

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MOUNT LAWLEY MEN IN THE GREAT WAR (#17)

Peter Conole

Most stories of the young – or middle-aged – soldiers from Mount Lawley who served in World War I are solid, down to earth tales of achievement and shared suffering. A classic example of the combination involves the Ferguson family of 20 Queens Crescent, Mount Lawley. Sadly, the original family home has gone and it is now a block of four homes.

Charles Ferguson (1767-1844), a land owner at Kirkmichael in Perthshire, Scotland married Helen Fleming. His son, John Ferguson (1799-1883), studied medicine at Edinburgh and, after graduation in 1822, made a name for himself as a surgeon in County Fife. He married Elizabeth Maxwell. One son of the couple was John Maxwell Ferguson, born 28 April 1841 at Dundee. Of him, much more soon. Doctor Ferguson decided to try his luck in Western Australia and his family arrived on the *Trusty* on 6 December 1842.

Early ventures at Australind misfired and Dr Ferguson was appointed Colonial Surgeon (based in Perth) in place of Joseph Harris in 1847. The physician was a far sighted, hard-working man. He introduced the use of chloroform in the colony (1848), received an additional position as surgeon to the Mount Eliza Depot and, by way of investment, emerged as a

founder of the famous Houghton's Winery in 1859. He retired in 1879. By then his son was on the road to wealth and fame.

John Maxwell Ferguson was educated at Perth's Hale School and then in Dundee, Scotland. Afterwards he joined the merchant marine and rose to command his own ship, the schooner, *Airlie*, which he skippered on various runs related to the China trade and even to South Africa. His early business activity focused on the timber trade, but he soon diversified and co-founded the firm of Ferguson and Mumme in 1876. He played a role in opening the Swan Brewery and an ice works plant, then went into partnership with WP Moore and Co in Fremantle, July 1883.

From 1889 he was active as a hardware and timber merchant and eventually controlled offices and mills at seven locations. Politics then beckoned. Ferguson stood as a Liberal for the Legislative Assembly seat of North Fremantle and emerged victorious on 22 August 1903. His parliamentary career was short, because on 28 June 1904 the opposition toppled him in a general election. Within a year, John Maxwell Ferguson and his family moved to a fine house in Queens Crescent, Mount



John Maxwell Ferguson during his time as a Member of the Legislative Assembly representing the seat of North Fremantle

Lawley, where he was able to manage various commercial affairs in a more relaxed way and enjoy the good life.

Ferguson's first marriage – at the Church of England St Johns Church in Fremantle in September 1871 – was to Susan Finnerty, the daughter of Colonel John Finnerty. The latter was Commandant of the soldiery in Western Australia during that year. The couple raised a family of six sons and four daughters. Susan died in 1889.



Mt Lawley War Memorial

Ferguson then married Grace Fergusson (the family was not related to his own) in the Presbyterian Church in Perth during 1891. He was obviously flexible about religious affiliations. The couple became the parents of another son and two daughters.

The successful man of affairs, John Maxwell Ferguson, spent the rest of his life in Queens Crescent, Mount Lawley and died on 2 August 1924. By then three of his sons who also used the Mount Lawley address had experienced the horrors of war, with very mixed results.

The first of them, John Maxwell Ferguson the Second, was born in Perth on 4 July 1875. Little is known of his early life, but he emerges from available data as a restless individual with an interest in things military. During the 1890s he may have worked as a travelling salesman and clerk. When the Boer War broke out he heard the 'call to arms' and enlisted in the first detachment of Western Australian Mounted Infantry during November 1899. The unit did well enough, despite lack of experience. Ferguson gave good service and another door opened to him after he was discharged on 29 March 1901. On 14 February 1902 he joined the 4th Contingent of Commonwealth Light Horse as a lance corporal and served for the rest of the war.

Upon his return to Western Australia, Ferguson moved south to Pinjarra and formed a relationship with Henrietta Gerloff. The couple married and became the proprietors of the Premier Hotel in 1905. Things did not work out and according to claims in later divorce proceedings launched by Henrietta, they separated in 1911, largely because of her husband's 'bad habits'. She inferred they involved philandering. Whatever the truth, before 1914 John Maxwell the Younger went pearliling in the north with his brother, Andrew Ferguson.

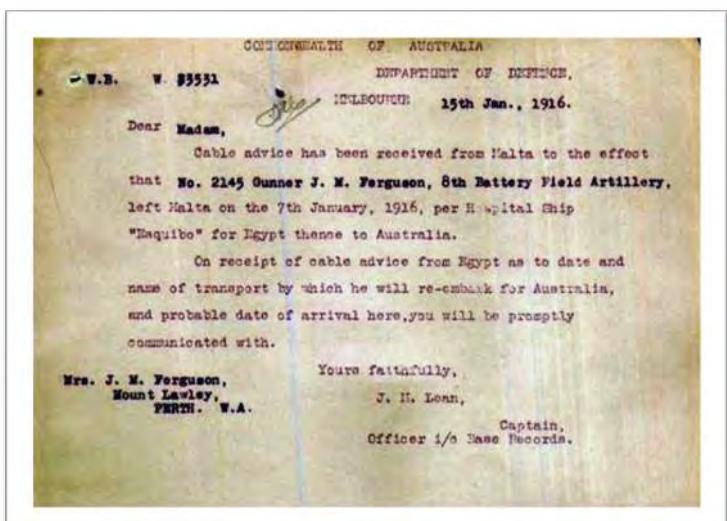
Very soon after war broke out, John Maxwell Ferguson, who was living in Mount Lawley at the time, joined up on 27 August 1914. He was made a gunner in the 3rd Artillery Brigade and took part in the Gallipoli campaign during 1915. Few service details are given in his army file, although one vague record hints at an attack of dysentery in June. However, he did well enough to secure a desirable sideways move – transfer into the badly depleted 10th Light Horse Regiment on 3 November 1915.

Disaster then struck. Trooper Ferguson was poleaxed by a very severe bout of dysentery and transferred to the hospital at Malta on 26

December. He lost two stone in weight under the old measure and was declared unfit for further service on 8 February 1916. Ferguson then found himself on the hospital ship, *Nestor*, which left the Middle East soon afterwards and arrived in Fremantle during March 1916. After months in hospital, Ferguson was discharged on 25 September 1916. He received the usual three World War I medals: the 1914/15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

After the war ended (along with awkward divorce proceedings) John Maxwell Ferguson the Younger married Norah Beere and took up farming near Katanning. He passed away on 21 August 1927, not ten years after the war. For the record, recent research has revealed he was part of a common pattern: tens of thousands of veterans died within a decade after The Great War ended.

His younger brother, Andrew Ogilvie Ferguson, born in Fremantle on 8 December 1886, was employed by the Department of Fisheries. Before 1914 he went pearliling with his older brother, John Maxwell Ferguson. They then went south and Andrew probably resided with his parents in Mount Lawley when he enlisted in the 1st AIF on 11 February 1915 (number 1015). Four days later he was assigned as a trooper to the 6th Light Horse Regiment.



The unit went through the usual process: a voyage to Egypt, intensive training there, then on to Gallipoli. The 6th Light Horse arrived on 20 May and played an excellent role in defensive fighting on the flanks. Things changed for Trooper Ferguson when he was transferred to the sorely battered and depleted 10th Light Horse Regiment. Along with many other Australian units, the 10th was then evacuated, arriving at Alexandria on 26 December 1915.

Andrew served in the Sinai campaign of 1916 and transferred again – this time to the 3rd Light Horse Machine Gun section on 1 August. Soon afterwards, he took part in the battle of Romani (3-5 August), when the Australian Light Horse outfits played a stellar role in crushing a major Turkish offensive.

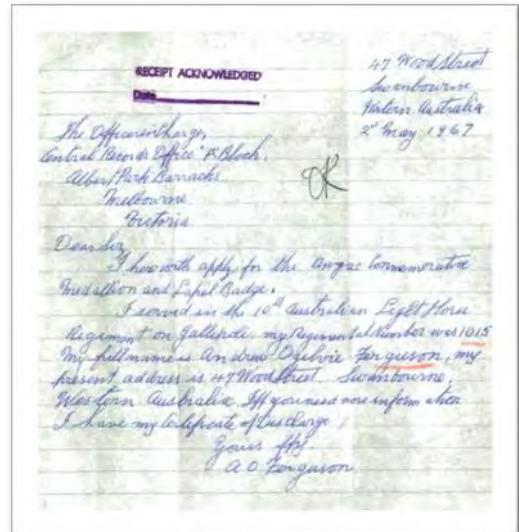
Then came illness, so often associated with stomach problems which often turned into dysentery. Andrew was hospitalised during October and November 1916, again in June 1917 and then for a third time during July-September 1918 – such was the undignified destiny of myriads of young men. Despite those issues, Trooper Ferguson continued to serve well. He was on duty with the 5th Mobile Field Ambulance in June and was promoted to Lance Corporal and driver on 15 August 1917.

On 13 February 1918 – at his own request – Andrew Ferguson was allowed to revert to Trooper and rejoin his mates in the 10th Light Horse Regiment. He served without further disruptive events (except for sick leave) and returned to Australia on the *Oxfordshire*, 4 August 1919. Andrew was discharged on 3 October and received the usual three war medals. He resumed work with his previous department and was promoted to Fisheries Inspector at Broome, where he married Beatrice Moll in 1929.

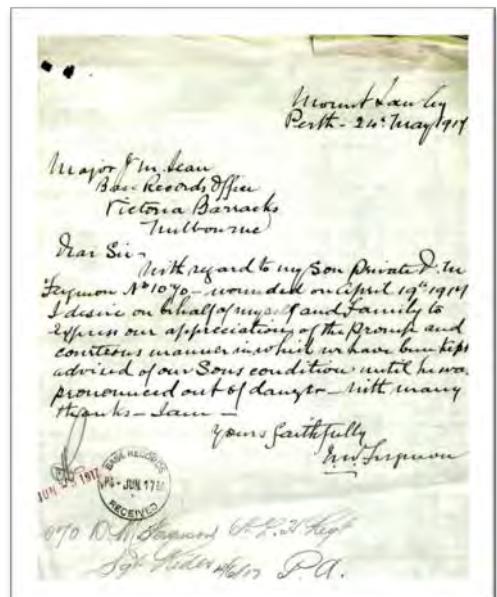
Late in life (1967) Andrew applied for a newly devised decoration for Gallipoli veterans, the Anzac Commemorative Medallion and Lapel Badge. The army looked into his claim, but Andrew died in Perth during March 1968 and no decision is on record.

The third Mount Lawley soldier of the family, Donald Maxwell Ferguson, was born in Fremantle on 18 September 1893 and baptised at a Presbyterian Church in Perth. He was well educated at Scotch College but later became interested in farming. He lived with his parents at Queens Crescent, Mount Lawley in between bouts of work as a stockman. Donald also heard the ‘call to arms’ and signed up (as number 1070) with the 10th Light Horse Regiment on 20 April 1915. His detachment headed for the front on the *Koroola* during June 1915 and, after intensive training, Donald arrived at Gallipoli on 2 October 1915. One assumes he met up with his brothers there at some point. The well-planned evacuation soon followed.

As per usual, the young soldier was felled by assorted diseases, which meant time in hospital from December 1915 to January 1916 and again from July to August 1916. Donald was then transferred to the Australian section of the Imperial Camel Corps Brigade on 1 September 1916. The Camel Corps played a fine role in severe defeats inflicted on the Turks at Magdhaba (December 1916) and Rafa (January 1917). Things did not go so well in the fighting around Gaza and Trooper Donald Ferguson ran out of luck on 19 April 1917. He was badly wounded by enemy gun fire in the head and the left shoulder and arm.



Letter written by Andrew Ferguson requesting the Anzac Commemorative Medallion and Lapel Badge.



Letter written by JM Ferguson Snr thanking the AIF medical staff for the care of his son, Donald.

Months of hospital treatment followed back in Egypt and the 1st AIF medical staff made no bones about the serious nature of his wounds. The family was kept well informed of progress.

A doctor declared Donald to be out of danger on 13 May 1917. His father wrote to AIF medical staff on 24 May, thanking them for taking such good care of his son and forwarding the family '*prompt and courteous letters of progress*' during a difficult time.

Private Ferguson returned to Australia on the *Port Sydney*, arriving in Fremantle on 14 August 1917. He received his discharge one day later and also a pension without any fuss or delays. Medals later followed – the World War I trio.

Donald was welcomed home in Mount Lawley and completed his recovery there.

By some kind trick of fate he then went on to flourish in civilian life. Donald left Perth, probably in the early 1920s, and took up farming on an estate called Glenorchy on the Arthur River. He became a prominent citizen in the area and the WA Government gazetted him as a Justice of the Peace for the Katanning district on 16 August 1923.

Later that year he wooed and won Eileen Armstrong. The couple married in St Barnabas' Church in Greenbushes on 2 October 1923 where they then lived and raised a family of three sons and one daughter. Donald played a role in the town's civic affairs. He died there on 13 January 1947.

PARK ROAD CHRISTMAS STREET PARTY

Last December, the Park Road residents in Mount Lawley held a Christmas Party for their street – the first one in 25 years – with 40 residents and children gathering on Sunday 2 December 2018.

Gill Holly, an inaugural member of the Mount Lawley Society, kindly hosted the event in the garden at her home on Park Road.

A lavish evening meal of spit roasts, salads and Christmas desserts were enjoyed into the evening. The spectacular long table in Gill's driveway was filled with conversation as many neighbours were getting to know each other for the first time.

Our local MP, Simon Millman MLA and his family, who are also residents of Park Road, enjoyed the atmosphere, "I love living on Park Rd. It's a real pleasure to be part of a community that demonstrates our neighbourliness through events like this," said Mr Millman, MLA.

It was terrific to see the neighbourhood make an effort to come together and the bar has been set high for the next willing resident of Park Road to open their garden for another Christmas celebration.

Tracey King
Committee member Mount Lawley Society



Donald Ferguson's war record stamped showing that he received the World War I trio of medals.





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